

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 7 November 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).*

**ET22/48 Present**  
**Cllr S Barker (Chairman), Cllr M Bennett, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall.**

**In attendance:**  
**2 representatives from Institute of Quarrying**  
**Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

**ET22/49 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Jordan**

**ET22/50 Variation in Order of Business: None**

**ET22/51 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared
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*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**ET22/52 Open Forum:**

Representatives of the Institute of Quarrying provided information on their proposals to develop the Stone Centre site (following their relocation to the site) to provide a new building to house the existing café, museum as well as office space and additional facilities.

*Open Forum closed 7:15pm - Cllr Whittall, Cllr Clamp dep.*

**ET22/53 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 5 September 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.**

**ET22/54 Memorial Bench Plaque Request**

A request has been received for a memorial plaque to be placed on one of the benches in the space adjacent to the Memorial Hall (original request was for the tree seat on the Cruck Beam). At present, one new bench has been installed by the council (replacing a Rotary donated Memorial Bench) and a plaque has already been agreed and installed on this new seat. The 3 remaining seats (which already have dedication plaques) were donated by Rotary and are reaching end of life.

**REC that in line with Resolution ET22/8, that when the next rotary memorial bench reaches end of life that the Town Council replace this with a new Wirksworth Style bench from TDP, making the**

**bench available for re-dedication. At this point the request from the donor may be progressed.**

**ET22/55 Southern End of Town Speed Limit**

Request from DCC to assist in liaising with Landowners regarding the installation of signage to assist in the implementation of revised speed limits.

**REC that the clerk assist DCC in progressing this matter.**

**ET22/56 Grit Bin Request**

A request has been received for an additional grit bin in Bolehill.

**REC that the request be declined given the current pressure on the Town Council's resources and the limited number of residents which would benefit from a new grit bin. The provision of Grit Bins is the responsibility of DCC Highways, but they have taken the decision not to provide any further bins and instead suggest that Parish / Town Councils provide these.**

**ET22/57 Ecclesbourne Water Quality**

In January (Res ET21/82), the council resolved to contact Severn Trent with a request regarding the water quality. To date no response has been received to 3 separate enquiries and it is proposed that the matter now be posed as a Freedom of Information request.

**REC that the clerk proceeds with a FOI.**

**ET22/58 Power for the People**

The Town Council has previously supported this initiative, which is currently requesting action to ensure this matter is considered within the current parliamentary sessions.

**REC that the council support this new development within this initiative.**

**ET22/59 Planning Application referred**

22/01076/FUL	Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses at Land North of Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire
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**RES that the councils standard response be made.**

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.

**ET22/60 Planning Applications received**

1	22/00881/LBALT	Lifting and replacement of main hall floor at Wirksworth Junior School 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.		
2	T/22/00126/TCA	Reduction by 25% of 1no. Cherry Tree, and fell 1no. Damson Tree Orchard House 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.		
3	T/22/00133/TCA	Crown reduction and lift of 1no. T1 Beech tree, crown lift and prune of 1no. T2 Beech tree, reduce dominant leader of 1no. T3 Pine tree, stabilise major deadwood of G4 group of Pine trees, and fell G5 group of Ash trees. Wirksworth Memorial Play Area 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.		
4	22/01076/FUL	Erection of 2no. dwellinghouses at Land North Of Gorse Bank Wirksworth
Referred to E&T in November		
5	22/01092/FUL	Installation of lime render at 10 Greenhill Wirksworth 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	T/22/00135/TCA	Remove G1 group of Ash trees, remove Ivy to 1m of 3no. T3, T9 and T10 Black Pine trees and to 4m of 1no. T7 Atlas Cedar tree. Remove Ivy to 1m and surrounding vegetation of 2no. T5 and T6 Black Pine trees Rock House Old Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4F
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	22/00634/REM	Approval of reserved matters for the erection of 12no. dwellinghouses (outline planning consent 19/00455/OUT) (Resubmission) 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.		
8	22/01147/FUL	Conversion and change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (resubmission) 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.		
9	T/22/00156/TCA	Fell 8no. T1-8 Leyland Cyprus trees, Crown thinning by approx 50% of 1no. T9 Beech tree, and by approx 25% of 1no. T12 Cherry tree and 1no. T13 Silver Birch tree, Crown reduction of 1no. T10 Ash tree and 1no. T11 Rowan tree. Highfields Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill 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.		

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

### **ET22/61 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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**RES that the matter be noted.**

*The meeting closed at 8.15pm*

Chairman