

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 4 July 2023

- ET23/23 Present**
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr K Player, Cllr F Rostron and Cllr P Taylor
- In attendance:**
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
- ET23/24 Election of Chair of Environment and Town Committee (deferred from June)**
- Cllr Pollock proposed Cllr Maskrey, seconded by Cllr Taylor and by a unanimous vote it was..
Resolved that Cllr Maskrey was elected Chair of the Environment and Town Committee
- ET23/25 Apologies for Absence: None**
- ET23/26 Variation in Order of Business: None**
- ET23/27 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**
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| None declared |
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- ET23/28 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 5 June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.**
- ET23/29 Affordable Housing**
Shelter is requesting local councils write to the Secretary of State for housing to support an amendment to the Levelling Up Bill that could reduce the cost of building social homes by 40%.
- REC that the council write to S Dines MP and M Gove MP as requested by Shelter. That the council write to DDDC and DCC to draw their attention to the matter and advising that the Town Council has written to both the Minister and constituency MP.**
- ET23/30 Representation and collaboration with National Stone Centre and Tarmac**
Proposal to allocate a representative from the Council to work with both entities to facilitate closer working.
- REC that the council invite loQ to meet the new council and provide an update. To invite all councillors to the meeting and to be held in August if loQ have availability.**
The Town Council to invite Tarmac to meet the new council to provide an overview of potential developments in the town to inform the Neighbourhood Plan

ET23/31 Footpath Warden
To appoint a Footpath Warden for Wirksworth. This position would be voluntary and might follow the process utilised in Northamptonshire.

REC that the Clerk prepare and advertise a voluntary post of Footpath Warden on the same basis as used in Northamptonshire.

ET23/32 Barnes Croft
A resident has raised concerns that the S215 notice has not been fully actioned. Resolution ET23/7 “..that the Council write to advise DDDC that the work has commenced on condition 1 of the S215 notice, requesting that the planning authority continue to monitor the matter to ensure the works are concluded given the late start to the works..”

REC that the Town Council contact D Cllr P Slack to advise that “in the Town Council’s opinion the terms set out in the enforcement notice have not been complied with and would therefore ask that the matter be revisited by the planning authority as the concerns raise by residents and Town Council remain.”

ET23/33 DCC Climate Change Impact Assessment Tools
This provides a number of online resources that can assist to identify a number of climate related issues and design considerations that should be taken into account in the design and implementation of development proposals.
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning-policy/planning-and-climate-change/planning-and-climate-change-guidance-and-assessment-tool.aspx>

REC that the Town Council reviews and updates the existing standard response to planning application to that is used to flag the Town Councils concerns regarding climate change. The matter to be considered at the next Environment and Town meeting (September).

ET23/34 Streetscape Installation
Concerns have been raised regarding the construction of a deck on the wide York stone pavement opposite Market Place Car park

REC that council write to the conservation officer to clarify the status of the decking erected on the pavement in the centre of town (area covered by Article 4).

Cllr Pollock dep 8:10pm

ET23/35 Planning Application referred

23/00630/FUL	Change of use of land to 8 no. pitch traveller site with associated new access (Resubmission) at The Woodyard Derby Road Homesford Matlock Derbyshire
No Comment – we would ask if the planning officers have established if Travelers Liaison support this site	

ET23/36 Planning Applications received

Prior to July meeting

1	23/00512/FUL	Erection of agricultural building for livestock and storage of fodder at Land South East Of B5035 Hopton Derbyshire
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	23/00510/FUL	Installation of solar panels and rooflight to pitched roof at 24 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire 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.		
3	23/00502/LBALT	Removal and replacement of corridor floor at Wirksworth Junior School 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.		
4	T/23/00086/TCA	Crown reduction and pruning of 1no. Cherry Tree, and crown reduction and removal of overhanging branches of 1no. Mirabel Tree 6 Thorntree Cottages Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FL
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	23/00544/FUL	Erection of 1no. dwellinghouse - Plot 5 substitution of housetype previously approved under 22/00634/REM & 19/00455/OUT at Plot 5 Land At Chequers Farm Workshop Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
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	23/00589/REM	Approval of reserved matters (scale, layout, appearance and landscaping) for the erection of 1no. dwellinghouse (outline planning consent 21/00847/OUT) 51 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.		
7	23/00603/FUL	Single storey rear extension at 22 Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
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	T/23/00091/TPO	Fell 3no. ash trees (T1) (T2) (T3), pollard 2no. ashtrees approximately 5m from ground level and remove deadwood all relating to ash die back disease Ashleigh House Cromford Road Wirksworth 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.		

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

ET23/37 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

REC that the matter be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman