

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 07 April 2025

ET24/114 Present
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson

In attendance:
3 residents, Sue Gratton (Deputy Town Clerk)

ET24/115 Apologies for Absence: Cllr F Rostron, Cllr A Pollock

ET24/116 Variation in Order of Business:
to take items 13 & 14 directly after open forum

ET24/117 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: none

Open Forum opened 6:31pm

ET24/118 Open Forum
Resident explained his concern regarding the safety of a tree at the bottom of his garden on the meadows. He believes it is at risk of falling down.
Ramblers Association spokesperson discussed their concerns regarding an unadopted gitty in the town centre which may put it under threat, and advised that there was a footpath diversion in the Breamfield area which should not still be in place after utility works had now been completed.

Open Forum opened 6:37pm

ET24/119 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 03 March 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET24/120 Resident has request for Tree Cutting Meadows
A resident of Yokecliffe Crescent has request permission to cut down a Fir Tree on the Meadows due to loss of light & safety concerns.
REC that due to the Safety concerns the Town Council agree to the resident go ahead with the tree works subject to a Risk Assessment and that the work is carried out by a qualified Arboriculturist.

ET24/121 VE Day Grant for RBL
Cllr Thompson has requested that the Town Council apply for the DDDC grant to support the RBL in their VE day celebrations .
REC that The Town Council support the RBL and apply for the Grant, however due to the time constraints if other groups/residents are putting on celebrations then they will be referred to the RBL to work together and they will disseminate the funds.

- ET24/122 Clarification of the Council stance on 'Air BnB'/Holiday Lets**
 Cllr Taylor would like the Town Council to clarify their definition of the term 'Air BnB'/Holiday Lets.
REC that whilst the Town Council discourages second homes and full house holiday accommodation, all planning requests for Holiday accommodation permission/conversion be judged on their own merits and consideration be given to room rentals and annexes to support tourism in the Town.
- ET24/123 Safer Roads – Derbyshire Police Speed watch**
 Cllr Taylor would like Council comments on the Derbyshire Police newly trained Speed Watch Group
REC that this be noted.
- ET24/124 Footpath 36 Diversion**
 A resident has raised the issue of a footpath diversion and request that Council raise the issue with Derbyshire County Council
REC that Town Council office contact PROW team to see if the wayleave agreement is still in place, if not, ask to get the path reinstated.
- ET24/125 Footpath Claim jitty Chapel Lane to North End**
 Ramblers Derbyshire Dales would like Council assistance in getting this path added to the definitive footpath map.
REC that the Town Council support the Ramblers Association in collating the replies and submitting the paperwork to assist in getting the footpath on the definitive map
- ET24/126 Central Government plans to introduce Unitary Authorities**
 To consider how the Town Council might respond to these proposals, including proactively considering what services or assets it might wish to protect/adopt which are currently provided by DDDC / DCC
REC that the Town Council form a working party to compile a list of areas/services currently in ownership of the District & County Councils that they may be in a position to take on should the situation arise from the formation of a Unitary Authority.
- ET24/127 Resident concerned about Wall bordering the Meadows/Gate House Drive**
 Cllr Maskrey has been alerted to lose coping stones on the Wall of Gate House Drive properties that border the footpath 110 by a local resident
REC Town Clerks office to contact planning control to investigate matter.
- ET24/128 Quote received for shrubbery cutting at the rear of Memorial Hall**
 Quote has been received from contractor Roy Stevenson for £280 to cut and remove the shrubbery at rear & side of Memorial Hall/Nether Gardens.
REC that the quote be accepted.
- ET24/129 Planning Applications received**
REC to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	25/00035/VCOND	Variation of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) of application no. 13/00589/FUL to allow dependant relative accommodation to be used as a holiday let at 6 Pillar Butts Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NN
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council notes local resident's concerns over access & parking and requests that DDDC take these into consideration when making their decision		
2	T/25/00012/TCA	Fell to ground level 3no. fir trees 34 - 38 Bolehill Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GQ
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	25/00047/FUL	Two story rear extension Highways 56 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EB
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.		
4	T/25/00015/TCA	Fell to ground level 2.no willow trees at Middleton Community Primary School Main Street Middleton By Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4LQ
Not Wirksworth Planning – Middleton		
5	25/00074/FUL	Erection of replacement shed and garden outbuilding 35 Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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.		
6	25/00061/FUL	First floor rear extension and raised deck access 21 Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GP
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.		
7	25/00070/FUL	Two-storey rear extension, porch and domestic garage Land Adjacent 11 Little Bolehill Bolehill 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.		
8	25/00078/FUL	Proposed re-rendering of 2 no. external walls Jasmine Nails 2A Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
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.		
9	25/00091/LBALT	Change of use from Mixed use commercial E(c) (iii) and residential C3 (a) to wholly residential, alterations to the ground floor and installation of a new kitchen and WC, and installation of an en-suite shower room at first floor level 5 St Marys Gate Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DQ
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	T/25/00019/TCA	Reduce in height by 1/3 1no. Holly tree Meerbrook House 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.		

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13	25/00124/FUL	Replacement single storey extension, replacement windows, installation of solar panels and various other works 3 Church Walk Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DP
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.		

ET24/130 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Chairman