

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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14 December 2021

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 20 December 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wirksworth.

Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details including Covid precautions.

AGENDA

1. Mask Wearing

The new Covid variant (Omnicron) if far more transmissible, councillors to therefore consider a motion and vote on whether to:

- I. wear masks throughout the meeting, or
- II. wear masks during the meeting but remove when speaking, or
- III. wear or remove masks at an individual councillor's discretion

2. Apologies for Absence

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. 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.

5. Open Forum: (3 minutes per speaker, total available 15 minutes)

- 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

6. To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 15 November 2021 (attached)

7. Town Mayor's Announcements

8. To receive the recommendations contained in Notes from Working Parties:-

- Environment & Town dated 6 December 2021 (attached)
- Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 13 December 2021 (attached)

9. Accounts Paid

• November 2021 in the sums £ 14,760.73

10. Concessionary Lets in 2022/23

To consider approval of a concessionary let to the Festival of (upto) 10 days at a value of £4500 and Carnival of (upto) 3 days at a value of £1500

11. Process for meetings in 2022 (attached)

The council resolved to review it use of working parties in place of committees (the change was undertaken in order to enable all councillors to participate in discussion regarding council issues.)

Updated guidance also appears to allow for councillors to participate in discussion during a hybrid meeting, but only councillors <u>present in person</u> may vote.

Cllr Casselden and Cllr Foster-Phillips apologies were accepted on 20 September 2021, and therefore will need to attend a meeting on or before 19th March 2022 (or their apologies must be accepted by council at the full council meeting on 21 February 2022, as full council on 2st March is after the statutory 6 month period)

12. Process for Co-option (previously circulated)

In the event that there are 3 or more candidates, there is a possibility that during the ballot process a majority vote is not achieved and that remaining candidates are tied. To proceed further, the council must either vote a candidate out of the selection process or vote to retain a candidate in the selection process before resuming process to establish a majority vote for a single candidate.

13. Transfer of Church Walk (attached)

To review the proposed transfer agreement proposed by DDDC to allow the asset transfer of the space on Church walk from DDDC to WTC. At present, if a Bin Store was to be installed and if this required planning permission it might be deemed to trigger the overage clause.

14. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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