

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 March 2024 AT 6.30 PM

C23/132 Present: Cllr S Barker(Chair), Cllr P Carr, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr S Thompson and Cllr C Whittall,

In attendance: Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
D Cllr Slack and C Cllr Murphy

C23/133 Apologies: Cllr A Jordan, Cllr P Taylor

C23/134 Variation of Order of Business: None

Open Forum opened 6:55pm

C23/135 Open Forum:

C Cllr D Murphy gave a verbal report
D Cllr P Slack provided more detail to support their written report.

Open Forum closed 7:20pm

C23/136 Minutes of the meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council 19 February 2024:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 19 February 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

C23/137 Town Mayor's Announcements: The Mayor spoke at the Town Promotion Forum.

C23/138 To receive the committee recommendations

- Environment and Town dated 4 March 2024
- Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 11 March 2024

RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the Environment and Town Committee dated 4 March 2024 and the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee dated 11 March 2024

C23/139 Accounts Paid

February 2024 in the sum of £ 31,089.10

RESOLVED that payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £31,089.10 be approved.

C23/140 Meadows Working Party Recommendations & update on Funding Applications

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.

RESOLVED that the Town Council accept the £150000 grant from the UKSPF funding managed by DDDC.

That the working party now be delegated to proceed with more detailed discussions with a shortlist of 4 contractors. The meadows design to be value engineered to account for the shortfall in funding available for the project and the initial costings provided by the 7 contractors.

That the officers of the council be delegated to undertake any invoicing arrangements required as part of the UKSPF grant. Ratify the application to the Tarmac LCF Fund.

C23/141 AGS Students

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

RESOLVED that the council request the students to propose an agenda item for discussion by the council. The students to then be invited to attend the meeting to address the council at open forum and then to observe the council's discussion of the item (dependant on the nature of item this may fall to either committee or to full council).

C23/142 Support for Research Project

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.

RESOLVED that council support this project especially given the connection to the Town Council's stated principles (Cohesion and Communication).

C23/143 Updating the Neighbourhood Plan

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

RESOLVED that

- 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”.

C23/144 Committee membership

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Thompson join the Environment and Town Committee.

C23/145 Representation on External Bodies

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Thompson join as representative to those groups that were previously represented by Cllr Player before resignation. Cllr Barker replace Cllr Jordan as 2nd representative of the Council on the Civic Society.

C23/146 Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Taylor and Cllr Barker be delegated to represent the council at the Liaison Forum.

C23/147 DALC Spring Roadshow

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

RESOLVED that as many councillor as possible attend to support the event (Cllr Barker, Cllr Clamp, Cllr McDonagh, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Thompson, and Cllr Whittall)

C23/148 Staff Recruitment

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

RESOLVED to ratify the appointment.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

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Chairman

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PAYMENTS LIST

19 March 2024 (2023-2024)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
466	Maintenance	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Refuse collection	DDDC	Z	274.95		274.95
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481	Managed Telecoms	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Emtel	S	43.95	8.79	52.74
483	Fannyshaw Community	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
484	General Administration	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	80.50	16.10	96.60
480	General Administration	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
495	Maintenance	01/02/2024		Unity Trust		Plumbing / Heating	MB Plumbing &	S	198.00	39.60	237.60
485	General Administration	01/02/2024		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	362.00	72.40	434.40
497	Grit Bins	01/02/2024		Unity Trust		Grit bin maintenance	Thomas Batterley	Z	1,700.00		1,700.00
496	Christmas	01/02/2024		Unity Trust		Christmas Tree	Mr Christmas tree	S	800.00	160.00	960.00
472	Rates	03/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	26.14		26.14
516	Maintenance	05/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Paint	Amazon	S	8.12	1.63	9.75
520	Mayor's Allowance	06/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Mayor's Allowance	Wirksworth Town	Z	450.00		450.00
489	Fuel	07/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Gas	Corona Energy	S	883.96	176.79	1,060.75
489	Fuel	07/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Gas	Corona Energy	S	1,549.78	309.96	1,859.74
517	General Administration	08/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Office supplies	Amazon	S	17.49	3.50	20.99
518	General Administration	08/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Office supplies	Amazon	S	6.49	1.30	7.79
494	General Administration	12/02/2024		Unity Trust		Annual license	Scribe	S	958.80	191.76	1,150.56
509	Christmas	13/02/2024		Unity Trust		Refund	heritage centre	Z	50.00		50.00
487	Barmote Croft Toilets	14/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Smarty	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
505	Maintenance	14/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	S	162.41	32.48	194.89
521	General Administration	16/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Cardnet payment	Lloyds Bank	Z	199.00		199.00
488	Telephone	18/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
486	Maintenance	19/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	69.67	13.93	83.60
486	Maintenance	19/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	69.00	13.80	82.80
490	Fuel	21/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	S	556.33	111.27	667.60
491	Fuel	21/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	120.85	6.04	126.89
492	Fuel	21/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	161.38	8.07	169.45
493	Fuel	21/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	288.65	14.43	303.08
506	Maintenance	21/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Keys	Timpsons	Z	31.50		31.50
503	Rates	22/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	66.38		66.38
498	Salaries	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	965.30		965.30
499	Salaries	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,313.61		1,313.61

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Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
498 Wages	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	244.50		244.50
499 Wages	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	931.82		931.82
504 Rates	23/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	50.55		50.55
500 Salaries	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	4,344.03		4,344.03
500 Wages	23/02/2024		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	3,492.02		3,492.02
502 General Administration	26/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
510 General Administration	26/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	S	92.89	18.58	111.47
511 Maintenance	27/02/2024		Unity Trust		Plumbing / Heating	MB Plumbing &	S	178.00	35.60	213.60
512 Maintenance	27/02/2024		Unity Trust		Plumbing / Heating	MB Plumbing &	S	60.00	12.00	72.00
515 Rates	27/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	31.13		31.13
513 Market Stall Set-up &	27/02/2024		Unity Trust		Market stalls	Karl Dumelow	Z	3,360.00		3,360.00
514 Market Stall Set-up &	27/02/2024		Unity Trust		Market stalls	Hammerhead Forge	Z	785.00		785.00
482 General Administration	28/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	29.00	5.80	34.80
519 Maintenance	28/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Amazon	S	11.66	2.33	13.99
507 Fannyshaw Community	28/02/2024		Unity Trust		Defibrillator upkeep/costs	Defib Store Ltd	S	539.00	107.80	646.80
501 General Administration	28/02/2024		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	16.58		16.58
508 Meadows Design Works	28/02/2024		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Urban Wilderness	S	3,112.30	622.46	3,734.76
Total								29,084.35	2,004.75	31,089.10

