



Minutes of the meeting of Full Council on Monday 20th July 2026 held in the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

Present: Cllr **Ashley Orwin (Chair)**, Cllr **Jason Knighton**, Cllr **Sally Martin**, Cllr **Sue Burfoot**, Cllr **Diane Fletcher**, Cllr **Marilyn Franks**, Cllr **David Hughes**

In attendance: Simon Hosmer, Town Clerk
India Hosmer, RFO

Meeting begins at 18:00

2586/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*Cllr Pat Wildgoose – away
Cllr Steve Flitter – away
Cllr Jenny Lowthrop – moving house
Cllr Len Best - away*

2587/26 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

*Cllr Franks is on the licencing committee at the District council and declared an interest in point 13
Cllr Fletcher & Cllr Martin declared an interest in point 12 as residents*

2588/26 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None were received

2589/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

6 members of the public were in attendance

2 members of the Matlock Civic Association asked for the Council to adopt the two projects it has proposed in principle

Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To vary the order of business so points 11 & 12 can be discussed now

Agreed unanimously

The Council discussed the projects

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To agree in principle to adopt the two projects should they go ahead & that the Clerk prepare a 'checklist' list for each project

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Hughes abstaining

The SID for Starkholmes was discussed including Cllr Fletcher asking about ANPR and whether it could be added to the device and 2 members of the public spoke about it

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sally Martin

Resolution: To commit to purchasing the Speed Indicator Device as soon as possible and to take the next step to the Corporate Committee

Agreed unanimously

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Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To remove the Speed Indicator Device costs from general reserves and to put it back in the budget next year

Agreed unanimously

Jo Linthwaite spoke about Firs Parade and ask Ann Wright to come and talk to the Council about redeveloping Firs Parade

2590/26

MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor spoke about his time in post so far and decided to support the level centre in Roselea for his chosen charity this year

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr Diane Fletcher

Resolution: To formally thank the Mayor for his organisation of the Pride event

Agreed unanimously with the chair abstaining

Cllr Fletcher wondered if in the future the Town Council could help with organisation of future Pride events. Cllr Hughes also thanked the Mayor.

2591/26 MINUTES

Councillors discussed the minutes of the meeting of 16.03.2026

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Sally Martin

Resolution: To accept the minutes of the meeting 16.03.2026, both Full Council & Confidential with the amendment of removing Cllr Fletcher from the attendees on the Full Council meeting minutes as she was not present and is also listed in the 'apologies for absence' section

Agreed unanimously

2592/26 RESOLUTION UPDATES

The Clerk spoke about the updates and they were noted

No resolution was made at this time

2593/26 INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Internal Auditor gave a talk on the how's and the why's of the annual audit

No resolution was made at this time

2594/26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEMES DISCRETIONARY POLICY

A discussion was had about the policy

Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr Sally Martin

Resolution: To adopt the policy

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Burfoot abstaining

2595/26 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The RFO explained the risk assessment

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Sally Martin

Resolution: To create a working group from Council members to scrutinise policies that affect the annual return.

Agreed unanimously

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Sally Martin

Resolution: To adopt the Financial Risk Assessment for 2026-2027

Agreed unanimously

2596/26 DBB CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Councillors discussed the report in public participation as it was moved there

2597/26 SID REPORT

The Councillors discussed the report in public participation as it was moved there

2598/26 DDDC TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE LICENCING POLICY CONSULTEE REQUEST

The licence policy document was discussed

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: To accept the changes and write to the District Council saying we are happy with it as written but with a general concern about the safety of passengers and taxi operators and that measures are taken to improve safety, for example in regard to CCTV in taxis should be mandatory if lawful

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Franks abstaining

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Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To consider ways to have more wheelchair accessible vehicles registered in the Derbyshire Dales such as incentivising licencees

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Franks abstaining

2599/26 TREE FELLING REQUEST

The Council discussed the report

Proposed: Cllr Ashley Orwin, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To accept the report and to allow the works

Agreed unanimously

2600/26 FORMER MARKET HALL PROJECT

The report was discussed

Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To support either the option of the cinema or the library

Agreed unanimously

2601/26 COUNCIL PUBLICITY

The Council discussed whether any items on the agenda needed to be publicised and decided to publicise our purchase of the SID

Proposed: Cllr Diane Fletcher, seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: To publicise the purchase of the SID

Agreed unanimously

2602/26 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To move into confidential matters and ask the remaining member of the public to leave the meeting

Agreed unanimously

Council moved into confidential matters at 19:57

Council moved out of confidential matters at 20:03

Meeting ends at 20:04



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED:

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