

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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15 September 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 21 September 2020 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 6 July and 20 July 2020 & (attached)
- 6. Town Mayor's Announcements
- 7. Accounts Paid July 2020 and August 2020 in the sums £11188.02, £17147.45
- 8. To receive the recommendations contained in Minutes of Committees:-
 - Environment & Town dated 7 September 2020 (attached)
 - Finance, Buildings & Personnel dated 14 September 2020 (attached)

9. Wirksworth for All Community Group (WfACG)

A new group has formed in the town and has contacted the Town Clerk to explore how they can work with the Town Council.

10. Accessibility Statement

Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 which came in force on 23 September 2018 and require that the Town Council's website is compliant by 23rd September 2020. The council's website has been updated to comply with the legislation, in addition it is a requirement that an accessibility statement be published to summarise the website's compliance with the legislation.

http://www.wirksworth.gov.uk/accessibility-statement.html

11. Covid -19 Discretionary Grant Application

During recess in August, the Town Clerk made a submission to the scheme administered by Derbyshire Dales District Council on behalf of the Town Council (prior to closure of the fund). The revenue for the Town Council is anticipated to be reduced by 60% for this financial year.

12. Emergency Budget

To consider amendments required to the budget to ensure continuity of services through to March 2021.

13. Councillor Email

The existing solution is not reliable, with many councillors unable to access their .gov.uk emails. The current working practices place an increased reliance on digital working and therefore an alternative solution has been sought. The email account provision can be moved to the same solution used for TC office email (which will also provide IT support) at a cost of £72 per councillor (Total £792).

14. Climate Emergency Working Group (Attached)

Report from the group including two specific recommendations:

- To seek to reconvene the Community Climate Change Group with WTC Cllr representation and to offer concessionary meeting space (once this is permitted)
- To seek to acquire Griggs Gardens as a WTC asset with the view to tree planting

15. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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