

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 4 July 2022

*The Council has resolved to allow participants to join meetings via Zoom, but only those councillors present in person may vote or have their attendance counted as qualifying under the statutory rules (e.g. in determining the quoracy of the meeting).*

- ET22/17 Present**  
Cllr S Barker (Chairman), Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr J Stockell.
- In attendance:**  
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
- ET22/18 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr P Carr, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr A Jordan
- ET22/19 Variation in Order of Business:** None
- ET22/20 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**  

None declared
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- ET22/21 Minutes:** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 6 June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.
- ET22/22 Lamp Post Poppies**  
Request from Wirksworth branch of RBL for support to purchase Lamp Post Poppies (suggestion of 50 x £3 each).
- REC that the council support RBL and make a purchase of 50 poppies (S137 funds).**
- ET22/23 Bolehill Bench (attached)**  
Bolehill Improvement Group have requested permission to install a bench on "Parkers Piece".
- REC that the council support this request to install a bench on the land which forms part of car park (owned by Town Council). The Clerk to liaise with BIG to establish the detail of the arrangements regarding installation and then the subsequent ownership and liability for the seat (past practice has been to either receive a donation towards the purchase and installation or to accept a donation of an installed bench).**
- ET22/24 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (attached)**  
DWT are now able to offer support (bespoke report) on the recovery of nature within a parish.

**REC that a meeting be arranged with DWT to understand more about the service/ potential costs and how this might fit with the activities of local groups such Stoney Wood Group and Wilder Wirksworth. Meeting to be open to all councillors, SWG and WW.**

**ET22/25 RoSPA Reports (attached)**

Annual inspection has been undertaken of recreation spaces, RoSPA have identified areas of action.

- Kingsfield Play Area
- Wash Green Play Area
- Stoney Wood
- Fanny Shaw Skate Park

**REC that the Clerk be delegated to undertake works identified in the reports, subject to a maximum expenditure of £2500.**

**ET22/26 Art and Sculpture Trail**

The Clerk has contacted 4 groups (Civic Society, Festival, Stoney Wood Group and Stone Centre) to determine whether they wish to participate in exploratory discussions and it is now necessary to identify the next steps required to take the matter forward.

**REC the invite be extended to representatives from Haarlem Mill. That the Clerk now arrange a meeting between representative of the local groups and councillors to progress the matter. Cllr Carr, Taylor and Casselden to attend the meeting, but attendance open to all councillors.**

*Cllr Pollock dep 7:40*

**ET22/27 Scheme of Delegation (sample of a Tier 3 Authority format attached)**

It is a recommendation of the Internal Audit that a clear set of roles/responsibilities be establish. This is commonly achieved via a scheme of delegation.

**REC that the committee agree on the principle of adopting a formal scheme and that matter should also be referred to FB&P and Full Council for further discussion.**

**ET22/28 Planning Applications received**

*Prior to July meeting*

1	T/22/00060/TCA	Crown Reduction and clean of 2no. T1 and T2 Beech trees to reduce height by 2m and to lift by 3m, Crown Reduction and clean of 1no. T3 Maple/Sycamore to reduce height by 2m and to lift by 3m   Snuffless Dip West End Wirksworth Matlock DE4 4EG
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
2	22/00182/FUL	Change of use of land to 8 no. pitch traveller site with associated new access   The Woodyard, Derby Road Homesford, Matlock Derbyshire
The town Council continues to strongly object to this development. We would raise the same concerns as those lodged in the previous application 14/00133/FUL for temporary use (e.g. visual impact, detrimental impact on the World Heritage corridor. Safety issues		

3	22/00328/FUL	Use of land as a campsite with 6no. glamping pods. 2 no. amenity blocks (one existing) and associated private drainage system   Land north of Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
4	22/00440/FUL	Replacement garage   34 Steeple Grange Wirksworth Matlock DE4 4FS
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
5	22/00478/FUL	Rear two storey and single storey extensions and single storey side extension 9 Adam Bede Crescent Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BE
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
6	T/22/00066/TCA	Fell 1no. T1 Ash tree due to Ash die back at Village Hall Main Street Middleton By Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4LQ
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		
7	22/00525/FUL	Part removal of existing outbuilding and erection of shed/storeroom 7 Warmbrook Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4EA
WTC - No comment, However Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change that seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.		

**REC to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.**

#### **ET22/29 Planning Decisions & Appeals**

(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

<b>None to report</b>
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**REC that the matter be noted.**

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm*

Chairman