

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

C108/08 Present: Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell.

In attendance: 2 members of the public (Bolehill Ward), Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

C109/08 Apologies for absence: Cllr F Bark, Cllr K Frith, Cllr C Whittall.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr M Ratcliffe, took the chair.

C110/08 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

C111/08 Open Forum:

- a) Public Forum: The Chair invited the members of the public to address the meeting. Details were given of a proposal to provide a car parking area at Bolehill. Suitable land had been identified, and successful negotiations had taken place with the owner. DDDC had introduced a Village Parking Scheme, and under this scheme £10,000 could be forthcoming to fund the scheme. However, an application to this scheme must come from the Town Council, who would take over ownership of the car park and administer it. Funding would also be spread over 2 years, and so the Town Council would be asked to front-fund the second half of the finance for 12 months. The members of public were thanked for attending and advised that the matter would be considered by the Town Council at their meetings next month.
- b) District Councillor Reports: District Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that the Wirksworth Ward Members had not supported the 3.9% increase in Council tax, and she outlined DDDC spending plans for 2009-10.
- c) County Councillor Report: Most reports had been circulated via email, but County Cllr I Ratcliffe reported on a recent very successful Ofsted inspection at Anthony Gell School, and also advised that the Wirksworth Community Wonders scheme had started.
- d) Police Matters: No members of the police were present.

Open Forum closed at 7.20 pm

C112/08 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 16 February 2009:

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 16 February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

C113/08 Town Mayor's Announcements:

The Mayor was not present at the meeting.

C114/08 Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 2 March 2009:

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

C115/08 Minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee dated 9 March 2009:

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Town and Finance Committee dated 9 March 2009 be approved.

C116/08 Accounts Paid – February:

RESOLVED That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £15088.98 be formally approved.

C117/08 Town Councillor Representative Reports:

Gorse Bank: Cllr Pollock reported that a Youth Day would be held on 6 June.

Stoney Wood: Cllr Pollock reported that there may be some planning application issues with regard to Stoney Wood installations etc, which he would investigate.

Heritage Centre: Cllr Brown reported that the Heritage Centre was currently undergoing some work, in order to facilitate the application for accreditation.

NOW: Cllr Clamp reported that the recent Farmers' Market had been very successful.

What's Happening: Cllr Clamp reported that it was hoped to hold a follow-up meeting, following the success of the October meeting, and it was felt that it should be held to coincide with the Annual Towns Meeting in May.

Fairtrade: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported on a very successful Fairtrade Day, to recognise the award of Fairtrade status to the town. Both the afternoon and the evening events had been very well attended.

Care Centre: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that the official opening of the Care Centre would take place on 25 March.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Maskrey reported that he had recently cleaned away litter and glass from the recreation ground playing field.

Clean Up Day: Cllr M Ratcliffe reminded cllrs of the date of the clean up day and urged as many cllrs as possible to attend.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

C118/08 Information:

The following documents had been circulated, for information:

i) Correspondence:

- a. From DCC – Proposed Puffin Crossing, St Johns Street
- b. From DCC – Saturday Community Waste Collection Service 2009 (circulated)

ii) Tabled at meeting:

a. DALC Circulars

- 06/2009 : General Circular – Police Annual PC Evening; Community Police Officer, PCSO of the Year & Neighbourhood Policing Team Awards 2009; Energy Consortium Arrangements; Vacancies
 - 07/2009 : Training Update – Crash course on planning system; internal auditors' course; HM Revenue & Customs Business Advice
 - 08/2009 : Conservative Party Green Paper on Local Government
 - 09/2009 : Local Council Review Subscriber Form
 - 10/2009 : General Circular – Subscriptions; Gritting Car Parks; National Salary Awards 2008/9; Vacancy
- b. Standards Board for England – Town & Parish Standard Issue 4

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The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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Chairman