

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28 April 2025 AT 6.30 PM

**C24/150**    **Present:** Cllr E McDonagh (chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr S Maskrey  
**In attendance:** D Cllr L Peacock, 3 members of public, a representative from Connect Fibre and Paul Jennings

**C24/151**    **Apologies:** Cllr F Rostron, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr C Whittall.

**C24/152**    **Variation of Order of Business:** take item 10 Fairtrade Town, immediately after Open Forum

**C24/153**    **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None declared**

Cllr Clamp	Personal interest in item 9, Management of Fund,15 Second homes council tax premiums
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*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**C24/154**    **Open Forum:**

The community engagement officer from Connect Fibre introduced themselves to the council.

The Chair, Wirksworth Care Centre Trust provided an update on the accommodation held by the trust at Waltham House.

A resident provided a brief presentation in support of the Fair Trade Town request.

A resident advised that a new group "Wirksworth Historians" was in the process of being established and the group would like take ownership of the Wirksworth.org website. They also requested that consideration be given to registering the Heritage Centre building as an Asset

D Cllr Peacock provided a written report and gave more information regarding this.

*Open Forum closed 7:25pm*

**C24/155**    **Fairtrade Town**  
Request that the town council support "the formation of a Fair Trade group seeking to achieve accredited Fair Trade status for the town".

**RESOLVED** that the town council support the formation of a Fair Trade group seeking to achieve accredited Fair Trade status for the town.

**C24/156**    **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 17 March 2025**

**C24/157**    **Town Mayor's Announcements – Deputy Mayor attended the Belper Civic Service**

- C24/158 To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**  
Environment and Town dated 7 April 2025  
Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 14 April 2025

**RESOLVED to adopt all the recommendations of the Environment and Town dated 7 April 2025 and Finance Buildings and Personnel dated 14 April 2025.**

- C24/159 Accounts Paid**  
March 2025 in the sum of £ 68,428.87

- C24/160 Management of Fund**  
To establish (in principle) whether the Town Council would consider accepting a donation of funds and would then undertake to manage a grant process. The grants would be funded from the income which could be generated from the investment of the donated funds.

**RESOLVED wish to explore with the Wirksworth Care Centre Trust how the Town Council might be able to assist in this matter.**

- C24/161 Heritage Centre**  
Request from the trustees for the Town Council to take responsibility and ownership of the website Wirksworth.org.uk, which is a repository of historic information and for the Town Council to register the Town Hall as a tourist information point.

**RESOLVED to agree in principle to take over the ownership of the website and will maintain the site unless a new suitable party comes forward to take ownership of the website. The council postpone the decision on the Tourist Information Point, awaiting clarification from Heritage Centre regarding the potential obligation(s) that might arise from this.**

- C24/162 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.

**RESOLVED to that a working party is established as the Annual Town Council Meeting.**

- C24/163 DDDC Support for Wirksworth**  
To consider how the Town Council might ensure that Wirksworth receives support commensurate with that provided to other Market Towns (Wirksworth Town Council has taken over ownership of Tuesday Market and Barmote Public Conveniences).

**RESOLVED to delegate Cllr Clamp, Cllr Jordan and Cllr Whittall to investigate potential grant/funding streams from the District Council to support Town Council initiatives. That the wider issue of DDDC support be referred back to council in June for further discussion.**

**C24/164     Filming in Wirksworth**

To consider the implications for Wirksworth and the Town Council of the filming of a documentary in the Town.

<https://www.fundsurfer.com/crowdfund/the-wirksworth-ufo-incident>

**RESOLVED to note the matter.**

**C24/165     Second homes council tax premiums**

Proposal to support the reinvestment of second homes council tax premiums into community-led housing.

**RESOLVED to support the proposal and delegate Cllr Clamp to prepare a letter of support.**

*The meeting closed at 8:15pm*

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Chairman

# Wirksworth Town Council

30 April 2025 (2024-2025)

## PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
537	Rates	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
538	Rates	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
539	Rates	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	11.95		11.95
572	Fannyshaw Community	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
576	Barmote Croft Toilets	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Smarty	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
520	General Administration	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	S	93.37	18.67	112.04
520	General Administration	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	Z	43.57		43.57
574	General Administration	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	392.00	78.40	470.40
569	General Administration	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
518	Telephone	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
577	Telephone	03/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
582	Maintenance	04/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Garden maintenance	Amazon	S	40.82	8.16	48.98
581	General Administration	04/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Office Equipment	Amazon	S	11.61	2.33	13.94
583	Meadows Phase 1	04/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Meadows equipment	Amazon	S	22.49	4.50	26.99
587	Meadows Phase 1	04/03/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Wildscapes (Sheffield)	S	22,281.51	4,456.30	26,737.81
585	Maintenance	06/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Plumbing / Heating	Amazon	Z	299.99		299.99
595	Stoney Wood	06/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Garden maintenance	Slips Away	S	230.83	46.17	277.00
605	Meadows Design Works	06/03/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Urban Wilderness	S	2,537.50	507.50	3,045.00
554	Meadows Phase 1	06/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Meadows equipment	Lester Lowes	S	97.85	19.57	117.42
555	Meadows Phase 1	06/03/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows works	Thompson Tree	S	10,779.20	2,155.84	12,935.04
579	Meadows Phase 1	06/03/2025		Unity Trust		Meadows equipment	GoApparel	Z	225.00		225.00
563	Depot	10/03/2025	FBP24/52	Unity Trust		Grant	Glee Club	S	400.00	80.00	480.00
553	Fannyshaw Community	10/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	SSE	L	662.54	33.13	695.67
568	General Administration	10/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Petty Cash	Wirksworth Town	Z	100.00		100.00
606	General Administration	10/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Cardnet payment	Town Hall Events	Z	0.51		0.51
562	Fuel	11/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Gas	Corona Energy	S	747.73	149.55	897.28
573	General Administration	12/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	118.00	23.60	141.60
586	Meadows Phase 1	12/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Meadows equipment	Amazon	S	45.83	9.17	55.00
566	Christmas	13/03/2025		Unity Trust		Christmas Tree	Harlite	S	1,152.66	230.53	1,383.19
580	Maintenance	15/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Consumables	Viking	S	80.45	16.09	96.54
578	General Administration	15/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Data protection fee	Information	Z	47.00		47.00
567	Maintenance	17/03/2025		Unity Trust		Recycling collection	CPP	S	38.97	7.79	46.76
584	Maintenance	18/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	8.29	1.66	9.95
575	Maintenance	19/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.13	14.23	85.36

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575	Maintenance	19/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	71.00	14.20	85.20
556	Fuel	21/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	S	374.83	74.97	449.80
557	Fuel	21/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	80.72	4.04	84.76
560	Rates	21/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	73.20		73.20
558	Fuel	21/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	170.43	8.52	178.95
559	Fuel	21/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Electricity	EDF Energy	L	173.77	8.69	182.46
561	Rates	22/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	89.49		89.49
593	Market Stall Set-up &	24/03/2025		Unity Trust		Market stalls	Karl Dumelow	Z	1,400.00		1,400.00
591	Donations	24/03/2025	FBP24/102	Unity Trust		Grant	Wilder Wirksworth	Z	725.99		725.99
592	Town Promotions	24/03/2025		Unity Trust		Advert	Community Fayre	Z	42.75		42.75
594	Town Promotions	24/03/2025	C24/147	Unity Trust		Grant	NOW	Z	888.00		888.00
565	Rates	25/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	29.17		29.17
590	Salaries	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,618.48		1,618.48
588	Salaries	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	1,314.09		1,314.09
589	Salaries	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	5,010.23		5,010.23
589	Wages	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	3,619.58		3,619.58
588	Wages	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	299.12		299.12
590	Wages	25/03/2025		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,013.23		1,013.23
564	General Administration	25/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
570	Managed Telecoms	26/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Emtel	S	43.95	8.79	52.74
607	Barmote Croft Toilets	28/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	18.87		18.87
571	General Administration	28/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	29.00	5.80	34.80
552	General Administration	28/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	38.11		38.11
596	General Administration	28/03/2025		Unity Trust		Annual license	Avalon Software Ltd	Z	30.00		30.00
598	Rates	31/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	10.79		10.79
599	Rates	31/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	10.79		10.79
600	Rates	31/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Water	Water Plus	Z	10.79		10.79
597	Stoney Wood	31/03/2025	FBP24/105	Unity Trust	FBP24/105	Grant	Stoney Wood group	Z	2,200.00		2,200.00
602	General Administration	31/03/2025		Unity Trust		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	9.00		9.00
601	Telephone	31/03/2025		Lloyds Current		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
Total									60,364.74	8,064.13	68,428.87