

# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 15 March 2021 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom platform, meeting ID: 386 170 0358 Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details.

# **AGENDA**

# 1. Apologies for Absence

## 2. Members' Interests in Agenda Items

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

## 3. Variation of Order of Business

Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item.

## 4. Open Forum

Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes ; 3 minutes per person

- Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)
- Police Matters (A police representative may be in attendance to offer information or respond to questions from Councillors on Police matters)
- Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted
- District & County Councillor Reports
- 5. To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 15 February 2021 (attached)
- 6. Town Mayor's Announcements
- 7. Accounts Paid February 2020 in the sum £26,934.78

## 8. To receive the recommendations contained in Minutes of Committees:-

- Environment & Town dated 1 March 2021 (attached)
  - Finance, Buildings & Personnel dated 8 March 2021 (attached)

## 9. Community Safety

To determine how to interface with the DDDC Community Safety Officer

## 10. Railway Liaison

Cllr Pollock and Cllr Gratton have met with representatives from the Railway to raise resident/ councillor concerns regarding the impact of the railway operation on residents. A further liaison meeting is proposed on the Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, with the suggestion that meetings be held on a six monthly basis to allow continued liaison between Town Council and Railway.

In addition, a resident has contacted all councillors and asked that the Council liaise with the Railway in order reduce the impact (noise/diesel fumes) of the railway operations on residents' amenity.

## 11. Proposed change to Boundary – Wirksworth Ward

Further amendments have been proposed to the local government boundary commissioning (draft)

proposals in regard to boundaries which will impact the representation and coverage of Wirksworth ward

#### 12. Meadows Consultation (attached)

To discuss the (draft) summary of the first stage of consultation undertaken in 2020 and to consider which consultation stage should now be adopted to resume progress in 2021 on the consultation process agreed in December 2019.

#### 13. "Thank You NHS" Bench (Cllr Barker)

A resident has proposed the idea of a bench that would commemorate the work done by the NHS through the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### 14. Resumption of Face to Face Meetings

To consider possible contingency options available to minimise or counteract the implications of the Government revoking 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.

#### 15. Re-opening Council Buildings (attached)

Outline of the stages and measures to be taken over the coming months.

#### 16. Market Stalls

From 1<sup>st</sup> April it is proposed that the market stalls will be dismantled and erected for the Tuesday Market on a weekly basis. Since March 2020, events using the space have had the benefit of the using the stalls in-situ, without paying for any costs to move the stalls.

#### 17. Emergency Budget

For the financial year 2020/21 the council has operated with an emergency budget. To control expenditure, all financial decisions have been referred to full council for discussion. The revised budget for 2021/22 reflects the reduced income, with a reduction in expenditure to balance the budget. The process could now be normalised back to pre-Covid basis outlined in Financial Regulations with committees delegated to discuss and recommend expenditure (subject to set limits in FinRegs).

#### 18. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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