



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

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

**At 7.00 pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

**Present**

Councillor J Evans in the Chair

Councillors, S Bacon, S Bettany, A Creese, Mellor, I Pasteur, D Ward,

**Also Present**

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

Mr T Haynes, awaiting formal cooption as a Councillor

One Member of the Public

695/15 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor E Faulkner (holiday)

696/15 **Variation of Order of Business**

No variation to order of business.

697/15 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

698/15 **Public Participation**

The 50+ forum are to canvas for support to the positioning of a crossing point at the Whitworth Hospital to ease access across the busy A6 to the bus stop. They consider there is need due to more outpatient clinics at the Hospital and the impending opening of the new dementia unit. This is an initiative that the Town

Council has long supported to no avail therefore would support this new approach and will add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

The question was asked whether the Council had looked into the possibility of reusing the redundant telephone kiosk for a defibrillator and/or listing the phone box.

The Town Clerk to look into this issue and add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

699/15 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Councillor J Atkin (DDDC) reported that all District Councillors are to hold a Community Grants budget of £1,000 for local projects, full details are not yet available.

The Local Plan is under development with an envisaged implementation date of November 2016.

700/15 **Planning**

**The following applications have been determined by the District Council.**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	15/00513/FUL	Single storey front extension	Grange Cottage 35 Greenaway Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QB	Permitted with Conditions
2	15/00432/OUT	Erection of dwelling (Outline)	Land Adjacent To Jenna Burnett Lane Hackney Derbyshire	Withdrawn
3	15/00377/FUL	Replacement single storey rear extension	2 Grove Lane Hackney Derbyshire DE4	Permitted with Conditions

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4	15/00076/TPO	Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order TPO 78	Ladygrove House Ladygrove Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2EZ	Permitted with Conditions
5	15/00500/FUL	Proposed garden room extension	Wheatley Lodge Hall Dale Lane Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HF	Permitted with Conditions
6	15/00480/OUT	Residential development for up to 13 dwellings (Outline)	Wildgoose Construction, Bonsall  Land Off Park Lane Two Dales Derbyshire	Refused
7	15/00481/FUL	Levelling of hardstanding and step lift	62 Oker Avenue Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2GP	Permitted with Conditions
	13/00243/DCOND/1	Discharge of conditions 3,5 & 6  St Elphins	Mr B Krauze  St Elphins Park Dale Road South Darley Dale Derbyshire	Discharged Conditions in Part
	15/00422/FUL	Erection of agricultural building	Woodside Farm Back Lane Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5LP	Permitted with Conditions

**RESOLVED**

**(1) Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	15/00633/PDE	Householder extension, single storey rear, projecting 5 metre	Mrs G E Hulland  5 Holt Drive	No Objection
2.	15/00621/FUL	Extension to dwelling house, conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation and erection of detached garage	Mr Paul Wright  Denacre House  Denacre Lane  Two	No Comment
3.	15/00613/FUL	Siting of log cabin to provide holiday accommodation	Mr S Littlewood Woodside Farm  Back Lane  Darley Moor	No Objection
4.	15/00629/FUL	Two storey extension	Mr A Lester  1 Church road Darley Dale	No Objection
5.	15/00598/FUL	Conversion and redevelopment of former school to create extra care community facility - revised design of	St Elphins Park Dale Road South Darley Dale Derbyshire	No Objection

		residential block C comprising of 20 units		
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Discussion occurred regarding the changes to the planning information system as sent by the District Council and the increased time involved in disseminating information for both the Town Clerk and Councillors. (DDDC signpost everyone to their website however the number and size of documents involved in many applications means this is a time consuming and cumbersome method)

In order to allow Councillors sufficient time to access this information it was **RESOLVED** that electronic copies of planning papers must accompany the agenda, late applications would then be circulated by the Clerk the week of the meeting.

The Clerk will continue to have a resume of all applications in hard copy available at the Council meeting from 6.30pm onwards for Councillors and members of the public to view.

#### **Attendance at Planning Meetings**

Councillor Evans reported that he had attended the September planning meeting at DDDC where the second application for development of land off Park Lane had been discussed. Representations were made against the application by local residents and Councillor Evans on behalf of the Town Council and he was pleased to be able to report that the application had been turned down for a second time.

#### 701/15 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th July 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 702/15 **To Determine if any items should be moved to Confidential Session**

No items to move

#### 703/15 **Finance**

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the schedule of bill payments detailed below is approved and the reports noted

Darley Dale Town Council		<u>Cheque requests as at September 2015</u>		
Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total
3216	G Lowry	Bus shelters cleaning	Bus Shelters	160.00
3217	C Lavell	Chocolate-prize	Neighbourhood Plan	6.99
3218	DDiB	Autumn Planting	DDiB	850.00
3219	The Whitworth Centre	Room hire and public toilets August	Room hire and public toilets	1,199.39
3220	The Whitworth Centre	Grass Verges	Environmental	1,320.00
3221	Grant Thornton	External Audit	Audit	360.00
3222	Severn Trent Water	Water	Allotments	153.61
3223	DDDC	Election charges	Elections	1,372.25
3224	Administration	Salary	Administration	1,043.00
3225	B Smith	Salary	Administration	130.80
3226	DCC	Superannuation	Administration	283.98
3227	C Lavell	Tax Correction	Administration	206.03
3228	J Evans	Lock a tap	Allotments	15.95
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>7,102.00</b>

The Town Clerk reported back on the Grant Thornton Audit report. The area of risk assessments had been highlighted as an area for improvement.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Bacon and Ward would work with the Town Clerk to review the current system and implement an improved process.

**705/15 Town Mayor/Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman has been invited to a twinning event in Onzain, apologies to be sent.

## 706/15 Town Clerk's and Councillors' update of matters in hand.

**Allotments-** Works to be undertaken by T Umney regarding fallen stream bank at Oddford Lane (once DDiB work completed.)

**The multi user path** – outcome of planning permission awaited.

**Oker Estate Footpath-**This path has now been actioned however there is no dropped kerb, This has been chased up with 3 emails being sent to Mike Galsworthy, Property Services DDDC to no avail. Councillor Atkins (DDDC) to intervene.

**Removal of Litter Bins** A series of emails have been sent to the District Council regarding this subject to both establish the background and then express concerns at their removal in particular at bus stops. Photographic evidence has been sent to them to illustrate the build up of rubbish in bus shelters which has been the public response to the removal of bins. E mails also received from a member of the public on this which has been forwarded to Helen Carrington (DDDC)

The response has been that DDDC are conducting a review on this.

Discussion ensued on this subject and it was RESOLVED the Town Clerk would write to the District Council stating that the Town Council did not consider it safe practice for a general bin to be used for dog faeces close to children play areas.(this being one of the consequences of removing litter and dog bins).

**Remembrance Day** Planning has commenced for the event which will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> 215

**Christmas** -Planning has commenced. The Christmas fayre and Town Council Carol Service will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Pantomime (Aladdin) on December 21<sup>st</sup> .

## 707/15 Reports from Representatives on outside bodies

There were no updates at this meeting.

## 708/15 Reports from Working Parties

There were no updates at this meeting.

709/15 **The Whitworth Centre**

The Minutes of the Whitworth Board Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and financial reports were received.

The Chair of the Whitworth Board, Cllr Bettany reported that the Business Manager , Tim Bown Brownridge, had given notice for personal reasons which would be a loss to the Centre.

The Bowling Club are planning a “green toilet” for their building in the Park for which finance and planning permission has still to be secured.

710/15 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Meetings and works are ongoing including the support of 2 consultants for strategic stages of the process. Grants have been secured to assist with the works and consultative fees.

A report on the character of settlements is awaited which will add to the data already collected and feed into the revised draft.

A business survey has been sent to all local businesses which will be analysed shortly

711/15 **Dale Road North Update.**

There are 2 consultation meetings planned to share with local residents the outline plans and reasons for the development proposal on the land belonging to the Whitworth Centre on Dale Road North. One meeting has occurred already which was well attended and well received with some good comments and questions being posed.

712/15 **Play area at Greenaway Lane**

A letter has been received from DDDC relating to the release of monies from S106 (new development monies) which was planned to go towards a play area at Greenaway Lane. The local action group working on the project are in liaison with the school regarding an area of land and are seeking advice from the Secretary of State regarding the legal complexities of this. They have a 6 month plan to assess and resolve the project/finalise a plan.



It was **RESOLVED** that a holding letter would be sent to DDDC acknowledging receipt of their letter and proposal to release the monies to the Town Council.

The Town Council would accept the money and it is proposed to engage with the school authorities and local action group to determine how a play area could be implemented at the school grounds.

713/15      **Snow Warden Scheme**

Paperwork has been received from DCC regarding this scheme. Councillor Atkins (DDDC) and Councillor Mellor volunteered to be snow wardens for Darley Dale

714/15      **Allotments**

The Town Clerk reported that all monies had been received from allotment holders at Oddford Lane and the allotment plots were all well cared for.

At Church Road there are 6 plots for which rent has not been received despite reminder letters and 4 plots which are in a very poor state of cultivation. (3 of which are unpaid rentals)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should refer tenants to the allotment contract and adopt the remedial actions covered within the contract to address these issues.

715/15      **Update on Councillor Vacancies**

Tim Haynes has met with Councillors and is to be invited to join the Council as a co-opted member.

The article in Community voice has attracted interest from a further resident.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite the applicant to attend an informal meeting with Councillors Bettany, Creese and Pasteur to pursue the matter further

The Town Clerk to liaise with the District Council to advertise the vacancy arising from the resignation of a Councillor to ascertain whether there is public interest in an election.

716/15 **Bowman Building**

It was reported that the youth club will not exist this year as the room being currently used is unsuitable and unpopular with the young people and the numbers have dwindled. This and escalating costs/deteriorating wooden structure renders the Bowman building project redundant at the moment.

717/15 **Training Opportunities for Councillors.**

The list of available courses from DALC was circulated to all Councillors.

718/15 DALC **request to ascertain Council's view on the following 2 questions**

*"Are we delivering - what are we doing well?"*

*"What can we do for you in the future?"*

This was discussed and it was considered that the training provided is of a good quality and the advice is reasonable.

719/15 **Derbyshire Community Bank**

Information and a leaflet were provided on this initiative.

720/15 **Darley Dale in Bloom Update**

A report was received on behalf of Darley in Bloom; mention was made of the autumn planting scheme.

The Council were informed that Darley Dale in Bloom had been awarded a Silver Gilt award by East Midlands in Bloom, so congratulations were offered

721/15 **Correspondence and Information Received**

There were three items of correspondence/Information

- a) There has been an email of concern received from a member of the public regarding lack of litter bins and subsequent litter problems predominantly adjacent to bus shelters.
- b) There has been an invite to an event to celebrate the award of a silver gilt award to Darley Dale in bloom. The Chair is to attend.
- c) A notification of date has been received s regarding Community Forums from the District Council.

722/15      **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015

723/15      **Public Participation**

A question was asked regarding the cultivation of the flowerbed in front of the recently closed Royal Bank of Scotland. This is to be checked with Darley Dale in Bloom.

Concern was expressed at the state of Sandy Path, overhanging trees, and brambles which obstruct walking. A letter to be sent to the landowner regarding this reoccurring problem

The meeting closed at 9.30pm