

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009 AT 6.30 PM**

**C085/08 Present:** Cllr F Bark, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr C Whittall.

In attendance: Adrian & Mary Farmer, Derwent Valley Mills Partnership, District Cllr P Slack, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

**C086/08 Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Maskrey, Members of the Police.

**C087/08 Mr Adrian Farmer, Derwent Valley Mills Partnership:**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Farmer to the meeting, who gave a slide presentation to the Council. Following this the Council were invited to ask questions, and proposals were put forward for closer links, including more publicity for the town.

Mr & Mrs Farmer were thanked for attending, and left at 7pm

**C088/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared.

**C089/08 Open Forum:**

- a) Public Forum: No members of the public were present at the meeting.
- b) District Councillor Reports: Cllr P Slack had circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Cllr M Ratcliffe drew attention to a central area leisure centre exhibition to be held later in the week. Cllr I Ratcliffe gave information on leisure concessions, and said a meeting was to be arranged re the learner pool shortfall.
- c) County Councillor Report: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported on the County Highways budget which included some work in the town. Cllr Whittall raised a highways safety issue which Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to follow up, and it was agreed that an item relating to civil parking be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee.

*District Cllr Slack left the meeting at 7.20 pm*

- d) Police Matters: The local beat officers had sent their apologies to the meeting.

**C090/08 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 15 December 2008:**

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 15 December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

**C091/08 Town Mayor's Announcements:**

The Mayor had attended no events since the last meeting.

**C092/08 Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 5 January 2009:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 5 January 2009 be approved.

**C093/08 Minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee dated 12 January 2009:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee dated 12 January 2009 be approved.

*Cllr I Ratcliffe left the meeting at 7.25 pm*

**C094/08 Accounts Paid – December:**

**RESOLVED** That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £13858.36 be formally approved.

**C095/08 Town Councillor Representative Reports:**

NOW: Cllr A Clamp reported that NOW Annual General Meeting would be held shortly, when it was expected that she would be elected Chair.

Stoney Wood: Cllr Pollock reported that the Stoney Wood AGM would be held on 4 February at the Town Hall, at 8pm

Safer Neighbourhood Scheme: Cllr M Ratcliffe reported that a meeting had been held recently, which was well attended, and no significant problems had been reported although there had been a small spate of car crimes.

**C096/08 Information:**

The following documents had been circulated, for information:

i) Correspondence:

- a. From DCC – temporary road closure (circulated)
- b. From DDDC – Parish Council conferences (circulated) – suggested agenda items = civil parking and assistance with town centre regeneration
- c. From DCC – Derby & Derbyshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework (circulated)
- d. From Rotary Club of Wirksworth – request for nomination for Rotary Community Award (circulated) – nominations were put forward and it was agreed that these be submitted to the Rotary Club.

ii) Tabled at meeting:

- a. DALC Circulars
  - 59/2008 : General Circular – Annual Parish Councils Evening; Mileage Allowances; Publication of Candidates’ Addresses at UK Parliamentary Elections.
  - 02/2008
- b. Letter from Wirksworth Festival – thanks for donation
- c. From NOW – thanks for donation towards Farmers’ Market
- d. Communities & Local Government – Communities in Control = Real People, Real Power, Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Policy : a Consultation.

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The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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Chairman