

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24 MAY AT 6.30 PM**

C001/10 Present: Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr C Whittall.

In attendance: County Cllr G Purdy, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk)

C002/10 Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Clamp, District Cllr P Slack

C003/10 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

C004/10 Retiring Chairman's comments:

Cllr M Ratcliffe referred to the recent death of Tony Briggs who had formerly been employed as a Footpaths Officer with DCC, and asked members to observe a minute's silence in his memory. Cllr Ratcliffe thanked all Cllrs for their support and assistance during his term of office. He offered his thanks to the Community Police Team, the Caretaking staff, and the Clerk and her assistant.

C005/10 Appointment of Town Mayor & Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr M Ratcliffe proposed that Cllr A Pollock be appointed Mayor for the year 2010-11. On being put to the vote, the decision was unanimous. Cllr Pollock duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and thanked the Council for granting him the honour of the post of Mayor. He offered the Council's sincere thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Cllr M Ratcliffe, and assured members he would fulfil the duties of the post to the best of his ability.

RESOLVED That Cllr A Pollock be appointed Town Mayor.

C006/10 Appointment of Deputy Mayor:

Cllr I Ratcliffe nominated Cllr A Clamp as Deputy Mayor for the year 2010-11. This was seconded by Cllr Maskrey, and the nomination received unanimous support and it was

RESOLVED That Cllr Clamp be appointed Deputy Mayor.

C007/10 Open Forum:

- a) District Councillor Reports: Cllr P Slack had circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Cllr I Ratcliffe reported on proposed cuts in local government services, and gave details of a recent nomination for a housing award. Cllr M Ratcliffe reported on possible retail development in the area, and the present position with regard to funding of the Church Walk improvements.

- b) County Councillor Report: Cllr G Purdy reported on progress with a ransom strip of land, and this matter was discussed at length. It would appear that DDDC have suggested the Town Council may wish to pursue enforcement action; however, Cllrs felt that DDDC as the planning authority should pursue this matter, and District Cllrs were asked to take up this matter with the planning department at DDDC.
- c) Police Matters: Although no police representatives were present, Cllr M Ratcliffe raised a query with regard to the fact that the police would not be present in an official capacity during the road closure relating to the carnival. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable, asking for details of the police authority's position with regard to the marshalling of public events and road closures.

C008/10 Review of Register of Financial and Other Interests:

Councillors were reminded that they needed to update their Register of Financial and Other Interests periodically.

C009/10 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 19 April 2010:

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 19 April 2010 and the Extraordinary Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 4 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

C010/10 Minutes and Recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 10 May 2010:

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 10 May 2010 be approved.

C011/10 Minutes and Recommendations of the meeting of the Town & Finance Committee dated 17 May 2010:

Because there had been concern with regard to health and safety issues in relation to the proposed facade work, the Mayor gave an update on correspondence relating to the Committee's recommendation. Cllrs Haspel and M Ratcliffe advised that they had met with the project manager and had been advised that the additional work was cosmetic, and not related to health & safety. In view of this information, the Council decided that the Minute would not be referred back to the Town & Finance committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Town & Finance Committee dated 17 May 2010 be approved.

C012/10 Membership & Chairs of Committees:

Cllrs were reminded of the current membership of the Council's Committees - Planning and Environmental Affairs, and Town and Finance.

RESOLVED That membership of the Committees is as follows:

- Environment & Committee: Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr S Maskrey (Chair), Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor, if not members)
- Town & Finance – Cllr Clamp (Chair), Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr C Whittall (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor if not members)

C013/10 Representation, status and interest on non-council bodies:

A list of current representatives on non-council bodies had been circulated. After discussion, some amendments were made to the list (attached).

RESOLVED That the revised list of representatives on non-council bodies be approved.

C014/10 Accounts Paid April 2010:

RESOLVED That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £11976.90 be formally approved.

C015/10 Town Council Representative Reports:

Wirksworth Junior School: Cllr Stockell reported that there had been some resignations among teaching staff.

Care Centre: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Waltham House had now been held. A garden project was under way, and various activities were planned for the Centre.

Fairtrade: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that the town's accreditation had been renewed.

Bolehill: Cllr Brown reported that a meeting with a Rural Action Derbyshire representative had been held to explore future use of the Institute.

Bolehill Car Park: Cllr Haspel reported that agreement had now been reached with regard to the tender for walling, and BIG would be making a further donation towards the cost.

Gorsey Bank: Cllr Pollock reported on the plans for the 1966 party to be held on 19 June. He gave details of a recent community meeting to discuss the Over 13's recreation ground provision but was disappointed that the Town Council & County Cllr funding has yet to be spent. Local residents were also fundraising to provide a further piece of equipment.

Stoney Wood: Cllr Pollock had met with a representative of a civil engineering firm, to discuss a survey, and the Stoney Wood group would be producing a health and safety report. He reminded members of the performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream to take place in the wood on 24 June, from 7.30pm, followed by a bonfire and live music.

C016/10 Information:

The following documents had been circulated, for information:

i) Correspondence:

a) From DDDC re Derbyshire Dales & High Peak Joint Core Strategy – Draft Plan Consultation 3 June to 15 July 2010 (circulated)

ii) Tabled:

a) DALC Circulars:

- 24/2010: General Circular – Employee absence occasioned by volcanic ash; Bringing people together; Development of Credit Union Services; East Midlands Allotments Officers Forum; Training (Play Areas); Car Allowances.
- 25/2010: Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils Evening – Tuesday 12 October 2010.
- 26/2010: General Circular – New Recommended Standing Orders; District Audit; Insurance; Vacancy.
- 27/2010: Land Registry Training Event

b) Quart Newsletter April 2010

c) Ecclesbourne Express Newsletter Spring 2010

d) The Playing Field – RAD Newsletter Spring 2010

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The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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Chairman