



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Office hours: 8:30am-12:30pm Mon-Thurs

30 November 2021

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Environment & Town Working Party on MONDAY 6 December 2021 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom platform, ID: 386 170 0358  
*The working party meeting will be held to the same standard as a committee but any decision taken at a working party meeting does not constitute a lawful decision of council - the Council has resolved to meet as a working party to allow meetings to continue using Zoom to ensure all councillors are able to participate even if they do not feel able to attend face to face meetings.*

*All delegated decisions will be reported in line with guidelines for Open and Accountable Government (Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014)*

*Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details.*

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Variation of Order of Business

Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item

### 3. Members' Interests in Agenda Items

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

### 4. Open Forum

Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes ; 3 minutes per person

- *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
- *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*

### 5. Second Home Ownership (Cllr Pollock)

To discuss the increase in 2<sup>nd</sup> home ownership and the impact of holiday lets.

### 6. Railway Issue (Cllr Taylor)

To discuss the recent resident complaint regarding pollution from the railway.

### 7. Sewage Issues (Cllr Taylor)

To discuss increasing reports of sewage smells within the Town.

### 8. 20s Plenty Campaign (attached)

The campaign are requesting that Parish Councils write to DCC requesting the implementation of revised limits (which will require a change of policy by the Authority)

### 9. Tree Survey

New guidance advises that a professional survey should be undertaken of all trees on a 3 yearly basis, for some of the Town Council Estate this was last undertaken in 2016. (The surveys have been undertaken on a "negative recording" basis, only highlighting trees which are of concern.)

### 10. Kingsfield Play Area Trees

In 2016 following a tree survey, a beech tree was identified to have a fault and the DCC Tree Officer specified that a tree sling be installed. Recent guidance indicates that the tree officer should be contacted to advise that the tree is located adjacent to the highway and a

children's play area and therefore more radical action should be taken and the limb removed.

### 11. London Plane Tree

To protect the roots from further damage through compaction, signage needs to be installed to discourage people climbing over the bench and standing on the area. This would also allow the planting (by Re-wilding Wirksworth) to become established which will offer further protection.

### 12. Process for meetings in 2022 (attached)

The council resolved to review its use of working parties in place of committees (the change was undertaken in order to enable all councillors to participate in discussion regarding council issues.)

Updated guidance also appears to allow for councillors to participate in discussion during a hybrid meeting, but only councillors present may vote.

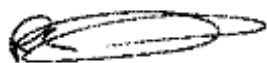
(Discussion to inform further debate and decision by full council on 20/12/21)

### 13. Planning Application referred

21/01255/ADV	Proposed fascia sign and a hanging sign with associated lighting above at Methodist Church St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire
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### 14. Planning Applications received (Delegated Planning - Appendix 1)

### 15. Planning Decisions & Appeals (Appendix 2)



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#### Appendix 1 - Planning Applications received

01	21/01251/FUL	Replacement windows to house, extension to garage and conversion to ancillary accommodation at Knott House Alderwasley Derbyshire DE56 2RF
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
02	21/01255/ADV	Proposed fascia sign and a hanging sign with associated lighting above at Methodist Church St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
03	T/21/00183/TCA	Removal of 1no. Yew tree at 4 Church Street Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
04	T/21/00179/TCA	Fell 1no. Laburnum tree at Pinewood Cottage 3 - 5 The Lanes Bolehill
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
05	T/21/00193/TCA	Fell 8no. Ash trees to ground level Land Adjacent. 36 The Dale Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EJ
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
06	T/21/00192/TCA	Crown Reduce 5no. Cherry trees by up to 2m and re-shape ensuring roof and wall have adequate clearance (approx. 0.5m) The Engine House Spring Close Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4JA
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
07	21/01344/FUL	Replacement roof and rear extension 6 Thorntree Cottages Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FL
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
08	21/01315/FUL	Construction of link between existing property and proposed garage conversion at 17 Yokecliffe Crescent Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ER
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		

#### Appendix 2 - Planning Decisions & Appeals

(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

None to report
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