

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17 February 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

**C24/119 Present:** Cllr E McDonagh (chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr P Carr, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr S Thompson and Cllr C Whittall.  
In attendance: 37 Members of public D Cllr P Slack, D Cllr D Greatorex and Paul Jennings

**C24/120 Apologies:** Cllr A Jordan, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr P Taylor

**C24/121 Variation of Order of Business:** To take item 10 Heritage Centre immediately after Open Forum

**C24/122 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:** None declared

Cllr Clamp	Personal interest in item 7 Community Grants as chair of Now
Cllr Carr	Personal interest in item 7 Community Grants as member of Now

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**C24/123 Open Forum:**

All residents present were there to register their concern over the sudden closure of the Heritage Centre (“HC”). 9 Members of public spoke, requesting:  
That a public meeting be held to allow the town to understand how it might rescue the Heritage Centre.  
Many wanted to offer their help in re-establishing/re-opening the HC. Could the Town take over the operation of the HC ?  
Concern was expressed over the “silence” and absence of more explanation regarding the closure of the HC.  
The issue of the impact on the employees from the closure was raised, with concern for the treatment of the staff.  
A resident and member Civic Society read out a statement registering the societies willingness to be support a reopening/rescuing of the HC.  
A resident asked if he could speak to the Town Council about a mental health initiative.  
D Cllr Slack had provided a written report. D Cllr Slack and Greatorex expressed their willingness to work with the Town Council and the HC in re-opening the space.

*Open Forum closed 7:05pm*

**C24/124 Heritage Centre**  
The Trustees of Wirksworth Heritage Centre have taken the difficult decision to close. Citing that current economic climate, increased running costs and poor trading conditions are all factors in this decision. FB&P committee have recommended establishing a Working Party comprising Cllr Clamp, Whittall and Rostron to liaise

with Heritage Centre and linked parties. FB&P have also provided a list of questions to the Trustees to help inform the Town Councils understanding of the situation.

**RESOLVED That a Working Party be established comprising Cllr Clamp, Whittall and Rostron to liaise with Heritage Centre and linked parties to allow more detailed discussion regarding the issue. The Working Party to report back to Full Council with any information to inform any further decision by Town Council. That the Council write to the Trustees on behalf of the people of the Town offering to host a public meeting at the Town Hall to explore how the Town might help rescue/support the Heritage Centre. The Town Council to provide the offer of arranging a chairperson for the meeting. The meeting's focus and purpose would be to look forward and to identify what steps might be taken to ensure the future of the Heritage centre. The letter should reflect the level of public support for rescuing this town asset.**

**C24/125 Minutes of the meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council 20 January 20254:**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 20 January were confirmed as a correct record.**

**C24/126 Town Mayor's Announcements: None** (but sought anecdotes from Councillor's for the upcoming presentation to WEA)

**C24/127 To receive the committee recommendations**

- Environment and Town dated 3 February 2025
- Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 10 February 2025

**RESOLVED to adopt all the recommendations of the Environment and Town dated 3 February 2025 and Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 10 February**

**C24/128 Accounts Paid**  
January 2025 in the sum of £ 52,945.89

**RESOLVED that payment of the attached accounts in the sums of £52,945.89 be approved.**

**C24/129 Meadows**

The clerk provided an update on works. The 2 main footpaths must re-open on 28 February when the PRoW closure ends.

The footpath element of the site will revert back to the responsibility of the Council. In practical terms the council will be responsible for any damage resulting from wear & tear and/or vandalism, the contractor will still be responsible for rectifying faults (such as a pothole created by issues with the substructure).

Some elements of the project such as interpretation/ signage and seating has been funded outside UKSPF and therefore does not need to be completed before the beginning of March, so works will continue on site to deliver these elements.

The tree planting element of the project was not delivered by the contractor in order to ensure the project remained within budget and will be delivered using volunteers. This task will be used to kick off the establishment of "The Meadows Group" (similar to the model used for Stoney Wood Group). The planting of trees needs to be undertaken before the end of March.

**RESOLVED That those paths not designated as PRow be closed to allow additional time for the surfacing to set.  
That a volunteer group be established, with the first event to be a day of tree planting lead by WTC staff (Councillors to be invited to join the event).**

*Cllr Carr and Clamp left chamber*

**C24/130 Community Grant**

Request from NOW for a grant of £650 to contribute towards of operational costs of the skatepark.

**RESOLVED That as this is an existing budgeted item (Line 47 Fanny Shaw Skate Park Maintenance) the grant be approved.**

*Cllr Carr and Clamp returned*

**C24/131 Martyn's Law**

To confirm by resolution that the; the largest Town Council internal space is the main hall with a capacity of 180 (150 tickets/30 stewards & adult performers).

**RESOLVED That Town Council venues fall outside the standard tier for venues (200+) under current Martyn's Law Guidelines. The Town Council would continue to consider the implementation of measures required under Martyn's Law where appropriate to the Town Council's estate.**

**C24/132 Parish and Town Council Liaison**

To confirm attendees at Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum which is being held from 5.00pm on Wednesday 5 March 2025

**RESOLVED That Cllr Barker & Cllr Thompson be delegated to attend the event.**

*The meeting closed at 7:55pm*

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Chairman

# Wirksworth Town Council

## PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
447	Fannyshaw Community	02/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
444	General Administration	02/01/2025		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
448	General Administration	02/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	118.00	23.60	141.60
450	General Administration	02/01/2025		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	392.00	78.40	470.40
467	General Administration	06/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Subscription fees	SLCC	Z	300.00		300.00
453	General Administration	06/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Photocopier	Ricoh	S	262.70	52.54	315.24
466	Maintenance	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Recycling collection	CPP	S	38.97	7.79	46.76
469	Salaries	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	5,140.87		5,140.87
469	Wages	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	3,661.61		3,661.61
462	General Administration	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	360.00	72.00	432.00
463	General Administration	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Subscription fees	Parish Online	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
465	Footpath Maintenance	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Minor Maintenance	Steve Maskrey	Z	495.00		495.00
507	General Administration	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Subscription fees	Scribe	S	958.80	191.76	1,150.56
464	Meadows Design Works	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Urban Wilderness	S	705.27	141.05	846.32
506	Signage and Interpretation	07/01/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Hammerhead Forge	Z	1,925.00		1,925.00
455	Fuel	09/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Gas	Corona Energy	S	533.02	106.60	639.62
473	Market Stall Set-up &	09/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Torne Valley Ltd	S	18.32	3.66	21.98
449	Rates	10/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Rates	DDDC	Z	686.00		686.00
476	Market Stall Set-up &	13/01/2025		Unity Trust		Market stalls	Karl Dumelow	Z	770.00		770.00
478	Fannyshaw Community	13/01/2025		Unity Trust		CCTV	Overwatch Security	Z	200.00		200.00
479	General Administration	13/01/2025		Unity Trust		Annual license	TRS Design Ltd	S	50.00	10.00	60.00
477	Grit Bins	13/01/2025		Unity Trust		Grit bin maintenance	Salisbury & Wood	S	252.00	50.40	302.40
452	Barmote Croft Toilets	16/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Smarty	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
451	Maintenance	19/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.13	14.23	85.36
451	Maintenance	19/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.00	14.20	85.20
461	Rates	20/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	78.41		78.41
456	Fuel	21/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	S	451.53	90.31	541.84
458	Fuel	21/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	132.11	6.61	138.72
459	Fuel	21/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	153.08	7.65	160.73
457	Fuel	21/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	155.89	7.79	163.68
474	Barmote Croft Toilets	21/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	TotalEnergies	L	29.10	1.46	30.56
472	Rates	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	100.43		100.43
491	Maintenance	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	4.72	0.94	5.66
494	Maintenance	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	4.25	0.85	5.10

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490	Therapy Rooms	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	21.66	4.33	25.99
500	Maintenance	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Lift maintenance	L.E.S.	S	570.06	114.01	684.07
495	Maintenance	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	5.66	1.13	6.79
489	Fannyshaw Community	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	12.37	2.47	14.84
492	General Administration	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	11.66	2.33	13.99
493	General Administration	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	6.66	1.33	7.99
505	General Administration	23/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	6.66	1.33	7.99
502	Mayor's Allowance	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Mayor's Allowance	Mayor's Charity	Z	450.00		450.00
498	Grit Bins	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Grit bin maintenance	Thomas Batterley	Z	1,700.00		1,700.00
499	Christmas	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Christmas Tree	Mr Christmas tree	S	841.67	168.33	1,010.00
497	Meadows Design Works	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Urban Wilderness	S	127.77	25.55	153.32
496	Meadows Phase 1	23/01/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Wildscapes (Sheffield	S	17,943.13	3,588.63	21,531.76
471	Rates	24/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	32.28		32.28
468	Salaries	24/01/2025		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,665.46		1,665.46
470	Salaries	24/01/2025		Unity Trust		VAT	HMRC	Z	1,380.86		1,380.86
470	Wages	24/01/2025		Unity Trust		VAT	HMRC	Z	324.49		324.49
468	Wages	24/01/2025		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,029.23		1,029.23
475	General Administration	26/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
445	Managed Telecoms	27/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Emtel	S	43.95	8.79	52.74
485	Market Store	27/01/2025	FBP24/52	Unity Trust		Grant	NOW	S	600.00	120.00	720.00
484	Storage	27/01/2025	FBP24/52	Unity Trust		Grant	Stay & Play	S	240.00	48.00	288.00
501	Barmote Croft Toilets	27/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	20.88		20.88
454	Telephone	27/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
488	Maintenance	28/01/2025		Unity Trust		Window cleaning	Gavin Repton window	Z	50.00		50.00
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460	General Administration	28/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	21.89		21.89
446	General Administration	28/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	29.00	5.80	34.80
487	Well Dressing & Carnival	28/01/2025	C24/87	Unity Trust		Grant	Wirksworth Carnival	Z	1,000.00		1,000.00
488	Bus Shelters	28/01/2025		Unity Trust		Window cleaning	Gavin Repton window	Z	70.00		70.00
504	General Administration	28/01/2025		Lloyds Current		White goods	Screwfix	S	49.98	10.00	59.98
486	Meadows Phase 1	28/01/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Hammerhead Forge	Z	1,065.00		1,065.00
481	Rates	29/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
482	Rates	29/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
483	Rates	29/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
480	Telephone	30/01/2025		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80

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503 General Administration	31/01/2025		Unity Trust		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	8.85		8.85
							<b>Total</b>	<b>47,894.89</b>	<b>5,051.00</b>	<b>52,945.89</b>