

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24 January 2022 AT 6.30 PM

C21/69 **Present: Cllr E McDonagh (Chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr A Pollock and Cllr C Whittall.
Cllr Martin Bennett (from 6:50pm)**

In attendance: 4 candidates for co-option, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

C21/70 **Mask Wearing**

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

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

RESOLVED to wear or remove masks at an individual councillor's discretion.

(all present chose to wear masks throughout the meeting)

C21/71 **Apologies: Cllr Casselden, Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr J Stockell & Cllr P Taylor, C Cllr D Murphy, D Cllr P Slack**

C21/72 **Variation of Order of Business**

To defer the discussion of the transfer of Church Walk to a future meeting.

C21/73 **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

The Clerk advised that after consulting with the DDDC Monitoring Officer, he advised that Cllr Stockell has a pecuniary interest in the co-option as he is employed by one of the candidates and therefore should not participate in voting if present at the meeting.

C21/74 **Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy for Wirksworth Ward Seat**

Prospective Candidates to speak for 3 minutes on the question: "What can you bring to the Town Council if you were co-opted as a Councillor?"

The Town Clerk had confirmed their eligibility to stand as councillor prior to attendance at the meeting and all candidates had submitted a written statement.

Councillors then voted and by an absolute majority of those present and voting it was

RESOLVED that Martin Bennett be co-opted on to the council.

C21/75 **Minutes of the meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council 20 December 2021:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 20 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

C21/76 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

None

C21/77 **To receive the recommendations contained in Notes from Working Parties**

Finance, Buildings & Personnel dated 17 January 2022

RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Working Party dated 17 January 2022.

C21/78 **Accounts Paid**

December 2021 in the sum £14,567.06

RESOLVED that payment of the attached account in the sum of £14,567.06 be approved.

C21/79 **Bank Signatory, Working Party and Committee Membership**

To confirm changes in current arrangements following co-option.

RESOLVED that Cllr Bennett be added to the Bank Mandate, that membership of committees and working parties be reviewed in February after Cllr Bennett has had the opportunity to attend councillor induction training.

C21/80 **Transfer of Church Walk**

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.

A wide-ranging discussion of the past history of this matter, including the issue of unsightly bins. Also the Town Council's original resolution to take ownership of the land in order to provide the opportunity to consider installation of a bin store. (This followed original request from Civic Society to facilitate the potential for a bin store).

Cllrs Pollock and Jordan, delegated to liaise and represent the council on the Civic Society meetings advised that there was a site meeting on 28th January 2022 with representatives of DDDC to discuss the issue of bins of Church Walk and to consider an alternative proposal to a central bin store.

From April 2017 – Resolution FBP 147/16 ratified and supported by Resolution C195/16

Acquisition of Church Walk

RECOMM: That the Town Council now proceed with the land transfer. That the clerk investigate ownership of the boundary wall near to the Featherstar to further quantify the potential liabilities created by

adopting the space. (the outcome of the investigation will not change the recommendation to adopt). The adoption of the land is to assist the Civic Society with their bin project but does not imply unconditional support – (the committee is acutely conscious that there is an as yet unquantifiable ongoing financial burden created by a bin store or other solution which might potentially fall to the Town Council and would therefore need separate consultation and agreement.)

RESOLVED that given the Town Council had agreed to take ownership (at the instigation of the Civic Society) of the space to potentially facilitate a bin store, that the decision be deferred until February once the outcome of the Civic Society meeting is known (i.e. after the planned site meeting of the Civic Society representatives and other parties).
The Clerk to advise DDDC and solicitors of the delay.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

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Chairman

Wirksworth Town Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
349	01/12/2021		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
352	01/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
353	01/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	50.00	10.00	60.00
356	01/12/2021		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	338.00	67.60	405.60
357	02/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Daisy Communications	S	129.13	25.83	154.96
375	02/12/2021		Lloyds Current	Covid	PPE	RS Components	S	31.58	6.32	37.90
341	06/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Window cleaning	G and M Beech	Z	80.00		80.00
342	06/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Window cleaning	G and M Beech	Z	40.00		40.00
347	06/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Advert	Christopher Cecil	Z	12.00		12.00
370	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Bench	TDP	S	434.85	86.97	521.82
371	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Consumables	Lyreco	S	45.85	9.17	55.02
373	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Keys	Twigg	S	24.69	4.94	29.63
374	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Keys	Twigg	S	69.06	13.81	82.87
360	08/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	21.37		21.37
372	08/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Training	Jack Brown	Z	25.00		25.00
379	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Membership Fees	Rural Market Town	S	43.33	8.67	52.00
383	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		PPE	Complete	S	56.34	11.27	67.61
376	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Maintenance works	Peak Tree Force	Z	368.00		368.00
377	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Maintenance works	Peak Tree Force	Z	320.00		320.00
382	09/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Maintenance works	Steve Maskrey	Z	120.00		120.00
384	10/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Maintenance materials	Lester Lowes	S	7.34	1.47	8.81
355	10/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Rates	DDDC	Z	564.00		564.00
380	10/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Training	Jack Brown	Z	50.00		50.00
381	10/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Bus shelter cleaning	John B. Sloan	Z	40.00		40.00
378	14/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
358	15/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Gas -Memorial Hall	Corona Energy	L	134.31	6.72	141.03
359	15/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Gas -Town Hall	Corona Energy	S	305.89	61.18	367.07
363	17/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Stationary, sundries	Viking	S	32.46	6.49	38.95
350	20/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	Ertel	S	36.95	7.39	44.34
364	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,011.13		1,011.13
365	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	770.43		770.43
366	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	3,545.50		3,545.50
367	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	3,346.02		3,346.02
368	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	696.86		696.86
369	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	-197.97		-197.97
388	20/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Training	Jack Brown	Z	50.00		50.00

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387	21/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Advert	Community Fayre	Z	47.50		47.50
361	22/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	93.45	4.67	98.12
362	22/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	S	262.81	52.56	315.37
385	24/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
351	29/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	17.10	3.42	20.52
354	29/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity Careplan	British Gas	S	71.16	14.23	85.39
394	29/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Telephony rental	BNP Paribas	S	69.71	13.94	83.65
336	30/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Copying/Printing	Ricoh	S	296.88	59.38	356.26
389	30/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Maintenance works	Complete	S	67.90	13.58	81.48
390	30/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Training	Jack Brown	Z	50.00		50.00
395	30/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	23.84		23.84
396	30/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	23.84		23.84
393	31/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	21.48	1.07	22.55
392	31/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Daisy Communications	S	129.30	25.86	155.16
391	31/12/2021		Unity Trust Current		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	18.00		18.00
397	31/12/2021		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	23.84		23.84
Total								14,016.09	550.97	14,567.06