

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

## **TOWN HALL, WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE DE4 4EU**

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 16 October 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 18 September 2023 (attached)

## 6. Town Mayor's Announcements

#### 7. To receive the recommendations from Committees:-

- Environment and Town dated 2 October 2023 (attached)
- Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 9 October 2023 (attached)

#### 8. Accounts Paid

September 2023 in the sums of £59214.50

#### 9. CCTV Policy

To consider the adoption of a new policy to ensure the Town Council complies with Information Commissioners updated guidance regarding CCTV (Recommendation by FBP Committee Resolution FBP23/56).

#### 10. Strategic Priorities (attached)

To agree next steps in the process to progress establishing the strategic priorities of the council. Resolution C23/77 to consider a proposal to adopt fundamental principles underlying all council decisions (Community Cohesion, Communication and Environmental Impact)

#### 11. Does Wirksworth need a Hotel in Town (Cllr Whittall)

Other towns in the Derbyshire Dales have Hotels - the availability of this type of accommodation supports

and contributes to the visitor economy.

## 12. AGS School Liaison (Cllr Player)

Proposal to meet with Head Teacher to discuss current policy restricting pupils from leaving school premises at lunch (Traders have reported that the policy has impacted turnover). This would also provide the opportunity to raise other issues related to the Town and school.

## 13. Communication Policy (Cllr Player)

To consider how the Town Council communicates.

## 14. Green Town Initiative (Cllr Carr - attached)

That Wirksworth should become the 1<sup>st</sup> Green Town in Derbyshire Dales. As an example, Wirksworth Town Council believes that measures such as Solar Panels that reduce a building's carbon footprint should be prioritised within the planning process rather than prevented by planning regulations such as Article 4 designation.

## 15. Wirksworth Twinning Association (attached)

During the recent Wirksworth Twinning visit hosted in Wirksworth, a celebratory artwork was created and Wirksworth Twinning Association have requested that the Town Council to display this within the Town Hall. The Twinning association have also prepared a report based upon feedback sought during the visit.

## 16. Budget and Precept 2024-25 (attached)

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

## 17. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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