



WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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11 July 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 17 July 2023 at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wirksworth.

Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details including Covid precautions.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Variation of Order of Business**
 - *Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item.*
3. **Members' Interests in Agenda Items**
 - *To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.*
4. **Open Forum: (3 minutes per speaker, total available 15 minutes)**
 - *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
 - *Police Matters (A police representative may be in attendance to offer information or respond to questions from Councillors on Police matters)*
 - *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*
 - *District & County Councillor Reports*
5. **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 19 June and 10 July 2023 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
 - *Environment and Town dated 3 July 2023 (attached)*
8. **Accounts Paid**

June 2023 in the sums of £ 21,677.21
9. **Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum**

To delegate a representative to attend the event organised by Derbyshire County Council for Parish and Town Councils.
10. **Role of Mayor/Chair of Town Council (Cllr Barker)**

To consider the possibility of separating the ceremonial and charring aspects of (future) Mayor's role to spread the workload and responsibility across councillors.
11. **Strategic Priorities**

To agree next steps in the process to progress establishing the strategic priorities of the council.
12. **Warmer Wirksworth (attached)**

A request to provide free space and funding to this initiative.

13. Remembrance Arrangements (attached)

The Town Council is responsible for the parade including insurance. It was proposed that the parade arrangements be amended following the 2022 Remembrance Sunday. This led to a number of discussions with the Church and also representatives of the RBL – these which occurred prior to the appointment of the new Team Rector, Reverend Neil Griffiths.

14. Meadows Design (Meadows Working Party)

The next stage of the project is for the Landscape Designer to prepare tender documentation in order to support the selection of contractors to undertake the landscaping/groundwork for the first stages of the design. The cost associated with the production of the tender documentation is within the original agreed budget (+10% contingency), however the work involved in managing the tender process (and any subsequent project management of the construction/landscaping works) is not included within the budget.

15. Delegated Decisions (appendix 1)

Open and Accountable Local Government Aug 2014 specified that any decisions taken using delegated powers should be recorded.

The following 4 agenda items would normally be discussed by Finance Building and Personnel

16. Community Grant Request Request (attached)

Wirksworth Festival are requesting support of £1000 – these funds were allocated within the budget for 2023/24. The Council also agreed a concessionary let of (upto) 10 days at a value of £4950 - Resolution C22/122.

17. Community Grant Request Request (attached)

NOW are request support of £2000 – to support the updating of the Town’s promotional website “Discover Wirksworth”.

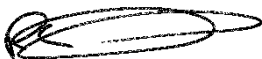
18. Energy Contract (attached)

DCC have advised that they are reviewing the suppliers of Gas and Electric which are negotiated on bulk through the NEPO (North East Procurement Organisation) and CCS (Crown Commercial Service).

19. Return of Equipment (attached)

The portable projection screen was leant out in 2022, despite repeat requests this has not been returned.

20. Town Councillor Representative Reports



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14/6/23	To provide a letter of support to IQ for funding application	The IQ provided an update on their plans to redevelop the NSC site at the Environment and Town Committee meeting in November. The council made no resolution in response to the presentation in order to avoid any issues of predetermination regarding the planning application. The councillors verbally expressed their in principle support for the proposal to invest in the site (7 councillors were present at the meeting). This established a (soft) precedent of in-principle support for the project without commenting in any detail in regard to the actual plans (at which the point the council might choose to provide a comment).
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