

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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

- ET23/74 Present**
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr K Player, Cllr F Rostron, and Cllr P Taylor
In attendance: 2 members of the public, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
- ET23/75 Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Pollock, Cllr S Barker**
- ET23/76 Variation in Order of Business: None**
- ET23/77 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None

- ET23/78 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 2 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.**
- ET23/79 Terms of Reference for Committee**
Request from a Councillor that the committee "review the purpose of the meeting, the structure of it, and our role as councillors".

REC that at present, no change be made to the existing Terms of Reference agreed at Annual Town Council Meeting on 15/5/23.
- ET23/80 Budget 2024/25**
To consider the implication of the proposed budget and any additional/ potential expenditure required in the following financial year.

REC that no further amendments be made (£2000 budgeted for Climate Emergency).
- ET23/81 Meadows Tree Survey**
To consider the action(s) required following the recent detailed tree survey (this was commissioned to provide a baseline record prior to any works being undertaken on the site).

REC that 3 quotes are sought for the works to trees (from references in tree report - T48 Elm, T1 Ash, T2 Ash, T34 Beech & T126 Ash).
- ET23/82 Proposed Change of Speed Limits to B5023, Middleton By Wirksworth To Duffield**
County Council propose to make a new Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to amend to 30MPH, 40MPH AND 50MPH Speed Limit - Order 2023 (Z3415)

REC No objection (but Wirksworth Town Council would welcome consideration of a further reduction to 20mph – in line with Wirksworth Town Council’s previous request for the introduction of 20mphs limits within Wirksworth).

ET23/83 Biodiversity Net Gain for local authorities

To consider what actions the Town Council should undertake to comply with the mandatory biodiversity net gain introduced for all local authorities.

REC that the draft climate change action plan be amended, the revised draft to be agreed at a future committee meeting.

ET23/84 DDDC Ownership Old Market Place

D Cllr Slack reported (during Open Forum D Cllr Reports on 20/11/23) that in the Officer’s opinion the Old Market Place was not within the ownership of the District Council and therefore they were not the responsible authority to engage with regarding the spaces used for parking directly off the highway (Market Place leading to The Dale and Greenhill).

REC that the Council try to establish the ownership of the site and report back to the committee.

ET23/85 DDDC Report on Storm Babet

D Cllr Slack reported (during Open Forum D Cllr Reports on 20/11/23) that a review had been undertaken following Storm Babet.

REC that further details are requested from DDDC regarding the report and in particular the implications and actions within Wirksworth.

ET23/86 Breamfield Bench

Derbyshire County Council have refused the Object Licence required to allow installation of a memorial bench on Breamfield. The donor’s have now requested that their application be halted and their donation has been returned.

REC that the matter be noted.

ET23/87 Grit Bin Policy

Policy redrafted following discussion at E&T Committee in September (ET23/56).

REC that Policy be adopted.

ET23/88 Planning Application Referred

23/01126/FUL	Construction of 4no. short stay holiday accommodation units, amenity building, access road, landscaping and other associated works at Land Adjacent Highfields Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire
Objection - This development goes beyond the settlement boundary, and it potentially opens the floodgates to other developments of this nature without any strategic planning.	

Cllr P Taylor dep 8:05pm
(Quoracy for a committee is 3 councillors)

23/01177/FUL	Formation of access and track at Land South West Of Millers Green at Wirksworth, Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape	
23/01201/FUL	Erection of garden room to replace existing shed at 5 Little Bolehill, Bolehill, Derbyshire DE4 4GR
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T/23/00225/TPO	Sycamore x1 crown reduction 2 meters, crown thin by 30%, crown lift to 2-3 meters and removal of any erroneous branches at Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape	
T/23/00226/TCA	Reduce x1 Yew Tree to approx 8-10ft at 7 Little Bolehill, Bolehill
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape	
T/23/00224/TCA	Multiple works to various trees at Mill Cottage, Wash Green, Wirksworth
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**ET23/89 Planning Applications received (Delegated Planning - Appendix 1)
Prior to November meeting**

1	T/23/00159/TCA	T1 - Ash - Remove to ground level T3- Apple - Crown reduce by 1.5m Fern House 23 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape		
2	T/23/00167/TCA	T1 - Lime - To re-pollard back to previous points T2 Weeping Willow - To crown reduce overall canopy G3- Ash x2 To fell onto pond edge T4 - Ash x To fell into adjacent neighbours field at 2 Little Bolehill Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GR
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape		
3	T/23/00174/TPO	Trim 1 Yew Tree back to property boundary 2 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly.		

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4	23/00979/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension and associated landscaping Mount Cook Adventure Centre Porter Lane Middleton By Wirksworth DE4 4LS
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape		
5	T/23/00175/TCA	T1 Silver Birch crown reduce by 2m leaving a balanced over all crown T2 Laurel Reduce by 3m in height T3 Sycamore pollard 5 Memorial Croft Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FW
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6	T/23/00172/TCA	Area 1 - To clear 3m of vegetation and small self-set trees measured from kerb line. Screen to be retained and trees sided back to 3m line from kerb. Fanny Shaws Playing Field Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape		
7	23/01050/FUL	Demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall Providence Mill Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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8	T/23/00189/TPO	Prune 1 Ash Tree at 1 Gate House Gatehouse Drive Wirksworth DE4 4DL
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint" and that the Planning Procedure be amended accordingly. The Town Council position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape		
9	T/23/00190/TCA	T1 Ash Tree, Ash tree has 60% crown die back T2 Goat willow crown lift to 3m above ground T3 Walnut Tree crown lift to 3m above ground Boggarts Inn Farm Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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1	T/23/00193/TCA	T1 - Cherry: Removal T2 - Wigelia - Removal 1 - 4 Gells Flats Church Walk Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DP
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
2	T/23/00153/TCA	Remove 21 ash trees Yokecliffe House West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
3	T/23/00196/TPO	Pruning of Sycamore Tree Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ

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4	23/01126/FUL	Construction of 4no. short stay holiday accommodation units, amenity building, access road, landscaping and other associated works Land Adjacent Highfields Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire
Extension applied for Cllr Player		
5	T/23/00203/TPO	Various works to multiple trees The Rectory Coldwell Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FB
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
6	23/01143/LBALT	Removal and replacement of first floor coverings and ground floor ceiling linings Gells Flats Church Walk Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
7	T/23/00212/TCA	Various works to T1&T2 Beech Trees 4 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
8	23/01176/FUL	Alterations and extension to dwelling (resubmission of 23/00671/FUL) Highfields Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GP
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9	23/01040/FUL	Demolition of workshop and shed and erection of garage/workshop Wood End West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
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Referred for discussion Cllr Player		

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

ET23/90 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 8.20pm

Chairman