

# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

#### **TOWN HALL, WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE DE4 4EU**

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 21 February 2022 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 (Option 3 was resolved at meeting on 20th December 2021 & 24th January 2022)

# 2. Apologies for Absence

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

#### 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 24 January 2022 (attached)

# 7. Town Mayor's Announcements

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

- Environment and Town dated 7 February 2022 (attached)
- Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 14 February 2022 (attached)

#### 9. Accounts Paid

January 2022 in the sum £ 18,551.94

# 10. Meeting Arrangements

To consider whether to resume face to face Committee meetings or to continue with Working Parties. Under current legislation, Working Parties may operate using Zoom, but Committee meetings must be held in person and open to the public (only physical attendance at a meeting confers voting rights). Participation in working parties does not count for the (statutory) purposes of determining a councillors attendance record ("six month rule").

# 11. Working Party and Committee Membership

To confirm changes in current arrangements following co-option.

# 12. Transfer of Church Walk (attached)

To review the basis and decision for the proposed transfer and determine whether the acquisition should proceed. If it is to progress the Town Council must agree to the terms of transfer (TR1) set by the current owners (Derbyshire Dales District Council).

# 13. Memorial Hall Investigation (attached)

Cllr Clamp and Jordan were delegated to investigate possible to steps to support the current use of the Memorial Hall as well as address the deteriorating fabric of the building.

# 14. Annual Town Meeting

This meeting of the town (not the council) is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> April, it provides the opportunity to engage with the community.

# 15. Rural Market Town Group Representatives

RMTG are establishing two virtual panels, one with a focus on Young People in Rural Areas and one with a focus on Older People in Rural Areas. They are seeking member councils to nominate a representative(s) to participate in the panels.

# 16. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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