

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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

ET22/99 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr M Bennett, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr P Taylor
In attendance: Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET22/100 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Stockell, Cllr S Barker and Cllr M Casselden

ET22/101 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared

ET22/102 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 6 February 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET22/103 20 Mph Limits in Wirksworth (attached)

The "20s Plenty" campaign has advised that DCC is operating a limited trial of 20mph limits in two Towns and is encouraging other Town/Parish Councils to request that the scheme be widened to include more towns/parishes.

REC that the Clerk write to DCC officer James Powell, Cllr Murphy and Leader of DCC Cllr Barry Lewis again, requesting that DCC implement 20mph speed limits in Wirksworth and supports the 20s Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign. As part of this request implement 20 mph speed limits on streets throughout Derbyshire where people live, work, shop, play or learn with 30 mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users.

That an agenda item be added to the 1st E&T committee meeting of the new council seeking to consider collaboration with other local councils to increase pressure on DCC to adopt 20mph limits (20s plenty campaign).

ET22/104 Street Lighting Repair

To further discussion and monitor progress on repairs to street lighting (Coldwell St, Church Walk and Derby Rd).

REC that the issues with the lighting on Derby Rd and Newtons Monument at Coldwell Rd be raised with Cllr Murphy.

ET22/105 Breamfield Bench

The donors have requested that their application be restarted. The application under the Memorial Bench Scheme was withdrawn

(ET22/35) when the applicants were advised of the higher costs (ET22/12) associated with installing the bench in their chosen location.

REC that the application be restarted, but that the total costs (excluding staff time) be reconfirmed and these should be met by the donor.

ET22/106 HM King Charles Commemorative Coronation Bench (attached)
A Wirksworth based bench manufacturer (who already supplies all WTC benches used in public places has offered to donate a bench to the Town Council to commemorate the coronation of the King.

REC that Town Council accept the gift (from TDP) and that the bench be installed next to the newest Memorial Bench replacing the existing "Rotary" bench which has reached end of life. That a letter of thanks be sent to TDP and that the council support any publicity for TDP's donation. The installation of new bench to be publicised ("unveiled") subject to the constraints of the pre-election period ("Purdah").

ET22/107 London Plane Tree adjacent to Memorial Hall (Cllr Taylor)
Request to discuss the landscaping around the tree.

REC that an agenda item be added to the 1st E&T of the new council seeking to consider this matter.

ET22/108 Planning Applications received

1	T/23/00009/TCA	T1 - Ash located in rear garden. Mature Ash to have upper crown reduced leaving a standing monolith with a finishing height of approximately 25 feet from ground level at Brookwood Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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/23/00016/TCA	Fell 1no. Elder tree (T1) Re-pollard 1no. Ash tree (T2) and Coppice 7no. Hawthorns (G3) at Orchard House Warmbrook Wirksworth DE4 4EA
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	T/23/00017/TCA	Remove to ground level 1no. Conifer (T1) 2 Church Street Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4EY
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	23/00089/FUL	Erection of single storey side extension Barn Field Farm St Helens Lane Wirksworth Matlock Derbyshire DE4 4PP
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	T/23/00008/TPO	Works to TPO/161 - Prune lower branches of upto a diameter of 50-100mm of 3no. Sycamore trees at 2A Steeple Grange Wirksworth Matlock DE4 4FS
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	T/23/00028/TCA	Fell 1no. Norway Spruce tree (T1) and 1no. Lawson Cyprus tree (T2) Wharfedale Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD

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.

ET22/109 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 7.05pm

Chairman