

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 3 February 2025

ET24/81 Present
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr A Pollock

In attendance:
2 residents, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk) Sue Gratton (Deputy Town Clerk)

ET24/82 Apologies for Absence: None

ET24/83 Variation in Order of Business: None

ET24/84 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

Cllr S Maskrey declared a personal interest in planning ref 25/00035/VCOND
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Open Forum opened 6:32pm, Cllr Barker Arrived

ET24/85 Open Forum:

Cllr Pollock assumed the Chair.

Cllr Maskrey asked for planning ref 25/00035/VCOND to be added to the ENT agenda in March to discuss residents' concerns.

Cllr Maskrey resumed chair

A resident spoke about the ongoing flooding issues on Brooklands Avenue and Water Lane

Cllr F Rostron 6.35pm

Open Forum closed 6.40pm

ET24/86 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 04 November 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET24/87 Neighbourhood Plan

ET24/47 Town Council's position to be reviewed again (in light of changes in central govt planning review and the impact of increased housing allocation on the DDDC Local Plan).

RES that the Town Council review their position in 6 months, given the uncertainty regarding DDDC and the introduction of a unitary authority.

ET24/88 Flooding

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.

RES that Cllr Maskrey & Pollock continue to monitor the outcome of actions ongoing with the Flood Risk Management team at DCC.

ET24/89 Flood Warden Scheme

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

REC that the scheme guidance information be obtained and Cllrs to seek interested parties to be flood wardens in high risk flood areas of the Town.

Cllr A Pollock departs 7.00pm

ET24/90 Snow Warden Scheme

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

ET24/91 REC that there are insufficient resources for the Town Council to facilitate a snow warden scheme, however the TC produced guidance on Winter Weather to be shared on social platforms and TC website, encouraging communities to work together to grit areas not covered by DCC.

Cllr S Barker departs 7.24pm

Cllr S Barker returns 7.26pm

ET24/92 Safer Roads Group

Requests from the group referred by council for discussion at E&T:
Consider a “residents” parking scheme especially on North End,
Assist and support SR group in approaching the local hauliers, to discuss ways in which to maximise road safety in Wirksworth
Make contact with Derbyshire Dales town/parish councils to seek agreement on the need for speed reduction
Assist and support SR group in contacting and lobbying District and County Councilors and officers to create a much-needed strategy for speed reduction, more pedestrian crossings, increased road safety signage, improved footpaths

REC that a residents parking scheme on North End doesn't fit the DCC criteria, info to be passed to the Safer Roads Group. Cllr Taylor, delegated to contact neighbouring parish councils for their support in a speed reduction on local roads and to report finding to Full Council.

ET24/93 HGV access to The Dale/Greenhill

A resident has raised concerns about the impact of the large vehicles accessing this area.

REC that the matter be noted and that the resident has been informed of the departments of DDDC & DCC to contact for further assistance.

ET24/94 DCC Developer Protocol Consult

To ensure the Developer Contributions Protocol is up to date DCC review every 3 years to ensure that the anticipated growth and

development within the County is supported by the services and infrastructure necessary to mitigate its impact.

REC That the matter be noted

ET24/95 Parkers Piece

Bolehill Improvement Group have asked whether following the installation of the bench, if the Town Council has undertaken a risk assessment regarding the need for additional lighting, hand rail and waste bin.

RES that the Town Council does not undertake risk assessments for outdoor furniture.

ET24/96 Go Green Event

DDDC are offering to partner with the Town Council in hosting an event to promote and encourage residents to go green

REC that the Town Council support this event and offer to assist in the promotion.

ET24/97 Street Naming

DDDC are seeking comments regarding the proposed Street Naming & Numbering of a new development – on land north of Haarlem Mill, Derby Road, Wirksworth.

REC the Town Council support the suggested name of ‘Mill View’

ET24/98 Planning Application Referred

24/01118/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 7 no. dwellings at Windward 62 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EB
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RES the comment “WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint.

The Town Council’s position will be that a building’s impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape” be submitted

ET24/99 Planning Applications received

RES to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	T/24/00197/TCA	Crown thin by 20% and crown lift to a height of 4 meters 1no. sycamore 40 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
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2	T/24/00193/TCA	Various works to 3no. hawthorn, 2no. ash, 1no. horse chestnut, 1no. oak, 1no. beech, 1no. willow and 1no. hazel The Meadows Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire

<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
3	T/24/00196/TCA	<p>Fell 1no. yew tree and 1no. holly tree and crown lift 1no. lime tree to a height of 4 meters Yokecliffe House West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
4	24/00855/FUL	<p>Single storey front extension and creation of second storey 5 Brooklands Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AB</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
5	24/00695/FUL	<p>Proposed installation of 6 no. air source heat pumps and 143no. solar PV panels Wirksworth Leisure Centre Hannage Way Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4JG</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
6	24/00859/FUL	<p>Two storey rear extension Rose Cottage Derby Road Homesford Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HJ</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
7	24/00855/FUL	<p>Single storey front extension and creation of second storey 5 Brooklands Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AB</p>
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8	T/24/00216/TCA	<p>Fell 3no. Hawthorn and 1no. Sycamore to ground level and coppice 1no. Hazel to 3 meters. Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Wirksworth Station Station Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FB</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
9	T/24/00222/TCA	<p>Reduce crown of 1no. London Plane by approx. 2m back to previous reduction points Memorial Hall 39 St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS *Town Council Application, no comments can be submitted*</p>
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		

10	24/00891/PDC	Prior Approval Class R (agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use) - Change of use from agricultural building to a use falling within Use Class E g iii) (any industrial process) Building To The South Of Wirksworth Hall Farm Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
11	24/00907/FUL	Single storey extension Holmlea Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FR
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
12	24/00879/FUL	Extension of existing single storey rear extension 6 Ecclesbourne Cottages Sough Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FQ
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
13	24/00909/OUT	Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling for access, scale and layout Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
Referred to E&T Committee 4/11/24 – Application Withdrawn		
14	24/00904/FUL	Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new dwelling St Helens House Farm St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4PP
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		

December 20224

1	T/24/00230/TPO	Remove epicormic growth to 5m and remove major deadwood to 1no. European Lime 33 Yokecliffe Crescent Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ER
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
2	24/00608/FUL	Erection of a detached dwelling 2 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
3	24/00946/FUL	Conversion of barn to annexe Old House Place Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GP
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4	T/24/00235/TCA	Fell 4 no. ash trees with ash dieback 35 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ

<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
5	T/24/00182/TCA	Various works to ash tree Horseshoe Cottage Warmbrook Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EA
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
6	T/24/00238/TCA	Various works to multiple trees Oaker House 41 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
7	24/00819/FUL	Proposed replacement of ground floor rear conservatory and utility room 59 Bournebrook Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BA
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
8	T/24/00249/TPO	Reduce crown by 2.5 meters all over of 1no. Norway Maple and reduce crown by 2 meters all over of 1no. Birch 6 Ecclesbourne Close Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AE
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
9	T/24/00248/TCA	Fell to ground level 1no. Beech and 1no. Black Pine Oaker House 41 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		

January 2025

1	24/00998/FUL	Change of use of former cinema to retail unit and gymnasium with associated works Stones Of Wirksworth St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
2	24/01019/FUL	Replacement front door and replace window with french doors 1 The Croft Greenhill Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EN
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
3	24/01038/ADV	New ATM Collar to replace existing Memorial Hall 39 St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS

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4	24/01046/FUL	Single storey front and rear extensions with associated works 1 Nan Gells Hill Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GN
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
5	24/01058/FUL	Erection of porch with pitched roof to entrance 51 Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape</p>		
6	24/01061/ADV	Installation of various advertising signage Baileycroft Garage Harrison Drive Wirksworth Derbyshire
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape</p>		
7	24/01076/FUL	Side extensions and alterations to roof 37 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape</p>		
8	24/01083/PDL	Installation of roof mounted solar array to barn roof Glamping Pods The Chalet Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape</p>		

ET24/100 Planning Decisions & Appeals

(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

None to report

The meeting closed at 7.53pm

Chairman