

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 1 March 2021

- ET20/66 Present**
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr J Stockell, and Cllr P Taylor
In attendance:
2 residents and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
- ET20/67 Apologies for Absence:**
Cllr A Clamp, Cllr C Foster Phillips
- ET20/68 Variation in Order of Business:**
None
- ET20/69 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**
Cllr Stockell – Personal Interest in item 8 – Fanny Shaw Skate Park as he is Trustee in NOW.

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

- ET20/70 Open Forum:**
2 residents provided more detail regarding their proposal to introduce Rainbow Day to Wirksworth in 2022.

Open Forum Closed 6:40pm

- ET20/71 Minutes:**
The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 1 February 2021 were amended to remove the unnecessary “to” within the response to planning application 20/01130/FUL, the Chair struck out the word and initialled the amendment within the minutes which were then confirmed as a correct record.

- ET20/72 Wirksworth Rainbow Day**
Proposal from a community group to start a new event each February commencing 2022 to celebrate diversity.

RECOMM: That the Town Council support the principle of the event and will fly rainbow flags at the Town Hall (in the same manner that flags are flown for Festival, Armistice day etc.)

- ET20/73 Action Against Racism**
Proposal from a resident to join/follow the High Peak Borough Council's initiative “Stand up to Racism” (Wirksworth sits within Derbyshire Dales District Council region)

RECOMM: That the council welcomes this wider initiative, but given the short timescales and current Covid restrictions the Mayor should issue a press statement encouraging people to support the campaign and attend the online events (Cllr Taylor to provide details). The council to

consider more active participation in 2022 including flying flags (if these are available).

ET20/74 Fanny Shaw Skate Park

New Opportunities Wirksworth have asked if the Town Council would apply for planning permission for the new skate park to demonstrate the council's commitment and support for the initiative – no additional financial support is sought at this time.

RECOMM: That the Council demonstrate its support for the project by submitting (ino WTC) the application (prepared by the group).

ET20/75 Snow Warden Scheme – Wash Green / School

An informal request has been received from the school about the Town Council's possible participation in the Snow Warden scheme.

RECOMM: That the Town Clerk contact Wirksworth Community Response Group and BIG to ensure they are aware of the snow warden and to enable them to assess whether it is appropriate to use their local groups of volunteers to participate in the snow warden scheme and clear snow within their respective areas.

ET20/76 Meadows

To agree an interim management plan for the space. The plan to be applied pending the broader public consultation on future use of the space which has been paused due to Covid.

RECOMM: That the Town Clerk prepare a proposed timetable of the stages and potential dates to restart the consultation. In the interim the paths across the meadows are to be kept clear, including cutting a wide band adjacent to the path to allow people to safely pass (in line with Covid recommendations).

ET20/77 20's Plenty Campaign

A Derbyshire group is seeking the Council's support for a policy of "20's Plenty for Derbyshire".

RECOMM: That the council support the campaign.

ET20/78 Oak Sapling Planting Enquiry

Enquiry from a resident of Duffield regarding possibility of planting saplings on council land.

RECOMM: That the provenance of the saplings be established to ensure they are native. That the council take up the kind offer from Cllr Barker to take some saplings (up to 100), which will be planted on Cllr Barker's land as a tree nursery with the future intention that the saplings be used by local groups. Cllr Stockell, Cllr Pollock and Cllr Taylor to help with any groundwork /planting.

ET20/79 Review of Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Policy

Derbyshire Dales Licensing are seeking comments on revision to their policy.

derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-a-strategies/alcohol-entertainment-licensing-policy

RECOMM: That the matter be noted.

ET20/80 Planning Applications Received:

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

1	T/21/00001/TPO	Works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 135/T1 - Crown Lift 1no. Sycamore tree (T1) to 6m, Crown Reduce by 2m and Crown Thin by 15% 37A St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
2	T/21/00002/TCA	Crown lift 1n. Ash tree approx 5m from ground level, reduce branches extending towards 22 Spring Close by approx. 1-1.5m and remove deadwood throughout crown 21 Spring Close Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4JA
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	21/00031/CLPUD	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development - Demolish existing conservatory and erection of side extension and porch The Russets Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BL
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	21/00032/FUL	Proposed rear dormer, rooflights in front roof slope and rendering of front and side elevations Swallows Corner 6 Chapel Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FF
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/21/00010/TCA	Remove 1no. Beech tree and 1no. Copper Beech tree 4 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
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	20/00915/LBALT	Proposed new signage scheme Wardmans (Matlock) Limited Haarlem Mill Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BG
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
7	21/00114/LBALT	Installation of hardwood door closure frame to front doors 1-4 Gells Flats Church Walk Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DP
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

ET20/81 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