

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee**  
**held on 6 April 2009**

**PEA104/08 Present:** Cllr F Bark (Chairman), Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr J Stockell. In attendance: Cllr D Haspel, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

**PEA105/08 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Pollock, Cllr M Ratcliffe.

**PEA106/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared.

**PEA107/08 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 2 March 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

**PEA108/08 Proposal to provide car parking area at Bolehill:**

Cllrs were reminded that this proposal was brought to the Town Council at their meeting last month, when details of the proposed scheme were presented. Cllr Brown reminded Cllrs that the car parking provision was intended to improve access by removing vehicles from the highway. A discussion took place on this matter, and the implications for the Town Council who would be required to take over the ownership of the car park.

**RECOMM:** That the Town Council agrees in principle to take over ownership of the car park at Bolehill once completed, and to make application for the available grant.

**PEA109/08 Possible change to policy for dealing with planning applications falling outside of the 21-day consultation period:**

Cllrs were advised that currently planning applications which fall outside of the 21-day consultation period require an additional Planning Committee meeting to be called. However, the Clerk had recently been in discussion with the DALC Secretary, who had been Clerk to Ripley Town Council, and he had produced a Code of Best Practice for dealing with planning applications.

The Code outlines the practice of notifying all Cllrs of plans received, and asking them to "call in" any plans they wish to discuss at Committee, otherwise the Clerk is authorised to return the plans after 14 days with "no comment".

After discussion, the Committee felt that they would still prefer to study all plans received.

**RECOMM:** That the current arrangements for consultation on planning applications remain in place.

**PEA110/08 Proposed letter to Tarmac re children playing in quarry:**

As Cllr I Ratcliffe was not present at the meeting, the matter was deferred.

**PEA111/08 Letter from resident re dog waste and litter:**

A letter had been received, together with a petition containing 125 names, regarding the amount of dog waste in the town, and litter. The Clerk had already responded with a letter drawing attention to the cleanup day, and to the fact that the Town Council had ordered a dog waste bin for one of the areas mentioned. However, she had also pointed out that street cleaning, imposition of fines, etc, lay with the District Council.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk contacts DDDC to see if a supply of dog waste bags could be sent to the Town Hall, and a response be sent to the letter, advising of this fact, and welcoming other practical suggestions, but reiterating the fact that DDDC is responsible for street cleaning.

**PEA112/08 Stoney Wood Final Report on Community Orchard Project:**

The final report had now been received from the Woodland Group featuring the Community Orchard Project, which has recently been completed.

**RECOMM:** That the Stoney Wood Group be asked if the report can be included on the Council's webpages.

**PEA113/08 Letter from Wyvern Rail re Planning Matters:**

A letter had been circulated from Wyvern Rail regarding an enforcement order. A discussion took place on this matter, and the Town Council's role as consultee.

**RECOMM:** That Cllrs Pollock and M Ratcliffe contact Wyvern Rail with a view to meeting informally to advise on the Council's role as consultee.

**PEA114/08 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.*

		<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the following comments be submitted to DDDC:
09/00075/FUL	Installation of 2 rooflights (Article 4) at 59A Hardies Hill for Robert Morton	No objection
09/00171/FUL	Replacement windows (Article 4) 32 North end for Mr Martyn Marko	No objection

**PEA115/08 Planning Decisions:**

08/00899/FUL	Erection of garden store/outbuilding at 4 The Croft, Greenhill for Mr Alan Kirk	Granted with conditions
09/00062/FUL	External alterations comprising insertion of new window opening in north elevation, Barmote Croft, Chapel Lane for Mr J Rimmer	Granted with conditions

*The meeting closed at 7.20pm*

Chairman