

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – TOWN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009**

TF149/08 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllrs F Bark, K Frith, I Ratcliffe, M Ratcliffe. In attendance – Cllrs S Maskrey, A Pollock; Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

TF150/08 Apologies: Cllrs D Haspel, C Whittall

TF151/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

The following interests were declared:

<i>Cllr</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Personal/ Prejudicial</i>	<i>Reason if any</i>
A Clamp	10 – External power supply at Memorial Hall	Personal	

TF152/08 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Town and Finance Committee dated 9 February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

TF153/08 Monthly Balance Sheet & Bank Reconciliation:

The monthly balance sheet and bank reconciliation was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF154/08 Monthly Budget Balance:

The monthly budget balance was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF155/08 DALC Annual Subscription Renewal:

Members were advised that the annual subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils was due for renewal on 1 April.

RECOMM: That renewal of the subscription to DALC, in the sum of £690.46, be approved.

TF156/08 Town Hall/Memorial Hall Improvements – Update:

It was reported that a meeting of the sub group had been held earlier in the day, when progress was made with regard to the preparation of specifications, so that tenders can be invited for improvement work. Approval was sought for the recommendation to approve £350 for the production of lighting/sound designs, and for the necessary asbestos surveys.

RECOMM: That the Council authorise the production of lighting/sound designs, in the sum of £350, and the necessary Type 3 asbestos surveys in the Town Hall, and that the Clerk be authorised to commission Type 3 asbestos surveys at the Memorial Hall when required.

TF157/08 Request for Concessionary Bookings – Wirksworth Festival:

A letter had been received from Wirksworth Festival asking if they could have concessionary lettings of a room at the Town Hall for their monthly board meetings. A discussion took place on recent concerns relating to recent lettings, and on the level of funding provided to the Festival by the Town Council.

RECOMM:

- a) That the Festival be advised that the Town Council will grant concessionary lettings for Board meetings;
- b) That the Festival be advised that they will be charged the standard hourly letting rate if their concessionary letting runs over the agreed time.

TF158/08 Structural Condition of Single Storey Extension, Memorial Hall:

Attention was drawn to several deep cracks which had appeared suddenly in the single store extension at the Memorial Hall, which houses the ground floor toilets. The Caretaker reported finding debris in this location, and Cllr Bark had inspected the property.

RECOMM: That the Clerk contacts DDDC Building Inspector to seek advice in this connection.

TF159/08 External Power Supply, Memorial Hall:

Cllr Clamp suggested that it might be appropriate to consider increasing the external power supply at the Memorial Hall, to facilitate future events in the Memorial Gardens and/or frontage. It was recommended that a 230v industrial blue socket and trip switch be provided in a lockable cabinet in the recess next to the front door.

RECOMM: That the Clerk invites tenders from two electricians for the work as outlined above.

TF160/08 Minute TF146/08 Grit Bins:

Cllrs were reminded that this item had been referred back at full Council, for further consideration in relation to locations.

Cllrs had agreed at full Council with the recommendation that 6 additional bins should be purchased, and that application be made for these bins to be supplied under the DCC initiative to provide and first-fill each bin. This had now been done, but the decision with regard to location still needed to be clarified.

A discussion took place on the proposed locations and possible alternatives, and it was

RECOMM: That the Mayor, Chair and Cllrs I & M Ratcliffe form a sub committee which is granted delegated powers to agree the final locations of the new bins.

TF161/08 Exclusion of Public & Press:

RECOMM: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting, as publicity to the matters under discussion would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

TF162/08 Award of Increments:

It was reported that the Clerk and Admin Assistant were on an incremental scale, and should progress to the next increment from 1 April 2009.

RECOMM: That the Clerk & Admin Assistant be authorised to proceed to the respective increments from 1 April 2009.

TF163/08 Request to purchase metal posts:

An offer had been received for 4 metal stoops which are currently stored at the Town Hall. It was pointed out that these stoops are not in the ownership of the Town Council, and that it is likely they are owned by the Church, and will be relocated when Church Walk improvements are carried out.

RECOMM: That a letter be sent pointing out that the Town Council do not own the stoops and that they are likely to be needed in the near future.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m

.....Chairman