

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Notes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Working Party held 6 September 2021

*Following the government's decision to revoke the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the council has decided it is not safe to meet face to face. As it is not able to meet using virtual platforms (e.g. Zoom) it is also unable to discharge its obligation under Open and Accountable Government to ensure transparency by providing public participation. The council has therefore agreed to continue meeting but in the form of a working party.*

*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 delegated all decisions to Chair of Council, Deputy Chair and Chairs of Environment & Town and Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committees (4 Councillors) and the Clerk - Resolution C20/180 26/4/2021*

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

ET21/40      **Present**  
**Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr J Stockell and Cllr P Taylor**  
**In attendance:**  
**Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

ET21/41      **Apologies for Absence:**  
**Cllr A Pollock, Cllr G Gratton**

ET21/42      **Variation in Order of Business:**  
None

ET21/43      **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**  
None declared

ET21/44      **Meadows Trees**  
An Ash tree has suffered limb failure, the branches and debris have now been cleared and an arboriculturist has recommended removal of the damaged tree (The Clerk has authorised the works using delegated powers). Whilst on site two other area were checked in response to residents concerns (The large Beech in the vicinity of behind Cockpits and two Ash trees near to the entrance off Yokecliffe Drive – all were found to be heathy).  
As part of the visual check of the area a Silver Birch was identified as dead/dying and to minimise costs this was removed as the same time as the Ash.

**REC that the council ratify the decision and action of clerk in this matter.**

- ET21/45      **Memorial Hall Trees**  
Maintenance works were undertaken approximately 2 years ago, and both the plane tree to the front and the trees at the rear of the garden appear to need further works to reduce canopy size.
- REC that the clerk seek advice and quote for works from tree surgeon.**
- ET21/46      **Remembrance 2021**  
The Wirksworth branch of the RBL has ordered bunting for 2021 and has asked if the TC would erect some of the bunting on their buildings. This would then allow the large plastic poppies to be loaned to the legion (who would then place on lampposts within the centre of town).
- REC that the council support the RBL, and also offer to support with any application to County in regard to any permissions required to mount poppies on lampposts.**
- ET21/47      **Plane Tree Planting (attached)**  
Wilder Wirksworth have now undertaken a number of planting sessions around the Plane Tree at the Memorial Hall and have shared their planting plan for the remainder of the year.
- REC that the council thank the group for their work, and that the clerk investigate what is happening with the community caterpillar.**
- ET21/48      **Re-Wilding**  
DDDC are approaching all parishes asking them to identify potential sites for planting of wildflowers.
- REC that the council flag up the area around “community square” on Church Walk and the large verge at the entrance to Water Lane as possible future sites. Re-wilding Wirksworth group to be advised of the two sites, but it will be emphasised that these should not be progressed unless there is sufficient resources to successfully manage them. To help the public understand the process of rewilding, DDDC are to be requested to provide interpretation signage on rewilding sites.**
- ET21/49      **Memorial Bench**  
We have received a request to install a bench in a new location in the Breamfields area.
- REC that the clerk progress the enquiry to identify the exact location and ownership, and report back to the council.**
- ET21/50      **Boundary Commission**  
A consultation on new draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Derbyshire Dales.

[https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/DerbyshireDales\\_ND\\_SO\\_0.pdf](https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/DerbyshireDales_ND_SO_0.pdf)

**REC that the council register its objection to the proposed split of ward boundaries (Wirksworth/ Middleton). The clerk to contact Middleton Parish Council to ensure that our approach supports their own. The matter be referred to full council for resolution and action.**

**ET21/51 Footpaths**

The Ramblers Association have asked if the Town Council could assist with works to Wirksworth FP 115 where they have identified an “obstruction by a continuous wall off The Green”

**REC that the council support the principle of ensuring PRow remain unobstructed.**

**ET21/52 Meeting Structure**

To consider whether to reinstate committee structure which will require a return to in-person meetings.

**REC that the working party meeting structure be retained at present as it allows all councillors (and public) to participate in discussions without requiring attendance at face-to-face meetings. Full council meetings resume on 20<sup>th</sup> September, although some councillors are not comfortable with attending face to face meetings at present. The clerk to investigate what technology/systems are required to allow hybrid meetings.**

**ET21/53 Planning Application Referred**

21/00847/OUT	Outline planning consent for the erection of 1no. dwellinghouse with approval being sought for access at 51 Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
<p>No Objection</p> <p>The Town Council would make the following comments:</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan is part of the statutory development plan (a point missed by the applicant).</p> <p>Policy NP5 requires a "restriction" to ensure occupation of new dwellings only as principal residence homes. That's to "stabilise the current balance of principal and intermittently occupied homes [holiday lets &amp; second homes]"; we would therefore request that DDC Planning Authority impose a condition to that effect.</p> <p>Given both the Town and District Council’s commitment in regard to climate change the applicant should be informed that NP7 requires all new dwellings to meet the energy standard of the Code for Sustainable Homes Level.</p>	

**ET21/54 Planning Applications received**

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

1	T/21/00029/TCA	Remove 2no. Leylandiis (T1 and T2) 1 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
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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/21/00099/TCA	Fell 1no. Norway Spruce tree (T1) and Crown Reduce canopy of 1no. Goat Willow tree (T2) by approx. 2-3m 4 Gate House Gatehouse Drive Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DL
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	21/00234/LBALT	Internal alterations Hope And Anchor Public House 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		
4	21/00719/REM	Approval of reserved matters for the erection of 12no. dwellinghouses (outline planning consent 19/00455/OUT) at Land Off Millers Green 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/21/00097/TCA	Fell 1no. Eucalyptus tree 6 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	21/00782/FUL	Replacement window fittings 16 The Dale Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EJ
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	21/00804/FUL	Two Storey rear extension Boggarts Inn Cottage Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
8	T/21/00109/TCA	Crown Reduce 1no. Maple tree (T1) by 50% and 1no. Rowan tree (T2) by 30% at Church View 2 The Croft Greenhill Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EN
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
9	21/00839/FUL	Replacement windows and doors 1 Foggs Entry Wirksworth DE4 4DU
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
10	21/00842/ADV	Installation of replacement signs The Quarryman 1 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		
11	21/00844/LBALT	Installation of replacement signs The Quarryman 1 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		

12	21/00874/FUL	New pergola and open store Lilac Cottage St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
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.		
13	21/00869/FUL	Installation of two velux roof lights 4 The Croft Greenhill Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EN
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.		
14	21/00889/FUL	Car hardstanding and vehicle dropped kerb at 15 Bournebrook Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BA
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.		
15	21/00897/PDA	Change of use of agricultural building to 1no. smaller dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and associated building operations Land Off St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4PP
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.		
16	21/00577/FUL	Erection of a single storey side extension 19 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.		
17	21/00847/OUT	Outline planning consent for the erection of 1no. dwelling house with approval being sought for access at 51 Wash Green Wirksworth DE4 4FD
Referred for discussion on 6/9/21 by Environment and Town Working Party		
18	21/00846/FUL	Retention of entrance gate Hardhurst Barn Breamfield Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
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.		
19	21/00794/FUL	Replacement doors at 85 Greenhill Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EN
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.		
20	21/00311/FUL	Solar panels, housing for smart meter and erection of shed 37A St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
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.		
21	T/21/00123/TCA	Prune 1no. Beech tree back from Conifers to give 1m clearance and Crown Lift 4no. Beech trees over road and house to approx. 5m above ground level Oaker House 41 The Lanes Bolehill 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.		
22	21/00982/FUL	Single storey side and rear extension 14 Willow bath Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AY
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.		
23	21/00980/FUL	New front entrance porch, altered windows, rear/ side extension and new dormer roof to rear at Lea Moor Derby Road Wirksworth DE4 4AR
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.		
25	21/00897/PDA	Change of use of agricultural building to 1no. smaller dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated building operations   Land Off St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4PP
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.		

26	T/21/00130/TCA	Fell two groups of self-set Ash trees 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.		
27	21/00978/CLPUD	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development - proposed garage conversion and associated alterations at 31 Yokecliffe Crescent Wirksworth 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.		

**ET21/55 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 7.25pm*

Chairman