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**Minutes of a Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council**

**Held in the Library at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale**

**At 7.00 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Present**

Councillor J Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors E Faulkner and Mellor. Trustee S Lamb (DDDC)

**Also Present**

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

4 Members of the Public

Unfortunately the Council is currently not quorate as there are only three elected Councillors which mean the Council is unable to conduct Council business. In order to operate to conduct essential business only, a trustee is appointed from the District (DDDC)

665/15      **Appointment of Chair for meeting**

Councillor Evans was appointed Chairman

666/15      **Apologies of Absence**

No apologies of absence

667/15      **Variation of Order of Business**

There was no variation to business

668/15 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

669/15 **Public Participation**

. There was no public participation

670/15 **Finance**

The Town Council considered the schedule of payments to be made. And the budget reports presented

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the schedule of bill payments detailed below be approved and the reports noted

**Schedule of approved payments June2015**

Darley Dale Town Council				
<u>Cheque requests as at June 2015</u>				
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total
3188	LM Creative	Community Voice	Advertising	1795.00
3189	DD Twinning	Reception	Hospitality	55.40
3190	G Lowry	Bus shelter cleaning	Bus Shelter	80.00
3191	Whitworth Centre April -June	Grass Verges	Environmental	1320.00
3192	Whitworth Centre May	Room hire and public toilets	Room hire and public toilets	1394.69
3193	Barry Smith	Fuel for strimmer	Environmental	6.14
3195	Barry Smith	Salary	Administration	151.40
3196	DCC	Superannuation	Administration	283.98
3197	HMRC	PAYE	Administration	222.03
3198	J S Mariott	Internal Auditor	Audit	212.15
				<b>6563.79</b>

671/15 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

672/15 **Co-option process**

The Town Clerk explained that the closing date had now passed for the first phase of advertising for new Council members.

The Council currently have 9 vacancies of which 8 can be filled by co-option, the remaining one is due to a resignation therefore maybe subject to an election.

Six written responses have been received by the Town Clerk from people expressing an interest in becoming a Councillor. Two further people are in communication with the Clerk though have not currently formalised their interest.

The Clerk explained that all the applications had been reviewed and all were considered to be suitable candidates. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to invite all the applicants to join the Council. The Town Clerk to action this process

673/15 **Elected Directors of the Whitworth Centre**

It was explained that the Whitworth Board consists of 7 Councillors and 5 Community Directors, whilst the Council is not quorate, this is having an adverse affect on the Whitworth Centre as no decisions can be made which is of grave concern as it is a commercial entity. The Vice Chair of the Centre (who was present in the Public Gallery) confirmed they are managing to operate on a day to day basis however are aware this is a temporary arrangement and far from ideal.

Due to the cooption process and resolution (above) to invite 6 new Councillors to join the Council, this difficulty can now be overcome, once all the new Councillors have completed the necessary paperwork and declarations.

It was **RESOLVED** that a Council meeting would be arranged as soon as viable to resolve the above to enable the next Whitworth Board meeting to occur as normal.

674/15      **Adoption of Footpath**

It was explained that a previously well used footpath had been blocked off by the then landowner, which had caused local consternation during 2014. Consequently a local resident has raised the necessary level of local support to allow a formal application to be made to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to have the path made into a formal recognised and adopted path. The Town Council have received the consultation papers for this proposal for their comments.

The Town Clerk added she had had letters from local residents requesting that the Town Council support this application

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk would respond to DCC in total support of this application

675/15      **Planning**

The Town Council re-affirmed that the Chairman was mandated to speak on the Town Council's behalf at the forthcoming DDDC Planning Committee meeting relating to the planning application for Park Lane.

676/15      **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to enable the resolution passed in minute 673/15 to be actioned.

677/15      **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

The meeting closed at 8.00pm