

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 5 December 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).

ET22/62 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr P Taylor

In attendance:
4 residents
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET22/63 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Stockell

ET22/64 Variation in Order of Business: To take item 12 FOI Request – re Monopole Mast structure sited Millers Green

ET22/65 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET22/66 Open Forum:

A representative of the residents spoke to raise their concerns regarding the safety of monopole equipment installed at the Southern end of Town.

Open Forum closed 6:40pm

ET22/67 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 7 November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET22/68 FOI request - re Monopole Mast structure sited Miller's Green

A request has been received regarding the installation and its compliance with safety standards.

REC that the Town Council write to District and County Councillors to escalate the concerns.

ET22/69 DDDC Parking Review

A District Cllr has recommended that the Town Council make a representation to contribute to the review.

REC that a response be sent "WTC would wish to see the Residential Car Parks protected across the town as their provision provides spaces for those residents without off-street parking and

thereby help reduce congestion (given the already restricted nature of the Town's Streets and existing available carparking spaces). The Town Council would also request that any increase in parking charges should give rise to the consideration of the provision of cycle stands, electric bike charging points, seats and shelters. The Town Council would wish to see a plan on how the number of vehicle charging points will be increased over the next 10 years. The Town Council would also welcome any initiative associated with carparks which supports the "20s Plenty" campaign.

ET22/70 DDDC Consultation (attached)
Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Review – Consultation on growth options.

REC that a response be sent "The Town Council has no argument with the proposed numbers but would wish to see policies adopted that actively seek to minimise 2nd home ownership and promote housing for local people. The Town Council supports Wirksworth Community Land Trust's request (to DDDC) that all new housing stock should be built to Passivhaus standards."

ET22/71 Bicycles on the Meadows
The two footpaths across the Meadows do not currently allow (officially) for the passage of bicycles (Civic Trespass). As part of the Meadows redesign this could be addressed through a change in the designation of the two footpaths.

REC that no action taken at present given the plans to widen the two footpaths, and that the Town Council retain the right to review the situation and take action at a later date.

ET22/72 Footpath
Proposal to make changes to FP6 to improve access

REC that an informal approach (by councillors) be made to the land owner to investigate what actions might be possible to address the path surface.

ET22/73 Meadows Accessibility
The access to The Meadows via Fogs Entry is restricted by 2 stone pillars, this impedes access for wheelchairs, Mobility scooters etc. The proposed design for Meadows includes the proposal that this should be relocated closer to the Meadows to remove this access restriction (but retain within the same vicinity).

REC that change of location be actioned to remove the access restriction (including seeking permission from relevant local authorities).

ET22/74 Renewable Energy
A resident has submitted a proposal for the Town Council to consider regarding renewable energy.

REC that the current council are sympathetic to the issue but given the potential commitment of resources and timescales involved, the matter be deferred until the new council take office in 2023.

ET22/75 Planning Applications received

1	22/01158/FUL	Replacement windows and doors Mill House Wash Green Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4BS
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	T/22/00165/TPO	Works to TPO/161 - Crown lift by Approximately 2-3m between points A and B 2A 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		
3	T/22/00169/TCA	Fell 1no. T1 Conifer tree and G1 group of small shrubs and mixed trees 1 Nan Gells Hill Bolehill Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4GN
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/22/00171/TCA	Remove 1no. Yew tree Agricola House 4 Church Street Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4EY
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	22/01240/FUL	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension. 11A 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		
6	22/01256/FUL	Single storey rear extension 24 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		
7	22/01203/FUL	Installing solar panels on the south elevation The Manor House St Marys Gate Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4DQ
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	22/01241/FUL	Installation of dormer window 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		

RES to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

ET22/76 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

RES that the matter be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman