



# WIRKS WORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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12 March 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 18 March 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.**

## 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 19 February 2024 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
  - *Environment and Town dated 4 March 2024 (attached)*
  - *Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 11 March 2024 (attached)*
8. **Accounts Paid**

February 2024 in the sum of £ 31,089.10
9. **Meadows Working Party Recommendations & update on Funding Applications (attached)**

To accept the grant of £150000 from the DDDC administered Derbyshire Dales UK Shared Prosperity Fund & Rural England Prosperity Fund Call for Capital Projects: Improvements to Town Centres. The clerk to undertake any administration in regard to the grant including any invoicing arrangements.

That the specification of the design be amended to account for the funding now available. The working party has recommended that 4 contractors now be shortlisted for further discussion and review.
10. **AGS Students (Cllr Barker)**

Following a meeting with M Kelly, Head of AGS it is proposed that a group of students attend a council

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

meeting.

**11. Support for Research Project (attached)**

A senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University is seeking the Town Council's support (not financial) with their research project looking at the to examine the use, governance, and influence of local community FB groups with the aim to understand polarisation mechanisms in small communities and explore educational approaches to support community cohesion which will use Wirksworth as one of the reference sites.

**12. Updating the Neighbourhood Plan (attached)**

Recommendations from Cllr Jordan following a meeting with DDDC Policy Manager regarding the Local Plan.

- i. That the Town Clerk be asked to schedule a discussion within 14 days of the end of the DDDC's consultation period relating to the location and distribution of new housing development. This could either be at a special meeting or be part of an ordinary meeting of the Council.*
- ii. That Cllr Peacock's presence be requested at that discussion, given her membership of the DDDC Local Plan sub-committee.*
- iii. That WTC investigate what external financial and professional support can be provided to the Council for this exercise.*
- iv. That consideration should be given by FBP to the impact upon WTC staff by our undertaking this work within the next year or so and that FBP be asked to suggest if any delay is required.*
- v. That the Council refers to this exercise as "Updating the Neighbourhood Plan".*

**13. Committee membership**

To confirm membership of Finance. Building & Personnel Committee and the Environment and Town Committee following the co-option of Cllr Thompson

**14. Representation on External Bodies**

To review and confirm councillor representatives on external bodies following the co-option of Cllr Thompson

**15. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum**

To delegate a representative to attend the event organised by Derbyshire County Council for Parish and Town Councils.

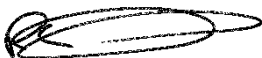
**16. DALC Spring Roadshow**

DALC will be holding 4 events including using the Memorial Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**17. Staff Recruitment**

Ratification of the appointment of the new replacement caretaker (FBP23/103)

**18. Town Councillor Representative Reports**



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