

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 6 June 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).

ET22/1 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr J Stockell.

In attendance:
3 member of public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET22/2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Pollock

ET22/3 Variation in Order of Business: To take item 9 Memorial Benches and Memorial Artwork immediately after open forum

ET22/4 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET22/5 Open Forum

A resident provided photos and elaborated on the issues experienced on Barnes Croft to provide context to their request for support from the Town Council.
A resident provided further background to their request for a bench in memory of their daughter to be located in the gardens adjacent to the Memorial Hall.
A member of WCLT provided the opportunity for councillors to ask clarify questions regarding the group's proposals for higher standards of house building to be adopted by the planning authority.

Open Forum closed 6:45pm

ET22/6 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 4 April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET22/7 Barnes Croft

A resident has written requesting support with the issues that continue at this location.

REC that a letter is written to DDDC as the planning authority (copied to elected members) requesting that they consider serving notice on the developer to clear (tidy) the site as it current state is harmful to public and resident's amenity.

The AGS (Anthony Gell School) are contacted to determine if are also taking any actions in regard to existing or proposed works, including in response to potential risks created by any perceived restriction or obstruction to their emergency access

ET22/8 Memorial Bench adjacent to Memorial Hall

An application has been received to install a Memorial Bench. It is proposed that it is located on the space adjacent to the Memorial Hall. The previous Memorial Bench donated by Rotary has been removed as was no longer serviceable, but a new bench has not yet been installed. The applicant has queried whether they will be required to pay for the new bench or may simply dedicate a new bench (to be purchased and installed by the Town Council).

REC that the Town Council purchase and install a replacement seat that may be then rededicated. That the application to place a memorial dedication on the newly installed bench be accepted from Bobby Gilbert for his daughter Josephine.

ET22/9 Request to support WCLT

Request from Wirksworth Community Land Trust's for Town Council support in their call for DDDC to modify their local plan in order to insist on higher environmental standards for new dwellings.

REC that the Town Council accept in principle giving support to the points raised by WCLT. That the town council provide a letter of support when WCLT approach DDDC.

ET22/10 Swift Boxes on Town Hall

Wilder Wirksworth have requested the Town Council consider installing swift boxes within the Clock Tower.

REC that the Town Council support the principle of installing swift boxes in the Clock Tower. That the Town Council support any request for access to enable either preparatory work or installation of the boxes. That the Clerk seek clarification on potential costs associated with ensuring a successful installation of the boxes, but that it be noted that the council is not currently in a position to finance the purchase and installation of swift boxes.

ET22/11 Raven Artwork Installation

A revised agreement which covers the installation of Ravens (plural) has now been issued to the donor to reflect that the artwork consisted of 2 Ravens. The inspection costs from installation were £199.49+vat and the company have agreed to offer a discounted annual inspection fee of £59.85+vat for ten years (as we wish to retain them for 10 years and to mirror the agreement between TC and donor). The donor has now asked if they might pay the costs incurred by the Town Council for inspection of the artwork on an instalment basis (variation to the existing agreement).

REC that donor be allowed to pay on an instalment basis with the proviso that the full outstanding amount is settled by the end of this financial year, to ensure that the council are not seen to be using public funds to subsidise the artwork installation.

ET22/12 Memorial Bench at Breamfield

Cllr Barker and Cllr Bennett have now met with family representatives on site to identify a suitable site. As a completely new install on DCC controlled land, the installation is more complicated and requires a specialist contractor as well as permission from DCC. DCC have now introduced a licence application fee of £100 and a quote (of £720+vat) has been received from a DCC approved contractor for the installation. The supply of the Wirksworth style bench, installation kit from TDP and the sourcing of a memorial plaque would be additional costs to those listed above. The Memorial Bench Policy set a cost of £750, but included provision to request additional funds to cover the costs of installation in case they were higher).

REC that the Clerk contact the family to explain the higher costs associated with the site and ensure that they are still willing to proceed on the basis of the higher costs.

ET22/13 Public Space Protection Orders

DDDC have renewed the orders across the District, no change has been made to the Orders applied to Town Council land, but updated signage will be required.

REC that the Clerk arrange for purchase and installation of new signage to the WTC owned sites where PSPO have been made.

ET22/14 Cinder Lane Bench

The existing bench requires replacement (identified by Cllr Whittall and Cllr Bennett during recent site visit). The council already has an existing policy to replace benches at end of life with Wirksworth Style benches from TDP.

REC that the Clerk arrange for the purchase and installation of a replacement bench on the site.

ET22/15 Planning Applications received

Prior to May meeting

1	22/00129/FUL	Replacement conservatory roof at 1 Cromford Road Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4FH
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	21/01508/LBALT	External alterations in association with proposed change of use Rear Of 12 Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
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.		
3	22/00337/FUL	Two storey side extension at 11 Willowbath Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AY

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	T/22/00054/TCA	Fell 1 no. Sycamore (T1) and treat stump at Town Hall Coldwell Street 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.		
5	21/01503/FUL	Change of use from ground floor residential unit to a Class E (commercial, business or service) unit and associated alterations Rear Of 12 Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
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	22/00297/FUL	Erection of storage building for agricultural and domestic equipment Hardhurst Barn Breamfield Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AF
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	22/00345/CLPUD	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development - Single storey rear extension 28 Bolehill Road Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GQ
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.		
8	22/00362/FUL	Installation of a Sewage Treatment Plant Sleepy Hollow Farm Hopton Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4DF
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.		
9	22/00302/FUL	Single storey side extension 11 Wash Green Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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.		
10	22/00364/FUL	Erection of replacement modular office building with associated new vehicular access, car parking and access gate at Offices The National Stone Centre Porter Lane Middleton By Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4LS
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.		
11	T/22/00043/TCA	G1 - Group of small self set trees to be removed to prevent damage to wall 2 The Hall Middleton By Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4LX
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.		
12	22/00415/PDA	Change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. larger dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and associated building operations at The Stack Yard Millers Green Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BL
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.		
13	22/00266/FUL	Replacement of existing external timber doors and frames with aluminium 26 Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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.		
14	T/22/00043/TCA	G1 - Group of small self set trees to be removed to prevent damage to wall 2 The Hall Middleton By Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4LX
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.		

Prior to June 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
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		Maple/Sycamore to reduce height by 2m and to lift by 3m Snuffless Dip West End Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire 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 Derbyshire 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.

ET22/16 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

REC that the matter be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman