



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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12 September 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 18 September 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 17 July 2023 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
  - *Environment and Town dated 4 September 2023 (attached)*
  - *Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 11 September 2023 (attached)*
8. **Accounts Paid**

July and August 2023 in the sums of £26721.90 and £26393.50
9. **Strategic Priorities**

To agree next steps in the process to progress establishing the strategic priorities of the council.
10. **National Association' of Local Council's Civility and Respect Pledge (Cllr Jordan)**

That this Council signs the National Association' of Local Council's Civility and Respect Pledge. In so doing, the Council commits to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles and that it:

  - *Ensure that there is in place a training programme for councillors and staff*
  - *Will sign up to the code of conduct for councillors*
  - *Ensure that it has good governance arrangements in place, including staff contracts and dignity at work policies*

- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
  - Is committed to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
  - Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council
  - Supports the lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>

**11. Institute of Quarrying Liaison (Cllr Player)**

A proposal that the Town Council meet bimonthly with representatives of the IoQ.

**12. Meadows**

To agree the process for seeking contractors (Urban Wilderness have now the tender package)

**13. DDDC Walkabout (Clean and Green Team)**

Representatives of DDDC will be visiting the Town to assess the condition of the Town and Councillors have been invited to accompany them on their visit.

**14. Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Review Consultation**

The Local Plan preparation process is underway and given the links to the Neighbourhood Plan, it would be appropriate to liaise with DDDC Policy Manager at the earliest opportunity.

**15. Biodiversity Net Gain for local authorities**

The Environment Act 2021 makes biodiversity net gain mandatory for all local authorities effective (to be confirm but anticipated between November 2023 and April 2024)

<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/topics/environment/biodiversity-net-gain-local-authorities>

**16. Timing of the Christmas Tree - The Traders Group (Cllr Carr)**

The traders group are proposing the annual late night shopping event of Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**17. Budget and Precept 2024-25**

To consider any issues that should be considered or included in the initial draft budget.

**18. Wi-Fi Access**

To consider whether Wi-Fi access could be provided on either on building basis (Town/Memorial Hall) or across the Town/Town centre.

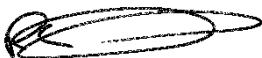
**19. External Audit (attached)**

To receive the auditor's report for 2022-23

**20. Internal Audit**

To confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2023-24.

**21. Town Councillor Representative Reports**



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