

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30PM ON 22ND MAY 2014

IN THE TERRACE ROOM, THE WHITWORTH CENTRE, DARLEY DALE.

Present:

Councillors Evans, Cliff, Bettany, Pasteur, Morrison, Dyson, Walker, Matthews, Bullock and Faulkner

In attendance:

County Councillor Longden; District Councillor Fearn; 3 members of the public and K Bradshaw Acting Clerk.

Election of Chairman

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Evans be elected Chairman for the ensuing year

Election of Vice Chair

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Cliff be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year

The Chairman and the Vice Chair signed the Acceptance of Office forms in the presence of the acting Clerk and the Chairman was presented with the Chain of Office

Councillor Evans said that the Council has been through a tawdry time over the past few months. The new Clerk is not well and he is hoping that the Council will work together although this may not be easy as everyone has different ideas.

The Handyman scheme set up in the past has been a great success and is now funded by the County Council. There is a support steering group for The Neighbourhood Plan and this will be incorporated into the District Council Local plan. It may be possible to use the building in the car park of the Whitworth Institute for the Youth Group.

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Atkin

2) Variation of Order of Business

It was RESOLVED to add an emergency item regarding the Town Clerk in the confidential part of the agenda.

It was RESOLVED to add an emergency item relating to the Youth Club after item 8 on the agenda.

3) Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest

4) Public Participation

Tributes were paid to Councillor Oakley with good wishes and a speedy recovery for him and Carol whose efforts are appreciated.

County Councillor Longden reported that national evidence relating to the lighting scheme is perceived to have led to an increase in crime. If the community feels that the

lights extinguished between 12 and 5 am may cause problems the County Council would consider turning them on but evidence would be required.

Darley Dale is in the 2014/16 timescale for Superfast Broadband. Rowsley will be included this year and hoping that Darley Dale would be included later this year. A broadband champion for the town will have to be appointed as the nature changes when installation is imminent.

There is a clearly defined consultation re Mobile Libraries now out for consultation and all are urged to participate in this consultation which is open until the middle of August.

5) Planning

No Planning Applications are to hand.

6) Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2014

The minutes of the last meeting were unavailable and will be approved at the next meeting.

7) Finance

It was RESOLVED to request an extension for the Audit from Grant Thornton.

8) Appointment of Representatives to Committees and Working Parties

It was RESOLVED to defer these appointment until the next meeting.

9) Youth Club

It was proposed by Councillor Morrison that the Youth Club should be closed temporarily for 3 weeks until the next meeting pending a re-vamp and staffing in place. This was put to the vote and was defeated 4 votes for and 5 votes against.

The provision of a separate building on the car park has been discussed by the Whitworth Management and it was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Paul Wilson at regarding s106 agreements for the 3 sites currently being developed and if any could be used for re-siting the Bowmen's building and that Councillor Evans sign this letter as Chairman.

10) Chairman's Allowance

It was RESOLVED that the sum of £100.00 be allocated for the Chairman's Allowance.

11) Appointment to Outside Bodies

It was RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders

District Councillor Fearn stated that he had resigned from Church Town Primary School and is now a community representative and this is not in the Town Council's remit.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

It was RESOLVED that appointments to Outside Bodies be deferred until the next meeting.

12) Calendar of Meetings

It was RESOLVED that the Calendar of meetings be approved. The Council will meet on the third Thursday in the month subject to a recess in August.

13) Cheque signatories

It was RESOLVED that the signatories for the Town Council's Bank Account are:-
Councillors Evans (Chairman), Cliff (Vice Chair), Pasteur and Faulkner

14) Reports from Outside Bodies

South Derbyshire Endhoven's Liaison Committee – Liaises with South Darley re noise emissions. Endhoven's has been asked to sponsor a flower bed for Darley in Bloom.

15) Action update

Councillor Morrison suggested that a tutor could come to the Council through DALC to train how the Council can be more effective on line. Councillors Evans, Morrison and Bullock are to look at the website.

The Whitworth Board would cover 50% of the cost of moving the Bowmen's building. This will put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Community Voice – the publicity committee is going very well but there a some distribution issues.

16) Insurance Provision

Details of the Council's current insurance providers need to be found

17) Town Mayor's Announcements

There were no announcements

18) Correspondence

There was no correspondence available for the meeting

19) Information received

There was no information received available for the meeting

Public Participation

The website should include Northwood and Tinkersely Parish.

Darley dale in Bloom is setting up its own bank account and is seeking charity status.

There is potential danger at the bottom of Parkway caused by parked vehicles. A meeting is to be arranged with Highways, Planning and the Police. This could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

WW1 Commemorations – a meeting has been held and the minutes are in the public domain.

Councillor Bettany left the meeting

20) Exclusion of the Press and the Public

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and the public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

21) Town Clerk

The Town Clerk has been signed off for a month although she is attending the DALC training and is willing to meet with Councillors to discuss the situation.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm