

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 19 February 2024 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.

<u>AGENDA</u>

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. Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy for Wirksworth Ward Seat

Prospective Candidates to speak for 3 minutes on the question:

"What can you bring to the Town Council if you were co-opted as a Councillor?"

Candidates need to confirm/evidence with the Town Clerk their eligibility to stand as councillor prior to attendance at the meeting.

5. 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
- 6. To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 22 January 2024 (attached)
- 7. Town Mayor's Announcements
- 8. To receive the recommendations from Committees:-
 - Environment and Town dated 5 February 2024 (meeting inquorate)
 - Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 12 February 2024 (attached)

9. Accounts Paid

January 2024 in the sum of £ 25,366.45

10. Meadows Working Party Recommendations & update on Funding Applications (attached)

An expression of Interest made to the DDDC administered Derbyshire Dales UK Shared Prosperity Fund &

Rural England Prosperity Fund Call for Capital Projects: Improvements to Town Centres was successful and the Town Council has been asked to submit a full grant application. An application has been made to Severn Trent (as an alternative funder to UKSPF)

The works to complete the first phase of the Meadows design have been placed on the tender portal seeking contractor quotes.

Further expenditure (post tender support proposal/contract administration from Urban Wilderness).

11. Pavement Access (attached)

A resident has raised concerns over accessibility of the pavement especially in the vicinity of the old market place (the matter was originally scheduled for discussion by E&T committee on 5/2/24 but the meeting was inquorate).

12. Planning Application – Referred (Cllr Carr)

23/01310/FUL Installation of 11no. Solar PV panels (Resubmission) at The Old Blacksmiths Shop Dale End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EJ

13. Internal Audit (attached)

The auditor made a (non-material) recommendation to review the council risk management policy. This was referred alongside other recommendations to FB&P for more details discussion - the committee felt that the existing policy addressed the requirement of WTC, and advice was sought from auditor as to next steps.

14. Town Councillor Representative Reports

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