

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 4 April 2022

The Council has resolved to allow participants to join meetings via Zoom, but only those councillors present in person may vote or have their attendance counted as qualifying under the statutory rules (e.g. in determining the quoracy of the meeting).

ET21/124 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr J Stockell.

In attendance:
1 member of public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
Attending via Zoom: Cllr M Casselden

ET21/125 Apologies for Absence: None

ET21/126 Variation in Order of Business: To take item 9 Memorial Benches and Memorial Artwork immediately after open forum

ET21/127 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

Cllr Pollock (Pecuniary) – Planning Application T/22/00021/TC Reduction from approx 8m to 4m in height of 1no. Holly Tree
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Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET21/128 Open Forum

A resident provided background to their request for a bench in memory of their daughter and also the wider proposal to consider public art.

Open Forum closed 6:50pm

ET21/129 Memorial Benches and Memorial Artwork

A resident has requested the council considers the provision of Memorial Benches as part of the Meadows design as well as a wider discussion on commissioning public art to remember young people.

Cllr Casselden dep 6:55pm (technical difficulties)

REC that Meadows Working Party be requested to look at incorporating benches into the design brief which might address this request (although not to be identified as Memorial Benches). That the council write to Civic Society, Festival, Stoney Wood Group and Stone Centre to determine their interest in participating in an initial discussion regarding the development of an Art/Sculpture Trail.

ET21/130 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 7 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET21/131 Electric Car Charging Points

Proposal that the Town Council support the installation of one or more charging points in Bolehill and Steeple Grange, and look to district and county for supporting finance

REC that the Town Council write to DDDC and DCC seeking the installation of an EV charging point in Steeple Grange/Bolehill (BIG are currently identifying a suitable site).

ET21/132 Trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire

The Police and Crime Commissioner (Angelique Foster) has announced grant funding to support the installation of new devices by Town and Parish Councils.

REC that the Town Council write to PCC thanking them for the scheme but stating that as a Town Council we do not have the resources to fund the installation of Highway equipment (which is a matter for the County to fund and maintain).

ET21/133 Raven Sculpture

The Town Council agreed to support the installation, this has now been completed. The original request, council resolution, agreement, licence application and testing were undertaken on the assumption of a single raven, but two ravens have been installed.

REC that the Clerk draw up revised documentation which covers the “Raven Installation”, removing any reference as a singular article.

That the Clerk draw up a draft process for future installations to build on the lessons learnt from this.

ET21/134 Town Plan

Full council (min.C21/105) referred back for further discussion recommendation

ET21/115

REC that the Town Council establish a working party to determine the structure of the plan and then research and collect information to aid the preparation of the plan.

To consider the proposal (made during Full Council open forum on 21/2/22) to establish a Town Plan (not Neighbourhood Plan) to “plan for what people want Wirksworth to be in 10/15 years, to protect the identity of the town and provide a strategic plan to achieve this”.

REC that the plan be renamed “Community Plan” to more clearly differentiate this work from the Neighbourhood Plan (which is a statutory document within the planning system).

ET21/135 Support Local

It is proposed that a more proactive acknowledgement be made of the Town Council's (currently informal) policy of purchasing locally where possible. A statement could be added to officer email signatures and to the website similar to..

"It is Wirksworth Town Council's policy to use local suppliers and contractors wherever possible to support those who live and work in the area. This helps boost the local economy and reduces the miles travelled and therefore, our carbon footprint."

REC that the proposal be adopted.

ET21/136 Planning Applications received

1	T/22/00025/TCA	Remove diseased bough of 1no. ash tree that overhangs pavement, road and power line and pollard to approx 8 feet from ground of 3no. ash tree (previously trimmed by Western Power) Peakstones, The Lanes, Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
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		
2	T/22/00021/TCA	Reduction from approx 8m to 4m in height of 1no. Holly Tree 15 Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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		
3	T/22/00015/TCA	Removal to ground level and possible removal of stump to 1no. Juniper T1 and 1no. Conifer T2 31 Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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		
4	22/00173/FUL	Replace existing rooflights each measuring 28inch x 33inch with similar size conservation roof windows 29 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
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		
5	22/00189/FUL	Alterations to dwelling and replacement garden store 3 Little Bolehill Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GR
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		
6	22/00180/FUL	Change of use of land to a commercial wood yard (Class E) and the erection of welfare and storage buildings with associated landscaping Land Adjacent Ashleigh House, Ravenstor Road 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		
7	22/00183/FUL	First floor side extension 25 Yokecliffe Avenue Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4DJ
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.		
8	22/00259/PDE	Application for Larger Home Extension - Single storey rear extension projecting 4.5m from rear wall with a maximum height of 2.3m to replace conservatory 7 Mountford Avenue Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AT
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.		
9	22/00247/FUL	Erection of a single storey lean-to, two storey bay windows and installation of french windows at 24 New Road Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GL
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.		
10	22/00246/FUL	Erection of porch 13 Beech Court Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4FX
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.		
11	22/00245/CLPUD	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development - Reconfiguration of window and external door arrangements and the installation 3 no. roof lights Kettlebrook House Wash Green Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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.		

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

ET21/137 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

21/01027/FUL - 21/00042/HOUSE - APP/3285914	Erection of Garage at 34 Steeple Grange, Wirksworth
Appeal Dismissed	

REC that the matter be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman