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Minutes of a Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council

Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale

At 7.00 pm on Thursday 18th September 2014

Present

Councillor J Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors, A Bullock, S Bettany, D Cliff, K Dyson, J Morrison, I Pasteur and I Walker.

Also Present

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

Doctors B Milton and J Smith

1 Member of the Public (arrived at 7.35)

Councillor D Fearn (Derbyshire Dales District Council) joined the meeting after attending a DDDC meeting.

480/14 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors J Atkin (work commitments) E Faulkener (illness) D Matthews

It was stated Councillors should give a reason for absence when providing the Town Clerk with their apologies.

Councillor Longdon (Derbyshire County Council) DCC meeting

481/14 **Variation of Order of Business**

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None

482/14 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

483/14 **Public Participation**

The Town Council received a short presentation from Doctors B Milton and J Smith regarding the Medical Centres proposal for a new surgery.

The lease on the current building finishes in 2016 and a replacement is sought. The aim is to build a new surgery subject to securing funds from NHS England. There are 2 sites under consideration, behind the RBS/DFS field and adjacent to the tennis courts at St Elphins. A recent patient consultation exercise, a pre-requirement to securing funding showed no strong preference for either site.

It was stated until monies can be secured no site will be chosen.

The Doctors answered questions from the Councillors. Councillor Evans offered the support of the Town Council to the process providing the site at St Elphins was chosen.

Thanks were expressed to the Doctors for attending and they left the meeting at 7.30.

484/14 **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

None

485/14 **Medical Centre Proposals-Further Consideration**

Several Councillors, delegated to the Local Plan working party had met with Dr Milton recently to re-discuss the option of sitting the new medical centre on Whitworth Trust land. This is an option Councillors felt to be a viable alternative to the 2 options proposed by the surgery. This could also be linked to a small housing development for elderly people. This option does not appear to be of interest to the surgery.

The Localism Act was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that all Councillors would consider areas of land they consider to be an Asset of Community Interest e.g. play areas, in order to register them on the DDDC register of Assets of Community Interest.

Councillors Evans, Bullock and Walker would plan how to proceed with this prior to the next meeting.

Planning Applications

Councillor Bettany withdrew from the meeting when items 7 and 8 below were discussed.

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

.No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	14/00549/BALT	Removal of internal wall retrospective Stancliffe Hall	Miss Deborah Fern	No Objection
2	14/00460/FUL	Single storey rear extension 5 John Turner Road Darley Dale	Mr L Grist	No Objection
3	14/00583/AMD	Non-material Amendment - remove chimneys, add roof light to North East roof slope and move garage and retaining wall forward by 1.2m Denacre View Denacre Lane Two Dales	Mr D Rodgers	Refused This application was received on 1/9/14 and determined on 17/9/14
4	14/00542/FUL	Installation of kiosk, CCTV and 2 bollards Land to the North of Holt Road, Hackney	Severn Trent	No Objection
5	14/00448/PDE	Householder extension - single storey rear extension 17 South Park Avenue Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2FY	Mr Keith Evans	No Objection
6	14/00601/FUL	Replacement of bi-fold doors The Old Chapel Chesterfield Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2EZ	Mr Robert Powers	No Objection

7	14/00574/FUL	Demolition of porch and conservatory 4 Westmoreland Flats Chesterfield Road Two Dales	Mr George Robinson	No Objection
8	14/00573/FUL	Conservatory Westmoreland Flats Chesterfield Road Two Dales Derbyshire DE4 2EY	Mr Scott Robinn	No Objection

(2) That the following applications that have been granted by the District Council be noted

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	14/00457/FUL	Extension to existing access and provision of retaining wall – 15 Hall Rise, Darley Dale	Mr A Creese and Mrs S James	Granted with Conditions
2	14/00441/FUL	Single storey Extension – 55 Greenaway Lane	Mr John Widdowson	Granted with Conditions
3	14/00419/FUL	Erection of two storey extension and link – Sydnope Stand, Farley	Mr S Crosskill	Withdrawn due to comments of Conservation team and committee
4	14/00420/LBALT	Erection of two storey extension and link – Sydnope Stand, Farley	Mr S Crosskill	Withdrawn due to comments of Conservation team and committee
5	14/00475/FUL	Retention of Timber Fence – The Limes, Lime Tree Avenue, Darley Dale	Mr Ray Poyser	Granted with Condition
6	14?00320/FUL	Erection of 3 terrace houses, Peakland View	Mr K Marchant	Refused
7	14/00047/OUT Received: Mon 27 Jan 2014 Validated: Tue 28 Jan 2014	Agricultural workers dwelling Woodside Farm Back Lane Darley Moor	John Church Planning Consultancy Ltd	Refused

487/14

Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings of the Town Council held on 17 July and Extraordinary Meeting on 7 August 2014 be approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the publicity subcommittee were received.

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To Determine if any items should be moved to Part 2 (Confidential Session)

None

489/14

Vacancy on the Town Council

As there was no request by electors for a bye-election to be held, it was **RESOLVED** to consider arrangements for the co-option of a Councillor. A notice will be prepared for the notice boards, advertising the vacancy and requesting applications by letter to be received by the Town Clerk by 3 October 2014.

The offer of an informal meeting with a small group of Councillors, Bullock, Morrison, Pasteur and Evans will be made to candidates in advance of the next meeting, and all applicants will be invited to attend the next meeting..

490/14

Financial Matters and Audit of Accounts

The Town Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

An update was provided on the new financial system based on Excel software and the benefits it will bring to the Town Council. This month's reports are based on the new system and the Town Clerk provided a brief overview.

The system will be amended to the needs of the Town Council over the coming months e.g. more user friendly headings.

The new system has further highlighted some of the previously reported problems with QuickBooks, one which has resulted in an incorrect report on the audit submission. The Chair and Town Clerk are following this up with Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the schedule of payments detailed below be approved.

- (2) That the update on balances be noted.
- (3) That approval is given to an interim payment for £500, to Leander Architectural Services for work on the Commemoration plaque.
- (4) That the Town Clerk writes out to suppliers with outstanding invoices in February to notify them of the cut off date for submission of invoices approaching the financial year end of 31 March 2014, to avoid financial drift from one year to the next.
- (5) That the option of utilising one bank account is investigated and in the interim both accounts to be reported on the reconciliation sheet.

Schedule of approved payments September 2014

Chq number	Supplier	Description	Budget Item	Total	Note
3063	J Taylor	Finance Training	Staff Training	78.10	Already paid
3064	DD Medical Services	Medical Report	Administration	106.80	Already paid
3065	A Sharpe	Locum	Administration	480.00	
3066	Wish Computers	Web page update	Administration	40.00	
3067	A Crowder petrol	Strimmer fuel	Environment	6.55	
3068	Administration	Administration	Administration	1,049.92	
3069	HMRC	PAYE	Administration	222.28	
3070	DCC	Superannuation	Administration	1,626.52	Covers April to Sept
3071	Whitworth Centre	Light for toilets	Toilets	54.60	
3072	G Lowry July	Bus Shelters-cleaning	Bus Shelter	50.00	
3073	Severn Trent Water	Water	Allotments	116.76	
3074	Peak Advertiser	Print job	Advertising/Publicity	120.00	
3075	G Lowry August	Bus Shelters-cleaning	Bus Shelter	50.00	
				3,816.63	

491/14 **Town Mayor's/Chairman's Announcements**

None

492/14

Town Clerk's and Councillor's update of matters in Hand

Allotments-The Town Clerk reported that allotment rents are in the process of being collected and waiting lists updated, though several plots at Church Lane appear uncultivated and there has been a slow response to letters/notices regarding rents at this site. All but one of the rents has been received at Oddford Lane.

Some concern has been expressed at the level of rent increase at Church Lane and also the poor state of some of the plots by allotment holders.

To start to address some of the issues regarding allotments a working party was established consisting of Councillor Evans, Cliff, Dyson and the Town Clerk,

Community Grants -Adverts are out inviting groups to apply for Community Grants, the closing date is 3 October 2014.

A Finance and General Purposes Committee was arranged for 2.00pm on 9 October to assess the application forms,

The issue regarding school travel passes from Wheatley Gardens has now been resolved as the route has been reclassified as an unsafe walking route by DCC; therefore the local children are entitled to a free school travel pass.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

493/14

Reports from Representatives on outside bodies

There were no reports at this meeting.

494/14

Reports from Working Parties

There were no updates at this meeting.

495/14

The Whitworth Centre

The Minutes of the Whitworth Board Meeting held on 17 July 2014 were received and update from Councillor Walker noted.

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Commemoration of the 1914/18 Conflict

Councillor Bullock reported that the new plaque approved by the Council for the War Memorial was to be fixed to the memorial in mid to late October 2014. This work is to be undertaken by the supplying company for a small extra charge (£95) to ensure it is fitted correctly.

RESOLVED that the update be noted. and that the extra charge and a partial interim payment (£500) was acceptable to the Town Council. The balance being paid on installation.

497/14

Neighbourhood plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee are in the process of sending out questionnaires to all addresses within Darley Dale, a key part of the consultation process. This is being found to be an expensive process and difficult logistically in trying to deliver to all households.

Concern was expressed that the questionnaire had not been brought to the full Council meeting and nor had a previously requested update meeting occurred between the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and the councillors appointed (minute no 420/14) to oversee the Local Plan process on behalf of the Council (Councillors Bullock, Evans and Walker).

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted and Councillors Bullock, Evans and Walker attend a future meeting of the Steering Group in order to advise on matters that the Town Council has information or views on.

498/14

Local Plan Update

Councillor Fearn reported that the District Council are under intense pressure to increase the number of new build homes as a result of the DDDC Local Plan being rejected by the Government Inspector. This is an area of grave concern to the Derbyshire Dales area and Town Councillors expressed their concern at the potential impact on Darley Dale, as until a Local Plan is in place Developers can look to build on green belt land.

A meeting at DDDC next week will start to look at how the revised housing targets will be met and how the Local Plan will be reworked.

499/14

Darley Dale in Bloom updates

The Town Council were informed that Darley Dale in Bloom had secured a Silver Gilt Award achieving slightly higher marks than last year at the East Midland in Bloom Awards Ceremony on 17 September.

The Royal Bank of Scotland were awarded a special award for their improvement scheme.

Thanks were expressed to the Committee for all their hard work in achieving this award.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

491/14

Community Voice

Councillor Evans made the following proposals regarding Community Voice.

- a. To consider a proposal that an editor be sought from the Darley Dale Community
- b. To consider reducing the frequency of the publication to quarterly from monthly
- c. To consider a proposal that the Town Council move away from paper issues and concentrate on e-Newsletters, as, for example, used by Matlock Town Council

RESOLVED that the proposals be adopted, though it was accepted that item c may be harder to achieve and not suitable for all. A notice to be placed on the notice boards advertising the position of Editor on a paid basis, who can produce a quality and informative quarterly publication and possess strong IT skills to ensure all digital communication channels can be maximised.

492/14

Youth Club Update

A report and accounts were presented to the meeting for the Youth Club .An exciting programme of events is being planned for the Autumn Term using the skills of an outside group who have worked successfully with the Club previously and with whom the young people have developed a good rapport.

RESOLVED that the update and papers presented be noted.

492/14

Multi-User Path Update

Minutes of a recent multi user path meeting were presented to the meeting. The Council were pleased to note the Whitworth Centre is being considered as a hub/access point to the Trail as this would bring added benefits to the Centre.

RESOLVED that the update and minutes presented be noted. and that Councillor Evans will speak to the consulting engineer to establish progress/what is happening next.

494/14

Oker Avenue update

Councillor Evans made the following proposals regarding Oker Avenue

- To consider the proposal to take action to get the path from Lime Grove Avenue to Local 4 U put into a usable state for all users

The ownership of the land appears to be unclear. Councillor Longden is currently investigating this as initial checks with Land Registry indicate it is registered to DDDC not DDC.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a) The Land registry issue would be pursued by the Town Clerk with Councillor Longden and if it is the responsibility of DDDC write to them requesting action.
- b) Councillor Morrison will speak with the Chair of Oker residents association to double check the issue/expectation with them and this will be incorporated into the above letter.

495/14

Correspondence

The following letters were read out from:-

- A local resident who was unhappy with the proposal of offering Whitworth Trust land adjacent to the A 6 as a site for the new medical centre.
- DFS saying they could not help with the provision of a second hand sofa for the youth club as used sofas are donated to the British Heart Foundation

- British Telecom regarding a proposal to use the under used telephone box near the Grouse pub for the installation of a community defibrillator. (Town Clerk to respond)
- Invite from Matlock Lions to a luncheon, to all Councillors

496/14 **Information Received**

A road closure at Hallmoor Road was notified to the Town Council for the dates of 22 September to 17 October 2014.

497/14 **Public participation**

Councillor Fearn raised the issue of the maintenance and associated costs of an area of land near Black Rock Avenue which is causing some local residents disquiet. He asked whether Darley Dale in Bloom maybe interested in helping create a “wildflower” scheme in this area. Councillor Pasteur agreed to take this up with the Darley dale in Bloom Committee.

498/14 **Part 2 – Confidential information**

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

(The meeting closed at 10.00 pm)

The next meeting will be Thursday 16th October 2014.