

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Notes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Working Party held 4 October 2021

*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)*

ET21/56      **Present**  
**Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker and Cllr A Pollock**

**In attendance:**  
**April Fussell (Officer) & Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

ET21/57      **Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Stockell and Cllr P Taylor**

ET21/58      **Variation in Order of Business:**  
None

ET21/59      **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**  
None declared

ET21/60      **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)**

Derbyshire Dales district Council (DDDC) have launched a consultation regarding PSPOs currently in place across the District (last reviewed 2018). The council has now acquired the Meadows but is still consulting regarding its potential future use so is not able to determine whether a PSPO would be appropriate on the site.

**REC that the existing PSPO remain in place and unchanged.**

ET21/61      **Church Walk**

Civic Society have approached the Town Council to investigate the possibility of DDDC applying/ implementing a policy to enforce the removal of bins from the highway.

**REC that the council write to DDDC to ask if there are any actions that it can implement to alleviate the situation.**

ET21/62      **Climate Change Working Party officers report**

During the late spring & summer, as Covid restrictions eased, officers sought professional advice regarding the Town Hall with steps which might be taken to improve current carbon footprint.

**REC that the E&TWP support the upgrade of lighting in the Main Hall and Kitchen to more energy efficient fittings but seek confirmation from FB&P Working Party that there is sufficient budget to progress this.**

**That the Clerk approach DDDC Conservation Officer for guidance on the potential for installing secondary/double glazing.**

**That the Clerk seek quotes for a measured building survey (which would be required in order to determine how best to proceed with implementing measures to increasing energy efficient in the building)**

ET21/63      **Grit Bin Request**

A resident has contacted the council seeking the provision of a grit bin on Brooklands Av. The County Council who is responsible for the highway no longer provide additional grits bins and instead direct all enquiries to parish and town councils. Historically, the Town Council has stepped in to provide grit bins to “top-up” the coverage typically in areas with roads with steep inclines etc.. but is not in a position to provide grit bins throughout the town and must reserve the provision of any further grit bins for those areas with the greatest need.

**REC that the Council decline the request and that the clerk write to advise the resident of the decision.**

ET21/64      **Meadows Archeaology**

The Archeaology Society have requested permission to undertake further studies of the space through to 2022.

**REC that the Council provide agreement in principle on the condition that it is made clear that any archaeological works must not impede or delay any works to be implemented following the consultation on Meadows future use. The clerk should also clarify that the Council as land owner retains title to any finds, although it would generally expect that these should be lodged with the Wirksworth Heritage Centre or similar interpretive institution.**

ET21/65      **Budget 2021/22**

To consider any potential / additional expenditure required in the following financial year.

**REC that the Council consider including funding for the Meadows (design and 1<sup>st</sup> stage works) & support for the Neighbourhood Plan. Clarification should also be sought on potential costs/liabilities from the pending acquisition of the community space on Church Walk.**

ET21/66      **Planning Applications received**

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

1	T/21/00136/TCA	Works to 14no. Ash trees (including group of 4) and 1no. Rowan tree as identified in supporting Tree Risk Assessment: South View, Cromford Road Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4FJ
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	21/00927/FUL	New front door: 43 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		
3	21/01027/FUL	Erection of garage at 34 Steeple Grange Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FS
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	21/01061/FUL	Erection of rear extension at Westbury Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AQ
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/21/00140/TCA	Crown Reduce 9no. Fruit trees (T1 to T9 - 1 Damson, 1 Pear, 6 Apples and 1 Green Gage) by a maximum of 20%, weight reduction to Apple tree (T6) and removal of deadwood at Orchard House Warmbrook Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EA
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	21/01111/FUL	Two storey rear extension at Jasmine Cottage 3 Stoney Hill Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GH
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	21/01081/FUL	Change of use from former bank to art gallery (Use Class F.1) Ground Floor 23A Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

**ET21/67 Planning Decisions & Appeals**

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

None to report	
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*The meeting closed at 7.20pm*

Chairman