

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 6.30 PM**

C135/08 Present: Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr K Frith, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell.

In attendance: Member of the Press, Representative of Rural Action Derbyshire, 2 Members of the Public, County Cllr G Purdy, District Cllr P Slack, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

C136/08 Apologies for absence: Cllr D Haspel, Cllr C Whittall.

C137/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

C138/08 Open Forum:

- a) Member of the Public – concessionary bus fare scheme : After listening to the member of public's concerns regarding the possible withdrawal of this scheme, it was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee;
- b) Member of the Public – safety for pedestrians on Water Lane : After listening to the member of public's concerns regarding this issue, it was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee;
- c) Representative of Rural Action Derbyshire – Future of Learner Pool : Details were given of the consultation procedure to date and the feedback received. Issues were highlighted with regard to external funding and the existing trusteeship.
- d) District Councillor Reports: Cllr P Slack had circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Cllr I Ratcliffe drew attention to issues at The Dale/Greenhill, which the Town Council would be considering next month. She also reported on the request for CCTV at Wood Street, for which she was awaiting a breakdown of costs. Cllr M Ratcliffe drew attention to changes to the Licensing Act which could have repercussions for the Town Council, and which would be discussed at a future meeting.
- e) County Councillor Report: Cllr Purdy had submitted a written report.
- f) Police Matters: Although no Police representative was present details had been received regarding a forthcoming operation relating to traffic safety in the town.

C139/08 Consultation on Future of the Learner Pool:

After hearing from the representative of Rural Action Derbyshire regarding current consultation on future of Learner Pool, Cllrs discussed this matter in depth, and it was felt that several issues needed to be addressed before a formal response from the Town Council could be made.

RESOLVED

- a) That further information be requested regarding relevant financial details relating to the Learner Pool in terms of present and projected future running costs;
- b) That further information be requested regarding the terms of the current trusteeship;
- c) That a meeting be requested with the Sports Trustees, the Gell Foundation and the District Council, to discuss the matter further;
- d) That the Town Council considers the matter again next month, when all information is to hand.

C140/08 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council:

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 19 October 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

C141/08 Town Mayor's Announcements:

The Mayor reported on events he had attended since the last meeting.

C142/08 Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee:

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 2 November 2009 be approved.

C143/08 Minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee:

Cllr Clamp asked that Minute TF071/09 Christmas Lights, be referred back to committee for further consideration. This was seconded by Cllr I Ratcliffe and put the vote. The Clerk reported that the recommendation had been endorsed by the Monitoring Officer at DDDC.

RESOLVED

- a) That Minute TF071/09 be referred back to Town & Finance Committee for further consideration;
- b) That with the above provision, the minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee dated 9 November 2009 be approved.

C144/08 Accounts Paid – October:

RESOLVED That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £19305.31 be formally approved.

C145/08 Town Councillor Representative Reports:

Gorsey Bank: Cllr Pollock reported that DDDC would be making a presentation on the proposals for the Gorsey Bank Playing Fields Improvement Scheme, and asked that DDDC be advised of the pledge from the Town Council.

Stoney Wood: Cllr Pollock gave details of a proposal to erect metal gates, with an arch, at the entrance to the Wood, for which the Stoney Wood Group would need to implement fund-raising strategies.

Care Centre: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that a community open day was to be held, to which everyone was invited.

Peace Ceremony: Cllr I Ratcliffe reminded everyone that the Peace Ceremony would be held on 5 December.

Bolehill Improvement Group: Cllr Brown reported that a new Chair had been appointed (Alison Kenny) and a social calendar was being prepared. It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to the retiring Chair.

Festival: Cllr Brown was asked to press for a meeting with representatives of the Festival.

Town Hall Improvements: Cllr Clamp reported that the Town Council had successfully secured funding in the sum of £15,000 from Action for Market Towns, towards the provision of new staging.

Farmers' Market: Cllr Clamp gave details of the next Farmers' Market which would coincide with the Peace Ceremony and a local craft market.

Parkside Junior School: Cllr Stockell reported that he had been appointed as Community Governor at the School and would shortly be attending his first meeting.

Community Sports Group: Cllr Maskrey reported that this group was very vibrant, and meetings were well attended.

C146/08 Formal approval of the budget for the year 2010-11, and setting of precept figure:

RESOLVED That following the recommendations of the Town & Finance Committee dated 9 November 2009, the budget (attached) for the year 2010-11 be approved, and a precept figure of £114327 be requested for the year 2010-11 which although reflected a slight increase in the figure requested, nevertheless reflected a 0% increase to residents due to the change in the number of Band D properties.

C147/08 Information:

The following documents had been circulated, for information:

i) Correspondence:

a. From DDDC – Area Community Forums November (circulated)

ii) Tabled at meeting:

a. DALC Circulars

- 55/2009 – Local Accessibility Partnerships
- 56/2009 – East Midlands Allotments Officers' Forum
- 57/2009 – Derbyshire County Training Partnership
- 58/2009 – Council Tax Bill Format
- 59/2009 – Derbyshire Constabulary Policing of Parades/Events; Launch of Plan for Sport & Active Recreation; Vacancy
- 60/2009 – General Circular : Communities in Control; Local Councils and Cheque Signatories; Survey of Parish Councils; Age Discrimination

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The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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Chairman