

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee
held on 5 May 2009

PEA116/08 Present: Cllr A Pollock (Chairman), Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell. In attendance: Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

PEA117/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

PEA118/08 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 6 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

PEA119/08 Road Sign, Steeple Grange:

Cllr M Ratcliffe reminded Cllrs that the road sign at the Derby Road end of town had recently been replaced with a sign depicting new artwork. He said that discussions had taken place previously, with a view to replacing all the signs in due course, and he wondered if the Committee would consider recommending the purchase of a replacement sign for the Steeple Grange end of town, incorporating the new design. Cllr Ratcliffe confirmed that the sign would be the same design as the new sign on Derby Road, and located in the current position.

RECOMM: That a new sign be purchased for the Steeple Grange approach to the town.

PEA120/08 Public Conveniences – Maintenance:

Cllr M Ratcliffe reported that DDDC were reviewing the ownership and maintenance of public conveniences in their area, and he drew attention to issues relevant to this matter in the town. DDDC wish to consider the reduction of the number of toilets, but invest more money in the remaining toilets and the major towns would have facilities of a higher quality – possibly staffed, with hot water, but charges may apply. Toilets may be provided in partnership with private enterprise, and parish councils would be asked whether they would wish to form a partnership with DDDC to maintain the public conveniences in their parish. Maintenance money would be provided but maintenance and management would devolve to the parish council. DDDC would refurbish the toilets to a high standard, prior to handing over responsibility to the parish. Wirksworth toilets are currently graded as medium – in need of upgrade but not in urgent need.

A discussion took place on this matter, and the implications for the Town Council if a partnership were to be entered into, and cllrs were reluctant to consider taking over responsibility for public conveniences in the parish. Cllr M

Ratcliffe proposed that the Town Council writes to DDDC in relation to the Fanny Shaw Playing Fields toilets, urging them to improve these toilets as they are well used, by visitors to the playing fields, welldressings, carnival and festival. Cllr Maskrey reminded that these toilets were currently the responsibility of DDDC, and/or the leaseholder of the skateboard park, and the Town Council should not be involved in any ownership issues in this connection.

RECOMM: That a letter be sent to DDDC pointing out the above problems with the Fanny Shaw public conveniences, and asking for refurbishment, and also reminding DDDC of the outstanding lease.

PEA121/08 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.

		RESOLVED: That the following comments be submitted to DDDC:
09/00064/FUL	Erection of satellite dish (Article 4) at 6 Church Walk for Peter Smith	No objection
09/00202/FUL	New entrance gates and walls (Article 4) at Newdale Cottage, The Dale for Mr Jeremy Tye	The Town Council would prefer to see the gates in a more simplified design
09/00241/FUL	Demolition of workshop / store and erection of two storey dwelling and associated parking at The Causeway for Mr Tony Weston	The Town Council have the following concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inadequacies of design; • the Council trust all conservations aspects are being considered; • the Council also have concerns re parking, with the movement of trade vehicles.
09/00235/FUL	Single/two storey extensions at 21 Yokecliffe Avenue for Mr Dale Shields	No objection

PEA122/08 Planning Decisions:

08/00891/FUL	Change of use of land and erection of 6 wooden camping huts and associated amenities building for tourism accommodation at The Woodyard, Homesford, for Mr & Mrs Hodgkinson	Withdrawn
08/00909/CM	Construction of an ECO Sustainable Education Centre at the National Stone Centre for the National Stone Centre	Granted with conditions
09/00055/FUL	Construction of patio area and erection of shed at 6 Meadow End for Mr Alistair Marshall	Granted with conditions
09/00059/FUL	Erection of first floor balcony and single storey detached store at The Studio, Wirksworth Hall Farm, Wash Green for Mr R Palin	Refused
09/00071/FUL	Installation of 2 rooflights (Article 4) at 32 The Dale for Miss J Illingsworth	Granted with conditions

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Chairman