

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 5 September 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).*

**ET22/30 Present**  
**Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr P Carr, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr P Taylor.**

**In attendance:**  
**Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

**ET22/31 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Casselden, Cllr J Stockell**

**ET22/32 Variation in Order of Business: None**

**ET22/33 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared
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**ET22/34 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 4 July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.**

**ET22/35 Breamfields Bench**  
The donor's have withdrawn their request to install a bench.

**REC that the matter be noted and that thanks be made to Cllr Bennett and Barker for their time spent in meeting both the donor and contractor on site when investigating this matter.**

**ET22/36 Carbon Reduction in Town Council Estate**  
Summary report of actions taken over the past few months to continue to reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint.

**REC that the matter be noted. That the next steps be to investigate the potential costs and benefits of changing the pendant/fluorescent lights fittings in the remaining parts of the Town Hall. As a longer term project, that the replacement of the windows be investigated.**

**ET22/37 EV Charging (attached)**  
To discuss the future provision of EV Charging in Wirksworth and Bolehill.

**REC that the Cllr Bennett and Cllr Carr be delegated to identify potential sites that should be prioritised as EV Charging sites within Wirksworth (report back to E&T with recommendations).**

**ET22/38 Climate Emergency Declaration**

Over the past few months, a number of FOI's and enquiries have been received regarding the Town Council resolution to declare a climate emergency on 18/02/19.

**REC that the council consider the following resolution:  
"The Council has resolved to continue with the current policy in regard to the declaration of a climate emergency and will not entertain further correspondence on this subject until April 2023."**

**ET22/39 Barnes Croft**

DDDC Planning have responded to the Town Council's request in relation to the issues that continue at this site linked to development.

**REC that Cllr Casselden assist the clerk in preparing a response back to DDDC Planning (cc to District Cllrs).**

**ET22/40 Pop-up campsite at Racecourse Retreat near Ashleyhay**

A resident has contacted the Town Council regarding the use of this site and the proposed planning application (revised plans have been submitted).

**RES that a revised planning response be made in light of additional information, recommending that the application be refused.**

22/00328/FUL	Use of land for 6no. glamping pods. 2 no. amenity blocks (one existing) and associated private drainage system
Revised comment In light of additional information received, the Town Council would request that the application be refused.	

**ET22/41 Suggested improvement on Breamfield lane**

Request from a resident for increased signage to discourage littering on Breamfield Lane.

*Cllr Pollock dep 7:20pm*

**REC that the Clerk write back to the resident advising that the Town Council are sympathetic to the issue, but are unable to assist at this time. Also that the council would urge the resident to write to their local MP requesting greater financial support and promotion of the Countyside Code.**

*Cllr Pollock ret 7:25pm*

**ET22/42 Prioritisation of issues raised with Derbyshire County Council**

In response to the ongoing resourcing issues at DCC, a schedule of the issues currently escalated to DCC has been created to allow the Town Council to consider which tasks should be prioritised.

REC that a further issue be added (Cycle path network) and that the priorities be set as:

Ref	Description of matter	Priority
1	Proposed traffic amendment order to tackle parking issues on Coldwell St in 2016/2017 has yet to be progressed.	Low
2	Speed Limit (and signage) at southern end of town not amended to reflect the building of social housing developments on the outskirts of the town	High
3	"20 is plenty" Campaign, Wirksworth has signed up to this initiative, but has a long standing request for Highways to consider the introduction of reduced speed limits similar to those applied in Matlock.	High
4	It is requested that the speed limits at other entrances to the Town e.g. Wash Green be reviewed to provide a graduation and reduction of speed.	High
5	ASB, significant issues have been experienced at the top of The Dale and Greenhill particularly associated with mass trespass into Middlepeak Quarry. Traffic restrictions have been introduced (double yellow lines, but we are not aware of any traffic enforcement)	Medium
6	HGV Overnight Parking at Ravenstor Industrial Estate (reported 03 2021)	High
7	Fallen Finger Post at Blind Lane (issue outstanding since 04 2021)	Low
8	Breamfield Lane Footpath – An application has been made to add this path to the definitive map. Objections to the order were made and it must now be referred to Planning Inspectorate for determination (09 2021)	Low
9	Improvement to footpath network including additional footpaths to allow children to walk to school.	High
10	Education Provision. This was discussed at length in 2018/19 when the current arrangement of 2 infant schools (& 2 sites) and junior school where identified as having insufficient capacity should the Tarmac Middle Peak housing development (600+ homes) proceed. Consideration was given to the potential allocation if a site for education provision within this or the smaller proposed development off Cromford Rd (150+ homes).	High
11	Flooding from both surface water and sewers is an ongoing problem at Washgreen and in the roads around Hannage Brook as well as other locations such as Cinder Lane.	Medium
12	The development at Middle Peak presents significant opportunities but will also bring substantial changes to the Town infrastructure as well as changing the focus and distribution of people within the Town. The council are keen to embrace the opportunities that might flow from these two developments and wants to guard against becoming a "dormitory" Town where residents without any supporting services.	Medium
13	Footpath/ Bus Shelter issues at Southern end of Town. From Cinder Lane entrance and then down road side towards Haarlem Mill additional footpath is required to allow pedestrians safe access to the bus stop. The bus stop (B5023 close to Cinder Lane) barely provides any safe refuge from passing traffic and cannot be accessed without crossing the road	High
14	Neighbourhood Plan Review	Low
15	Cycle Routes and network in Wirksworth	High

**ET22/43 Wash Green Verge**

To consider whether a strip of grass should be left to grow on this verge.

**REC that Cllr Pollock be delegated to raise this proposal with Wilder Wirksworth.**

**ET22/44 Scheme of Delegation**

A draft document has been prepared to allow amendment / discussion of the proposed delegations prior to agreement by full Council.

**REC that the scheme be adopted and that it is proposed that under s3.3 the Clerk be delegated to spend up to £5000.**

**ET22/45 Gigaclear Network Rollout**

This provider is rolling out a highspeed broadband network infrastructure in Wirksworth and Middleton and wishes to engage with the parish/town councils.

**REC that Cllr Barker, Cllr Carr, Cllr Jordan and Cllr Pollock be delegated to meet with provider, however all councillor welcome to attend the meeting.**

**ET22/46 Planning Applications received***July*

1	22/00496/FUL	Proposed Extension to existing workshop building Steeple Grange Light Railway Steeple Grange Light Railway Engine House Old Porter Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GE
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	22/00573/FUL	Change of use of quarry rock face for proposed Via Ferrata (climbing) route and associated works   Mount Cook Adventure 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.		
3	22/00602/FUL	Erection of garden shed at front of property and decking area to side (Retrospective)   35 Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GP
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.		

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1	22/00634/REM	Approval of reserved matters for the erection of 12no. dwellinghouses (outline planning consent 19/00455/OUT) (Resubmission) at Land Off Millers Green 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.		
2	22/00690/FUL	Erection of a front porch, single storey rear extension and a garden store/home office at Avondale 10 Derby Road Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AS
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	22/00640/FUL	Enlargement of existing ground floor retail unit, change of use and conversion of storage building to Use Class E(g)(i) office and 7no. apartments and demolition of workshop building and erection of replacement building comprising of 4no. apartments Stones Builders Merchants Wood Street Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4DW
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	22/00722/FUL	Demolition of 2 storey annex, erection of single storey front and rear extensions with new access to car parking and turning area. Ash Tree Cottage Longway Bank Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HU

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	22/00738/FUL	Wood store at 4 The Croft Greenhill Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4EN
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	22/00694/FUL	Erection of a barn and 2no. field shelters in association with the rearing of alpacas
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	22/00750/FUL	Siting of portakabin building for use as a classroom for a temporary period of 2 years
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	22/00781/LBALT	External repainting at Traid Links 20 Market Place Wirksworth Matlock 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.		
9	22/00759/FUL	Replacement of 2No. timber doors and 2No. timber windows
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	T/22/00099/TCA	Crown reduction of 1no. T1 Beech Tree by approx 1m 17C 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.		
11	22/00880/FUL	Single Storey rear extension and landscaping works, 16 the Dale, Wirksworth DE4 4EJ
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	T/22/00103/TCA	Remove 1No. Laburnum Tree 15 Bowling Green Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4EF
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	22/00875/FUL	Change of use, refurbishment of and extension to building for use as domestic storage (Retrospective) Cromford Moor Telephone Repeater Station Derby Road Homesford Matlock 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.		
14	22/00912/PDE	Application for Larger Home Extension - Single storey extension projecting 5.3m from rear wall with an eaves height of 2.4m and a maximum height of 3.3m replacing existing conservatory 29 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.		

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

## **ET22/47 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 8.00pm*

Chairman