

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 1 February 2021

ET20/51 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Pollock, and P Taylor

In attendance:

3 residents and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET20/52 Apologies for Absence:
Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr E McDonagh and Cllr J Stockell

ET20/53 Variation in Order of Business:
None

ET20/54 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:
None Declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET20/55 Open Forum:
2 residents spoke about their concerns regarding trees (on the Meadows) which are close to the boundary of their property.

Open Forum Closed 6:45pm

ET20/56 Minutes:
The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 2 November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET20/57 Meadows Trees
Further requests have been received regarding tree works on the Meadows.

RECOMM: That Cllr Pollock and the Clerk attend the site to assess the situation and report back to E&T (subject to compliance with current C19 restrictions). That Cllrs Barker, Casselden and Pollock work with the Clerk to draft a policy to inform the council's response to further requests regarding trees located on council property.

ET20/58 Planning Application Referred

20/01130/FUL Removal of buildings on site and erection of building comprising of 5 no. units for Business, Light Industrial (Commercial Use - E) and Storage and Distribution use (B8 Use) at Garage and Haulage Yard Coldwell Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FB

RESOLVED: That the council response be: No Objection
The move away from large HGV usage is welcomed but the council would wish to see that steps are taken, by the implementation of conditions or covenants, to ensure that the development does to not

result in additional (overspill) of vehicles exacerbating the existing street parking issues. The council would request that any development be in keeping and respect the nature of the area.

ET20/59 Climate Change Working Party

To discuss what steps might be taken to progress the issues under discussion by this group.

RECOMM: That Cllr Taylor write to members of Working Party to agree a meeting date with the intention of meeting in sufficient time to then report back to E&T Committee.

ET20/60 Speed Watch

County Cllr Ratcliffe has offered to help fund a local Community Speedwatch initiative within the town.

RECOMM: That the council advise that they are not aware of any community group or group of volunteers willing to participate in this scheme at the present time.

ET20/61 Meadows – Bench

County Cllr Ratcliffe has offered to fund a replacement bench for the Meadows.

RECOMM: That the council accept the offer, and that the bench be replaced on a temporary basis pending the broader consultation on the Meadows. At this time the seat may be moved or incorporated into a wider design. The seat is to be the 'Wirksworth' design made from recycled plastic (sourced from local supplier). All costs including installation to be met by DCC.

ET20/62 National Petition to defer deadline to register Footpaths

Ramblers' Derbyshire Dales Group has asked if the council would support this initiative to delay the finalisation of the Definitive Map.

RECOMM: That the Council support the initiative, and that individual councillors are encouraged to also support on a personal basis.

ET20/63 Market Place Steps and Tree

DDDC Estates are proposing that the tree be removed to allow the steps to be re-laid and then a replacement tree to be planted.

RECOMM: That the council write to DDDC requesting that every effort be made to retain the tree, which is widely regarded by residents as an intrinsic feature of the space.

ET20/64 Planning Applications Received:

RESOLVED to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

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Referred to E&T Committee 1/2/21		
2	20/01273/FUL	Two storey side extension at 61 Bournebrook Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BA
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
3	20/01258/FUL	Installation of biomass boiler and erection of flue Hardhurst Farm Ashleyhay Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
4	20/01288/FUL	Erection of agricultural building to house and feed livestock and for storage of fodder and implements at Land At St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
5	T/20/00237/TPO	Works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 169 - Removal of 1no. Copper Beech tree at Copper Beech 52A Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FR
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
6	T/20/00238/TCA	Pollard 3no. Ash trees at approx 20m from ground level, where to lower branches grow away from the main trunk at Peakstones The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

ET20/65 Planning Decisions and Appeals:

RESOLVED to receive the recent planning decisions and appeals.
(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)
None to note.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman