

MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 1 February 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Imperial Rooms.

Present: Cllr G Stevens in the Chair
 Councillors: B Hopkinson, Mrs S Burfoot, Mrs C Hopkinson, M Burfoot, S Flitter (left meeting at 8.05pm), I Milne, B Tipping, Mrs U Lunn, D Barker

Also Present: 3 Members of Public
 Danny Carden – Matlock Mercury

In Attendance: Susan Smith (Town Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer)
 Karen Jenkinson (Finance Officer)

18/10 APOLOGIES
 Cllr Mrs A Elliott (illness)

19/10 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
 It was agreed to take agenda item 14 after agenda item 5.

20/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 District Councillors D Barker, G Stevens, S Flitter, B Hopkinson, Mrs C Hopkinson and Mrs S Burfoot individually made the following declaration:
 "I will participate on the basis that this is a preliminary view only. At the District Council I will consider the matter afresh, taking account of all evidence available at that time".

<i>COUNCILLOR</i>	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>TYPE OF INTEREST</i>	<i>NATURE OF INTEREST</i>
Cllr Flitter	Agenda Item 16	PERSONAL	Member of Dales Housing Member of DCC and has already submitted views
	Agenda Item 17	PERSONAL	
Cllr Barker	Planning - Agenda item 5	PERSONAL	Knows the applicant

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

21/10 a) PUBLIC SPEAKING

<i>NAME:</i>	<i>QUESTION OR COMMENT</i>	<i>ACTION TAKEN:</i>
Mr B Quinlan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was nice to see that the pothole outside the Co-op has been tarmaced. • There is a lot of dog muck on Denefields – needs to have bins and signs – health hazard. • There are still no bins and signs up at Knowleston Place 	<i>Noted</i>

Mr Furniss	There are too many trees for the site at Wishingstone Way. There has been a lot of leaves from the trees especially in 2009. Garden is over shadowed by the trees. Some should be cut down and not replaced.	<i>Noted</i>
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b) POLICE MATTERS

NAME:	QUESTION OR COMMENT	ACTION TAKEN:
Cllr Barker	Compliments to the person(s) who made the snowman in Crown Square during the recent snowy weather	Noted

The meeting was re-opened.

22/10 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday 29 January 2010 – Notts and North Lincolns Showman Guild lunch

23/10 WISHINGSTONE WAY TREES - To consider future action to take - letters received from local residents.

Resolved: to accept the most favourable quote and to vire the money from a suitable budget (needs to be on Finance and Audit's next agenda for discussion)

24/10 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

Resolved: that the under-mentioned comments on the following applications should be submitted to the District Council

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS	COMMENTS:
01	09/00826/FUL	Change of use and external alterations to farm buildings to ice cream and dairy produce production with associated sales and education facility – Mr Michael Dakin – Masson Farm Snitterton Road Matlock	No Objection
02	10/00013/FUL	Formation of external smoking area – Mr Glynne Davies – Edgefold Club Edgefold Road Matlock	No Objection: Suggest canopy to be in a shade that blends in with surroundings
03	09/00771/FUL	Erection of dwellinghouse – Mr G Wardman – Greenhills Farm Salters Lane Matlock	Objection: see below Abstention: Cllrs Tipping, Flitter and Milne

- We have doubts about the agricultural justification for yet another residential property on this farm holding.

- Should the property be justified we still have concerns about landscape impact on a visually exposed hillside. Therefore this issue must be addressed with a proper tree planting scheme (an improvement on the sketch shown on the block plan).
- Assuming the red edging area is the proposed curtilage, we would suggest that the permitted development rights are withdrawn within this 'garden' area.

04	10/00011/FUL	Erection of 3 no. two storey detached dwellings and associated garages – Mr Brian Newton – Chindrass House Starkholmes Road Starkholmes	No Objection: Abstentions: Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hopkinson, Flitter, Mrs Burfoot and Mrs Lunn
05	10/00018/OUT	Erection of dwelling (outline) – Mr Johnson – Land to the rear of 149 Smedley Street Matlock	No Objection
06	10/00026/FUL	Extension to first floor bedroom – Mr Kevin Hopkinson- 43 Hurds Hollow Matlock	No Objection

25/10 TO RECEIVE RECENT DECISIONS MADE BY DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL: Noted

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
01	09/00737/ADV	Display of new ATM surround and internal window display – 11 Causeway Lane Matlock for Lloyds Banking Group	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
02	09/00754/FUL	Demolition of annex and change of use of land to create 12 no. car parking spaces – Town Hall Matlock for Derbyshire Dales District Council	GRANTED WITH CONDITONS
03	09/00767/FUL	Erection of dwelling house (modifications to siting of planning permission DD/07/00504/FUL) – 41 Snitterton Road Matlock for Mrs Susan Shaw	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

26/10 TO CONSIDER LETTERS RECEIVED ON PLANNING MATTERS: Noted
(*amended plans, site visits, appeals*)

AMENDED PLANS:

NO:	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOTES
01	DDDC	174 Starkholmes Road Starkholmes for Ms R Leafe – Two Storey extension with undercroft and raised patio and pathway.	The patio has been removed, the windows have been altered and the gable end has a pointed verge. Additional comments by 1 February for DDDC meeting on 2 February. See below

The changes from the original include lowering of the patio to ground level, changing the rear access to the north side, and removing the Juliet balcony from the west side, plus some more minor cosmetic and structural changes. In the original plan, the features listed were highly intrusive to the neighbours, particularly on the south side (no 176), and these were the basis of one of the objections.

Another objection was raised because of the planned height of the wall facing the garden on no 176. This would be 25 feet high unrelieved stone work, extending some 12 feet inside their sight line. This objection has not been addressed and still stands. Consideration could be given to reducing the height of this wall, by making the extension a single storey, or by setting the base of the 2 storey design at ground level. (The planned floor level could be lowered the full height of the current cellar without any reduction in amenity)

A site visit was recommended, and this is to take place on 2 Feb. Neither neighbour will be available at the time of the site visit. It is recommended that this visit includes an inspection from the garden of no 176, to evaluate the impact of the high wall. The garden can be accessed from a passageway under the house to the immediate south of no 176.

02	DDDC	Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd & DDDC – amendments to road layout and associated environmental improvement works	Roundabout more central and block paving at Park Head Road entrance
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MINUTES

27/10

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 18 January 2010.

The Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting

Amendments:

Page 1 01/10 Apologies: At the meeting of 15 December 2009 Cllr Martin Burfoot had given apologies (although was there at the start of the meeting, left after public participation).

Page 5 11/10 Report on DVLCRP re Matlock Railway Station:

The redundant ticket machine was to be removed and replaced with a new one.

Resolved: to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 18 January 2010.

Abstentions: Cllrs Mr & Mrs Hopkinson and Barker.

Work in Progress

The Clerk will respond to requests from Councillors for information on work in progress

12/10 Provision of Grit Bins –

Littlemoor Lane, Riber: *The resident concerned is happy to spread grit over the road. Enquiries have been made in the past as to who owns a piece of the grass verge and the bin could be placed there. Unclear as to who would refill the bin once empty. (Projects have discussed a policy re grit bins at their meeting earlier in the day, their recommendations will be submitted at the next meeting on 15 February 2010).*

Snitterton Road: *Residents seem keen to have grit bins and are willing to spread the grit when necessary but are not so keen to fill them – there are issues with other people helping themselves to the grit.*

The item to be discussed at the next meeting when the recommendations of the Projects Working Party are debated. Cllrs Milne and M Burfoot to inform the residents concerned of the proposed policy.

352/09SPD Consultancy –

Cllrs Tipping and Milne attended meeting. A company called WYG have been appointed to look at marketing Matlock. Next meeting will be 17 February 2010.

397/09b – Visiting Speakers – Highways

No further correspondence has been received regarding the outcome of points raised at the meeting. The Clerk to follow up.

13/10 – Bus Shelter, Causeway Lane -

No response has been received from Iceland Stores as yet.

223/09 - Tony Rosser's memorial –

The residents of Starkholmes would like a bench and Mrs Rosser would like a Cherry Tree. Donations to be sent to MTC and put in the Mayor's Account until required.

FINANCE

28/10 TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2009 AND JANUARY 2010, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (BUDGET) AND INVOICES DUE FOR PAYMENT (appendix 1)

Resolved: to approve the monthly statement for December 2009 and January 2010, profit and loss account (Budget) and invoices due for payment.

Abstention: Cllr Milne

Cllr Milne asked that the following be noted:

The figures for what we have spent (on an excel spreadsheet) and the reports from MYOB do not match. The Mayor's Charity figure distorts the figure and could give a misleading impression. It is a holding account and needs to have its own chequebook. The new system needs to be implemented as soon as possible. (F & A Committee are looking into this).

**29/10 TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS TO THE FOLLOWING:
Matlock Cricket Club request £1100**

Members must ensure that they are satisfied that any expenditure awarded is for the benefit of the local area/community and that this expenditure is no larger than the benefit to the area would justify. (Account: 6-1080 – Community Grants

Budget remaining as at 16.12.09 - £868.00

Powers used: 'Free Resource' Local Government Act 1972, s.137)

Resolved: to pay Matlock Cricket Club £400 towards the purchase of new nets and encourage the club to apply for further assistance in the new financial year.

30/10 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FLAGS FOR THE FREEDOM MARCH ON FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010

£800 has been provided in the 2010-2011 budget, no budget in 2009-2010.

Resolved: to take £800.00 out of reserves so that the Clerk and Cllr Stevens work on purchasing union jack flags and possibly poles in time for the March through the Town. At the next budget (2011-2012) £800.00 be returned to the Reserves.

31/10 PURCHASE OF A NEW TOWN COUNCIL VEHICLE

The existing lease expires at the beginning of May 2010 – discussion on action to take.

Resolved: that the Clerk to investigate the leasing of a suitable vehicle within the budget allowed for 2010/11, reporting back to a future meeting.

GENERAL ITEMS

32/10 RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE CLERK IN APPROVING STREET COLLECTIONS FOR 2010 (appendix 2)
Resolved: to ratify the action taken by the clerk in approving street collections for 2010.

33/10 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF BAKEWELL ROAD, MATLOCK
 1-14 Cawdor House, Gateway Court 1-16 Limestone House, Gateway Court
 1-16 Cliff House, Gateway Court 1-12 Limekiln House, Gateway Court
Resolved: to suggest Tor House instead of Cliff House (there is a Cliffside House close-by)

34/10 INTRODUCTION OF 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTION – MATLOCK
 Comments invited (appendix 3)
Resolved: to write to DCC in the strongest terms objecting to the new proposals, evidence is required to support this proposal.

35/10 REPLACEMENT SIGN – STARKHOLMES ROAD
 Consultation on design
Resolved: to advise DCC to continue liaising with “STAG” over the design and placement of the replacement signs.

36/10 Motion: That the Council substitutes existing proposals for a new allotment site at Kiln Park, off Megdale, for a ‘Community Orchard, comprising about 30 fruit trees’.

Cllr M Burfoot

Resolved: to approve in principle but to consult the neighbours on their views reporting back to a future meeting with a project plan and costs.

Abstention: Cllr Mrs Hopkinson

CLERK’S REPORT

37/10 WELLFIELD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY: SUMMER BBQ
 Notification received that WFAS would like to hold their annual bbq on 21 June 2010.
Resolved: to approve WFAS holding a bbq on 21 June 2010 providing adequate insurance is held and there is minimal disruption to neighbouring properties.

38/10 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS - noted

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	NOTES:
Your Police, Your Say	Chesterfield, Ilkeston, Derby and Buxton	Various dates in January and February 2010	Focussing on the tough financial challenges facing the County force
Parish Council Conferences	Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell	Wednesday 10 February 2010	All meetings start 7pm. Members can attend whichever meeting is more suitable. Suggested topics welcome
	Ashbourne Leisure Centre	Tuesday 23 February 2010	

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS - noted

01 to 03	Index 2009, Freedom of Information, vacancies, Annual Parish Councils' evening (comments and questions), training
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LETTERS RECEIVED - noted

ITEM	DATE	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT
01	11.01.10	Steve Shaw	Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill – please lobby your MP for support
02	13.01.10	DCC	Severe Weather – an update
03	18.01.10	Darley Dale Town Council	Agenda for Thursday 21 January 2010
04	19.01.10	DDDC	Wild Thyme Garden Licence to Occupy
05	21.01.10	GVA Grimley	Boundary Area Royal Bank of Scotland
06	22.01.10	National Grid PLC	Crest Transfer form if required

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

41/10

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted members of the press and public be asked to leave the meeting.

Resolved: to ask the press and public to leave the meeting.

42/10

STAFF MATTERS

Consideration was given to the current staffing requirements as advised by the Staff Review Working Party. Revised contracts for 3 members of staff were approved. Salaries had been reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee and their recommendations were also agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Susan Smith (Mrs)

Susan Smith
Town Clerk

Chairman:

Date: