



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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02 January 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Environment & Town Committee on MONDAY 8 January 2024 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber\*, Town Hall, Wirksworth. **Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details.** (\*If you wish to attend the meeting via Zoom please contact the Town Clerk)

## 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

Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes ; 3 minutes per person

- *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
- *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*

### 5. To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 4 December 2023

### 6. Harrison Drive Drainage (Cllr Rostron)

Resident reports that in early December a number of people have fallen on Harrison Drive due to ice across the pavement (created by the an overflow from the gully).

### 7. Brooklands Avenue/Water Lane Flooding (Cllr Pollock)

Incidents of flooding have increased, often resulting in restricted access/no access to Gorse Bank due to flood waters.

### 8. Wirksworth Drains, Mains and Sewers

Proposal to form a small sub-group/working party that focusses on lobbying/engaging 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. Matter referred from Full Council from more detailed discussion by E&T Committee for more detailed discussion – with a strong recommendation that issue of part of Wirksworth (Gorse Bank) being cut-off by flood waters requires escalation.

### 9. DCC Greener Towns 20mph Consultation - Outcomes and Decision

“It was always the intention of the Council to listen to the voice of those affected; for the proposals to continue we required a majority from residents as well as positive feedback from the Districts, neither of which was achieved. Subsequently it was recommended to Cabinet that the schemes should not progress. Cabinet then debated this on 7<sup>th</sup> December and took the decision not to proceed with the schemes; the decision can be found here:

<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AllId=14251>

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## 10. Safer Roads for Wirksworth

The group have requested the following support from the Town Council:

- request to follow up missing Belisha beacon with Highways
- support letters to local bus companies to voluntarily reduce speed driving through town
- support letters to local haulage companies and Longcliffe to review their routes, whether driving through Wirksworth is absolutely necessary and to reduce speed
- to support the public consultation planned for early February 2024.

## 11. TrailTale (attached)

The company have contacted the council regarding their solution (“which they have collaborated with numerous local authorities”) to develop self-guided heritage and nature walk routes, which uses their free mobile phone app – TrailTale.

## 12. Snowball (attached)

Snowball is a free review platform, described by the app creators as a “TripAdvisor for the disabled community”. The creators have written to the Council requesting that the app (Snowball) be discussed with a further request that the Town Council then “promote Snowball in your area and get the community involved, including

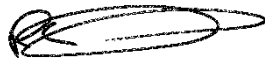
local businesses but also, if possible, review your area so that we can help one another create an equal and inclusive community.”

## 13. Planning Application Referred

23/01246/FUL	Erection of garage Lant Close Farm Bolehill Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GQ
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## 14. Planning Applications received (Delegated Planning - Appendix 1)

## 15. Planning Decisions & Appeals (Appendix 2)



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**Appendix 1 - Planning Applications received  
Prior to January meeting**

1	T/23/00233/TPO	Multiple works for various trees 5 Blind Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EZ
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint” The Town Councils position will be that a building’s impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape</p>		
2	T/23/00234/TCA	Dismantle to a standing stem at approx. 4m just above first union 1no. Rubina Tree (T1) and crown reduce 1no. Mirabelle plumb (T2) by 1-2m and crown lift Charnwood 21 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
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3	23/01234/FUL	Replacement skate park structures and pump track Skatepark Fanny Shaws Playing Field Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire
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4	23/01246/FUL	Erection of garage Lant Close Farm Bolehill Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GQ
<p>Extension applied for 09/01/24</p>		
5	23/01248/CLEUD	Certificate of Lawful Existing Development- Erection of toilet and shower block for use by camping and caravan site guests Land At Sleepy Hollow Farm Hopton Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
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6	23/01273/FUL	Two storey side extension with hip to gable roof conversion and dormer window to rear. Avondale 10 Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AS
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7	23/01310/FUL	Installation of 11no. Solar PV panels (Resubmission) The Old Blacksmiths Shop Dale End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EJ
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**Appendix 2 - Planning Decisions & Appeals**

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

None to report

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