

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee**  
**held on 2 February 2009**

**PEA83/08 Present:** Cllr A Pollock (Chairman), Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr M Ratcliffe. In attendance: Cllr A Clamp (6.45pm), Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

**PEA84/08**

**Members' Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared.

**PEA85/08 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 5 January 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

**PEA86/08 Brown Tourist Signs:**

Cllr M Ratcliffe reported that he had received suggestions from various local organisations that a Wirksworth tourist sign should be located on the A6 at Cromford, to direct people to the town, particularly as Wirksworth is being promoted as a link tourist attraction from the World Heritage Site.

**RECOMM:** That Cllr M Ratcliffe pursues this matter further with DCC, with regard to positioning and costings.

**PEA87/08 Civil Parking:**

Cllrs were reminded that this issue had been discussed under County Councillor reports at full Council last month, when it was agreed to place it on the appropriate agenda for further discussion. Cllrs expressed concern at the effect stringent parking restrictions would have on trade in the town, and Cllr Ratcliffe pointed out that this matter was to be discussed at the Parish Conference.

**RECOMM:** That a letter be sent to DCC, asking them if their staff could be reminded that in the present time of economic recession, there could be an adverse effect on the town's traders if parking penalties are applied too harshly, and also asking DCC to bear this factor in mind when looking at car parking prices.

*Cllr Clamp arrived at 6.45 pm*

**PEA88/08 Grit Bins – Update on Specification for Tender and Location Survey:**

Cllrs were reminded that grit bin maintenance had been discussed at the last meeting, when it was agreed that in the interim the bins would be filled by a local contractor, that a review would take place of grit bin locations and that a

revised specification would be drawn up for bin maintenance.. Cllr M Ratcliffe and the Clerk had prepared a draft specification, the local contractor had completed two fills of the existing 5 bins, at a total cost of £200, and the new grit bin had been ordered for Yokecliffe Hill.

Cllr M Ratcliffe gave details of the survey he had carried out, when further locations had been identified as suitable for grit bin provision.

**RECOMM:**

- a) That the Clerk discusses with the local contractor the costs involved in bin maintenance if the bins remain in location throughout the year;
- b) That the Clerk contacts DCC with regard to their current proposals for funding grit bin provision;
- c) That the matter be considered again at the meeting of the Town & Finance Committee the following week.

**PEA89/08 “Clean-Up Wirksworth”**

Cllr Clamp reminded members that clean-up days had been held in the past, and she proposed organising a similar event on Saturday 28 March, in the morning. A discussion took place on the groups that should be invited to become involved in the clean-up day, and it was agreed that arrangements should be proceed.

**RECOMM:**

- a) That DDDC be asked to provide gloves, pickers, bin bags and health & safety guidance, and that arrangements be made with them for the collection of the bags at the end of the session;
- b) That the Clerk checks with the Council’s insurers to ensure cover will be available;
- c) That Cllr Pollock will supply a draft risk assessment for adaptation;
- d) That Cllr M Ratcliffe calls a meeting of interested groups, to decide an agenda for the day, on Monday 23 February at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

**PEA90/08 Dog Waste Bins:**

Letters of complaint had been received from various people regarding the amount of dog waste in the town. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the provision of a dog waste bin on Water Lane near to the Scout Hut should be requested.

**RECOMM:**

- a) That a dog waste bin be purchased for Water Lane;
- b) That the correspondents be advised that the Town Council take this matter very seriously, and are taking what steps they can to alleviate this problem;
- c) That details of the clean-up day be passed to the correspondents to see if they wish to be involved.

**PEA91/08 Planning Applications received:**

*The views of District Councillors also serving as Town Councillors are based on the information before them at the time of this meeting and they reserve the right to change those views in the light of any further information becoming available.*

08/00841/FUL	Refurbishment works to include new flat roof over courtyard, insertion of rooflights and insertion of replacement 1 <sup>st</sup> floor window at Peak House 2 St Johns Street for Miss Alex Greenbank	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the following comments be submitted to DDDC:  No objection
09/00008/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – display of 1 externally illuminated hoarding 1 hanging sign and 2 non-illuminated amenity boards at The Vaults (Compleat Angler), Coldwell Street for Punch Taverns	No objection

**PEA92/08 Planning Decisions:**

08/00792/FUL	Engineering works comprising realignment of 150 metre section of Blundestone Lane and associated landscaping, land north of Brooklyn, Blundestone Lane, Longway Bank for Mr D Garner	Refused
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*The meeting closed at 7.30pm*

Chairman