

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.30 PM (via Zoom)

**C20/81 Present:**  
Cllr G Gratton (Chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall

**In attendance:**

D Cllr M Ratcliffe, D Cllr P Slack, C Cllr I Ratcliffe, 5 residents, Ian Blurton (Head of Branch Network) and Andy Armitage both from Leek United Building Society, S Gratton (WTC officer), A Fussell (WTC officer) and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**C20/82 Apologies:**  
Cllr M Casselden, Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr A Pollock and Cllr J Stockell

**C20/83 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**  
None declared

**C20/84 Variation in Order of Business:**  
To take item 9 Closure of Leek United Society Agency immediately after Open Forum

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**C20/85 Open Forum:**

Representatives of the Leek United Building Society provided background to the decision to close the agency in Wirksworth.

A number of residents expressed their disappointment.

District Councillor reports: Cllr P Slack had provided a written report and supplemented this with a verbal update and Cllr M Ratcliffe also provided a verbal report.

County Councillor reports: Cllr I Ratcliffe provided a verbal report.

*Open Forum closed 7:05pm*

**C20/86 Confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 19 October 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 19 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

**C20/87 Town Mayor's Announcements**  
None

**C20/88      Accounts Paid - October 2020**

RESOLVED that payment of the attached account in the sum of £16917.40 be approved.

**C20/89      Minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee:**

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee dated 2 November 2020 be approved.

**C20/90      Minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee:**

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 9 November 2020 be approved.

**C20/91      Closure of Leek United Building Society Agency (attached)**

The agency in Wirksworth is to close, the nearest alternative branch is in Ashbourne.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Leek United Building Society to express the council's disappointment in the decision and to outline impact of the decision on residents of the town.

**C20/92      Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Survey**

The Committee on Standards in Public Life has recently launched a consultation as part of its review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standards-matter-2-public-consultation-and-public-sector-survey>

RESOLVED to note the consultation.

**C20/93      Black's Head Pub**

Following the resolution of the council in July 2020 to engage in discussion of those elements of the name, signage, and imagery of the Black's Head public house, which have been a source of complaint to the Council, it is now proposed that the Council resolves to engage with the Greene King brewery to find out what plans it currently has.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Greene King brewery on behalf of the council to determine what steps the brewery are taking in regard to the matter.

**C20/94      Footpaths (Cllr Whittall)**

Following on from a recent article in the press, an update is sought on the council's approach to this issue and ability to meet the 2026 deadline.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2020/nov/02/more-than-49000-miles-paths-lost-maps-england-wales>

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the next meeting of Environment and Town Committee with objective of reviewing progress on investigating and registering paths and to establish a timetable to ensure the deadline is met. That Cllrs Taylor and Pollock be delegated to liaise with the Footpath Warden for Derbyshire Dales Ramblers Association to seek additional assistance, feedback and guidance on the issue of paths within the parish boundary.

**C20/95      Budget for 2021/22**

RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a final draft for discussion and agreement in December to support the setting of the precept.

**C20/96      Revision to the lease rate for office 2 at the Memorial Hall**

To encourage take up of this vacant office, that the monthly rate be reduced from £260 to £250.

RESOLVED that the office rate be revised with immediate effect.

**C20/97      Memorial Hall Kitchen Facilities**

Two prospective hirers for the Memorial Hall kitchen have asked about the potential to upgrade the existing cooker. The existing appliance is reaching end of life and was already being considered for replacement prior to the onset of the pandemic, with the objective to increase efficiency and enhance the hireability of the facilities.

RESOLVED that the oven be replaced as part of a broader arrangement to encourage use of the facilities at the Memorial Hall (i.e additional tenancy). That the Clerk make informal enquiries to ensure that the kitchen infrastructure is sufficient to comply with any regulations that might be applicable to the proposed use by hirers - including flooring and fridge.

*The meeting closed at 8.35 pm*

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Chairman

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PAYMENTS LIST**

		<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>					
221	General Administration	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
224	Fannysshaw Community	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
225	General Administration	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Payroll	Sage	S	35.00	7.00	42.00
233	Telephone	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Telephony	Daisy Communications	S	123.93	24.79	148.72
234	General Administration	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	IT Support	Software Into Action	S	200.00	40.00	240.00
235	General Administration	01/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	IT Support	Software Into Action	S	123.50	24.70	148.20
228	Barmote Croft Toilets	01/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Rates	DDDC	Z	836.00	0.00	836.00
231	Fuel	05/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Gas -Town Hall	Corona Energy	L	151.39	7.57	158.96
232	Fuel	05/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Gas -Memorial Hall	Corona Energy	L	73.70	3.69	77.39
236	Wash Green Play Area	06/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Signage	Viking Safety Signs	S	63.00	12.60	75.60
237	Kingsfield Play Area	06/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Signage	Viking Safety Signs	S	62.82	12.56	75.38
238	General Administration	06/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	30.00	6.00	36.00
239	General Administration	06/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	IT Support	Software Into Action	S	55.00	11.00	66.00
256	Kingsfield Play Area	06/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Duplicate	Viking Safety Signs	S	125.82	25.16	150.98
227	Rates	10/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Rates	DDDC	Z	724.00	0.00	724.00
229	Rates	10/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Rates	DDDC	Z	4,928.00	0.00	4,928.00
226	Maintenance	12/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Electricity Careplan	British Gas	S	68.99	13.80	82.79
230	Fuel	13/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Electricity	British Gas	L	60.02	3.00	63.02
245	Salaries	13/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	3,198.07	0.00	3,198.07
246	Wages	13/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	2,091.10	0.00	2,091.10
247	Salaries	13/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Pension contributions	DCC	Z	928.33	0.00	928.33
248	Wages	13/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Pension contributions	DCC	Z	542.79	0.00	542.79
249	General Administration	13/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Expenses	Paul Jennings	Z	88.28	0.00	88.28
250	Maintenance	14/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Annual inspection	CCT Lighting	S	590.00	118.00	708.00
253	Maintenance	20/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Annual inspection	Lightening Strike	S	160.00	32.00	192.00
252	General Administration	20/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Advert	Christopher Cecil	Z	10.00	0.00	10.00
240	Fuel	23/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Electricity	British Gas	L	65.19	3.25	68.44
241	Fuel	23/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Electricity	British Gas	S	162.51	32.50	195.01
243	Salaries	23/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	632.00	0.00	632.00
244	Wages	23/10/2020	Unity Trust Current	Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	122.25	0.00	122.25
254	General Administration	23/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00	0.00	25.00
251	Fuel	26/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Electricity	British Gas	L	13.67	0.68	14.35
242	Managed Telecoms	26/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Internet	Emtel	S	42.90	8.58	51.48
223	Telephone	27/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Telephony rental	BNP Paribas	S	69.71	13.94	83.65
222	General Administration	28/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Internet	Zen	S	17.10	3.42	20.52
255	General Administration	28/10/2020	Lloyds Current	Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	6.50	0.00	6.50

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Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
							<b>Total</b>	<b>16,498.73</b>	<b>418.67</b>	<b>16,917.40</b>

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