

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 January 2025 AT 6.30 PM

C24/104 Present: Cllr E McDonagh (chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson and Cllr C Whittall.
In attendance: D Cllr L Peacock and Paul Jennings

C24/105 Apologies: Cllr P Carr, D Cllr P Slack, D Cllr D Greatorex

C24/106 Variation of Order of Business: To take item 9 DDDC Traveller Site Consultation immediately after Open Forum

C24/107 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm ; Cllr Rostron arrived

C24/108 Open Forum:

J Wheldon CoChair of Festival provided an summary of 2024 event (which was celebrating 30 years of the Trail Weekend), provided a outline of plans for 2025 and also thanks to the Town Council for its support (Concessionary hire of buildings and grant funding).
D Cllr Peacock provided a verbal report to support written report.

Open Forum closed 6:45pm

C24/109 Minutes of the meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council 16 December 2024:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 16 December were confirmed as a correct record.

C24/110 Town Mayor's Announcements: None

C24/111 To receive the committee recommendations

- Environment and Town dated 6 January 2025 (meeting inquorate)
- Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 13 January 2025

RESOLVED to adopt all the recommendations of the Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 13 January 2025

C24/112 Accounts Paid

December 2024 in the sum of £ 86,381.59

RESOLVED that payment of the attached accounts in the sums of £86,381.59 be approved.

C24/113 Meadows

Update from the working party – including a progress update on works.

In December, the government clarified the conditions regarding the deadline for the spending of the funds made available under Levelling Up - there will be no variation or extensions to the deadline (early March 2025).

RESOLVED That a letter be send to John Whitby MP (from Chair of Council, Cllr McDonagh) raising the issue of the pressure created by the imposition of an early deadline for the use of Levelling up funds. It is disappointing that the project which was deemed worthy of investment is being jeopardised by the imposition of bureaucracy which does not serve the interest of the people of Wirksworth. The ongoing trespass on the site has resulted in repeated damage to the surfacing which requires time to set. That the issue should be flagged on social media and the WTC website to discourage people walking, cycling and taking prams onto the unfinished paths. That the site be closed for the full extent of the DCC permitted closure (until 28/2/25) to allow as much time as possible for the self-binding aggregate to consolidate.

C24/114 Precept Announcement

Resolution C24/101 – to review and agree to the proposed statement regarding the Council's precept in 2025/26.

RESOLVED That text be agreed and posted onto social media and WTC website.

Cllr Maskrey (chair) as items would normally be dealt with by Environment and Town meeting, all other items were be deferred to February committee meeting.

C24/115 Flooding in Wirksworth

To consider further action(s) following the recent meeting with representatives from Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding ongoing flooding issues in Wirksworth.

RESOLVED That Cllr Maskrey and Pollock be delegated to meet with representatives of DDDC and DCC for site visits and to report back to Environment and Town Committee.

C24/116 Flood Warden Scheme

To consider how the Town Council might engage with this scheme.

RESOLVED That the Town Council support the recruitment of Flood wardens and that the matter be taken forward by the Environment and Town Committee.

Cllr McDonagh resumed as chair as remaining items are matters for full council.

C24/117 Fair Trade Group

A request has been made for a Town Councillor representative to be assigned to Fair Trade group which is in the process of reforming.

RESOLVED That Town Council provide a representative to the group once it has (re)established.

C24/118 Delegated Decisions

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

Date	Decision Taken	Alternative Options Considered and/or background information
13/1/25	To provide a letter of support to Team Ministry for Wirksworth for the Grant Application in support of the project to repair and improve the facilities in St Marys Church	In September, Rev Griffiths spoke in open Forum at the full council meeting to update the council on the Team Ministries' plans to undertake repair and improvement works to the fabric of St Marys Church. The ministry contacted the clerk over the Christmas period requesting a letter of support for the grant application which is to be submitted early 2025. Councillors were supportive of the proposal during the presentation in September, and the letter of support carries no financial obligations. The letter was issued after approval from Cllr McDonagh, Cllr Maskrey, Cllr Clamp using delegated powers.

RESOLVED That decision be ratified.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

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Chairman

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PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
407	General Administration	01/12/2024		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	392.00	78.40	470.40
401	General Administration	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
404	Fannysshaw Community	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
405	General Administration	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	122.40	24.48	146.88
409	Barmote Croft Toilets	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Smarty	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
364	Telephone	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
410	Telephone	02/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
416	General Administration	03/12/2024		Unity Trust		Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
434	Meadows Phase 1	04/12/2024		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Wildscapes (Sheffield	S	54,893.76	10,978.75	65,872.51
424	Fuel	06/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Gas	Corona Energy	S	343.20	68.64	411.84
418	Maintenance	09/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Ashbrook Roofing	S	12.40	2.48	14.88
406	Rates	10/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Rates	DDDC	Z	686.00		686.00
414	Maintenance	10/12/2024		Unity Trust		Tree works	Thompson Tree	S	1,296.92	259.38	1,556.30
414	Maintenance	10/12/2024		Unity Trust		Tree works	Thompson Tree	S	326.92	65.38	392.30
419	Maintenance	10/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Furniture	Amazon	S	22.40	4.48	26.88
411	General Administration	10/12/2024		Unity Trust		Annual license	Software Into Action	S	165.00	33.00	198.00
413	General Administration	10/12/2024		Unity Trust		PPE	Paul Jennings	Z	35.00		35.00
415	Town Promotions	10/12/2024		Unity Trust		Advert	Community Fayre	Z	42.75		42.75
432	Occasional Lettings	12/12/2024		Unity Trust		Refund	Town Hall Events	S	354.17	70.83	425.00
420	General Administration	12/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	S	82.67	16.53	99.20
420	General Administration	12/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	Z	5.99		5.99
431	General Administration	12/12/2024		Unity Trust		Consumables	Complete	S	61.34	12.27	73.61
431	General Administration	12/12/2024		Unity Trust		Consumables	Complete	Z	85.00		85.00
433	General Administration	12/12/2024		Unity Trust		PPE	Paul Jennings	Z	22.00		22.00
412	Meadows Design Works	12/12/2024		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Urban Wilderness	S	408.00	81.60	489.60
443	Occasional Lettings	17/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Cardnet payment	Cardnet	Z	0.97		0.97
399	Salaries	18/12/2024		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,660.55		1,660.55
399	Wages	18/12/2024		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,022.83		1,022.83
400	Wages	18/12/2024		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	3,649.57		3,649.57
400	Salaries	18/12/2024		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	5,128.42		5,128.42
408	Maintenance	19/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.13	14.23	85.36
408	Maintenance	19/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.00	14.20	85.20
421	Rates	20/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	103.32		103.32
398	Wages	20/12/2024		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	301.85		301.85

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Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
398	Salaries	20/12/2024		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	1,373.18		1,373.18
422	Rates	21/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	154.33		154.33
428	Fuel	23/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	97.71	4.89	102.60
429	Fuel	23/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	S	434.77	86.95	521.72
426	Fuel	23/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	154.71	7.74	162.45
427	Fuel	23/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	117.32	5.87	123.19
423	Rates	24/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	31.26		31.26
430	General Administration	24/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
402	Managed Telecoms	27/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Emtel	S	43.95	8.79	52.74
439	Rates	27/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	20.23		20.23
417	General Administration	27/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	22.11		22.11
436	Barmote Croft Toilets	27/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	TotalEnergies	Z	7.60		7.60
437	Barmote Croft Toilets	27/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Electricity	TotalEnergies	S	32.39	6.48	38.87
440	Rates	30/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.57		11.57
441	Rates	30/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.57		11.57
442	Rates	30/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.57		11.57
403	General Administration	30/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	29.00	5.80	34.80
438	Telephone	30/12/2024		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
435	General Administration	31/12/2024		Unity Trust		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	9.00		9.00
Total									74,434.49	11,947.10	86,381.59