



# WIRKS WORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Town Council & Responsible Financial Officer:

Paul Jennings

Office hours: 8:30am-12:30pm Mon-Thurs

10 September 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 16 September 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.** (\*If you wish to attend the meeting remotely 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: (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 Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 15 July 2024 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
  - *Environment and Town dated 2 September 2024 (attached)*
  - *Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 9 September July 2024 (attached)*
8. **Accounts Paid**

July and August 2024 in the sums of £21,510.00 and £60,575.70
9. **Anthony Gell School Foundation - John Thompson Bursary (Cllr Whittall)**

Trustees are very keen to attract bids from young people up to 25 years old - not just Gell students
10. **Meadows**

Update from the working party – progress update now that works have commenced on site. Additional support has been secured from Longcliffe Quarries (towards aggregate) and Vernon Robert Bowmer Charitable Trust (Interpretation/Signage) alongside existing donation from Ben Bennetts (Limestone Boulders).
11. **Traveller Consultation (attached)**

E&T Committee have drafted a response to the consultation and referred the wider issue of the public

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consultation and any participation by the Town Council.

**12. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 15 October 2024**

To confirm councillors delegated to attend (and to establish what questions are a priority to posed to officers).

**13. Internal Audit**

To confirm the appointment of internal auditor for 2024-25.

**14. Budget and Precept 2025-26**

To consider any issues that should be considered or included in the initial draft budget.

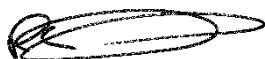
**15. Use of Artificial Intelligence (attached)**

Update and guidance from Software into Action (WTC IT support) regarding the use of tools such as Chat GPT.

**16. Delegated Decisions (Appendix 1)**

All delegated decisions will be reported in line with guidelines for Open and Accountable Government (Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014).

**17. Town Councillor Representative Reports**



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**Appendix 1**

**Delegated Decisions**

Date	Decision Taken	Alternative Options Considered and/or background information
15/8/24	To undertake additional repair works to the Atrium Roof	Repair works were scheduled during August to tackle the leak above the atrium. The repairs were required by TC insurers following a building inspection. Resolution C23/141 approved the initial quote/expenditures and acknowledged that it might be necessary to approve additional works providing the clerk with delegation to agree upto 20% additional costs. Once the scaffolding was in place, a full assessment of the entire pitched roof was undertaken. The roofing contractor advised the entire atrium roof required work (beyond the area of the glass panels). Whilst it would be possible to patch/replace the broken tiles on the remaining portion of the roof slopes, the roofing contractor could not guarantee the repairs. The alternative option was to remove and relay all tiles, it was estimated that 40% of the tiles would need to be replaced (i.e. not reusable). The costs of the additional works exceed the expenditure limit delegated to the clerk and therefore the question of whether to proceed with full re-roof of atrium became a separate delegated decision.

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