



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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12 December 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 18 December 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 20 November 2023 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
  - *Environment and Town dated 4 December 2023 (attached)*
  - *Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 11 December 2023 (attached)*
8. **Grit Bin Policy**

ET recommendation to adopt a policy regarding management and provision of grit bins.
9. **Accounts Paid**

November 2023 in the sum of £ 35,549.69
10. **Aviva (Insurer) Premises Review**

Aviva (Insurer) have undertaken a site visit (Town Hall) to review existing policies and procedures as well as an inspection of the general building condition and physical H&S measures in place. Amongst the concerns flagged up by the the insurer was a concern over Building Maintenance with an issue identified within the atrium – the skylights are leaking and frames are showing signs of deterioration (FB&P have requested that the matter be referred to Full Council given the potential significant costs of works to this part of the building) .

**Resolution C23/99 - The 3 principles that will underly all Council Decisions are:  
Community Cohesion, Communication and Environmental Impact**

**11. Bequest**

The Town Council have received a bequest from the Estate of Jean Briers.

**12. Budget and Precept 2024-25 (attached)**

To consider what level of precept should be request based upon the proposed budget for 2024-25.

**13. Interim Internal Audit (attached)**

To receive the internal auditors report and consider any actions in response to the interim audit.

**14. East Midlands Airport Airspace Change Stage 2 - Gateway outcome (previously circulated)**

As a stakeholder, the Town Council has been updated on the progress of the Airspace Change Programme.

**15. Meadows (Cllr Player)**

Request that the Town Council provide a quarterly update to residents regarding progress on the Meadows.

**16. Wirksworth Drains, Mains and Sewers (Cllr Player)**

Proposal to form a small sub group/working party that focusses on lobby/engage with the different parties to address the issues faced in the town, and potential issues in the future – with DCC, Anthony Gell, Severn Trent, Developers. With an initial focus on the recent flooding.

**17. HRH Portrait (attached)**

Central government are offering a free official portrait of HM the King to all local authorities.

**18. Town Councillor Representative Reports**



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