

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 6 February 2023

*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).*

**ET22/87 Present**  
**Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Bennett, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr J Stockell and Cllr P Taylor**  
**In attendance:**  
**1 resident**  
**Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

**ET22/88 Apologies for Absence: None**

**ET22/89 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared
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*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**ET22/90 Open Forum:**  
A resident provided an update on their progress in preparing a proposal to the council regarding establishing an energy cooperative to augment the council's financial position.

*Open Forum closed 6:45pm*

**ET22/91 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 9 January 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.**

**ET22/92 Rains, Drains and Climate Change**  
Report from the working party with proposed actions.

**REC that the report and it's recommendations be accepted.**  
**As a 1<sup>st</sup> step, contact ward councillor at DCC (Dermot Murphy) seeking guidance / clarification on how best to take this forward in the context of which "higher authority" is the appropriate escalation point.**

**ET22/93 Stoney Wood Waste Bin**  
DDDC are proposing to relocate the bin to facilitate safer access for maintenance (emptying).

**REC that the matter be referred to Stoney Wood Group for suggestions and that these then be passed to DDDC.**

**ET22/94 ASB in Wirksworth**  
The council has been advised of increasing incidents of ASB, including vandalism at the Hannages, Hannage Brook Surgery, St Marys Church and Barmote Croft Toilets.

**REC that a letter be written to Chief Constable (copied to PCC), praising the work of SNT (especially PSCO Hunt) but seeking more resources to tackle the escalating issue of ASB within the Town.**

**ET22/95 Electric Charging Point – Bolehill**

As ownership of electric cars increases, there will be greater demand for the provision of electric charging on publicly owned land used for car parking.

**REC that the matter be chased up with District Council (Cllr P Slack).**

**ET22/96 Lighting Derby Rd**

A report has been received that the provision of lighting on Derby Rd is inadequate and is exacerbated by a failed lamp that has not yet been repaired.

**REC that the matter be flagged to ward councillor at DCC (Dermot Murphy) seeking assistance in resolving this matter and also for a clarification more generally on the expected timescales for the lighting repairs.**

**ET22/97 Planning Applications received**

1	T/23/00002/TCA	Fell 8no. Ash Trees (T1-T8) at Footpath To The Rear Of Lime Kiln Inn Cromford Road Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4FR
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
2	T/23/00005/TCA	Height reduction by approximately 6ft of 1no. Fir tree (T1) and tip pruning of lower branches at Ohio Farmhouse Millers Green Wirksworth DE4 4BL
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
3	22/01237/FUL	Replacing old existing wooden shed and workshop with a brick built permanent garage/workshop at Wood End West End Wirksworth DE4 4EG
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
4	23/00011/FUL	Single storey extension to front and erection of decking to rear 7 Meadow End Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4DH
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
5	23/00012/FUL	Erection of agricultural storage building Hardhurst Barn Breamfield Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4AF
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
6	22/01296/FUL	Single-storey extensions to west and south elevations, improvement to existing dormer roof and partial extension/reclamation of existing rear garden Kipple Kroft 5 South View Cromford Road Wirksworth Matlock DE4 4FJ
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		

7	23/00014/ADV	Aluminum Lightbox Sign. 23A Market Place Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4ET
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
8	23/00037/LBALT	Installation of aluminium illuminated sign 23A Market Place Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4ET
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		

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

**ET22/98 Planning Decisions & Appeals**

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

None to report	
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**REC that the matter be noted.**

*The meeting closed at 7.15pm*

Chairman