



WIRKS WORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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15 July 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 21 July 2025 at 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wirksworth.

Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting, please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details. (*If you wish to attend the meeting remotely please contact the Town Clerk)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Variation of Order of Business**
 - Including to consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss an agenda item.
3. **Members' Interests in Agenda Items**
 - To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.
4. **Open Forum: (3 minutes per speaker, total available 15 minutes)**
 - Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)
 - Police Matters (A police representative may be in attendance to offer information or respond to questions from Councillors on Police matters)
 - Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted
 - District & County Councillor Reports
5. **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council held on 16 June 2025 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
 - Environment and Town dated 7 July 2025 (attached)
 - Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 14 July 2025 (attached)
8. **Accounts Paid**

June 2025 in the sums of £23,708.89
9. **Insurance**

To approve the renewal quote proposed by broker James Hallam - £14323.60
10. **Cyber Insurance**

To consider an additional specialist policy at a cost £842.88.
(It was a recommendation of the internal audit that dedicated cover be considered.)
11. **Ecocentre Closure**

DCC Adult Services will cease education provision from the site from August 2025.
12. **Unitary Authority for Derbyshire**

Consultation on the Government's plans to change the way local councils are set up across England, including in Derbyshire

**Resolution C23/99 - The 3 principles that will underly all Council Decisions are:
Community Cohesion, Communication and Environmental Impact**

13. Hybrid Meeting

Central Government are proposing to re-introduce legislation to allow hybrid meetings (virtual attendance) for local authorities. It is anticipated that councils will be able determine their own policies to manage the process and procedures around these new powers. Councils will need to determine whether they have the appropriate technology to effectively facilitate any remote access/participation in hybrid meetings.

14. Summer Lane, Oat Hill and Church Yard (Cllr Maskrey)

Complaints have been received from residents regarding the maintenance at these locations.

15. Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Jordan)

To consider what action might be taken in light of the recent decision by central government to withdraw funding for the preparation/updating of Neighbourhood Plans.

16. Meadows Maintenance and Seating

To provide a progress update regarding the works to install seating and the ongoing maintenance contract.

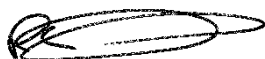
17. Task List (attached)

Summary of resolutions which require action with progress updates.

18. Delegated Decisions (Appendix 1)

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

19. Town Councillor Representative Reports



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Appendix 1

Delegated Decisions

Date	Decision Taken	Alternative Options Considered and/or background information
30/06/2025	To provide Memorial Hall as a venue for a public meeting regarding the proposed closure of the Eco centre.	<p>At the last Council meeting 16/6/25, concern was expressed regarding the news that the Eco Centre was due to close. It was also noted that, given the timescales, it was likely that action would need to be taken before the next opportunity to discuss the matter as a council (Full Council meeting on 21/7).</p> <p>Cllr Taylor requested use of a room to hold a meeting – within the existing booking policy provision is made to allow Councillors to use the Council Chamber for Council business (if pre-booked).</p> <p>A meeting was scheduled for 30/6 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, but there was concern that there would be insufficient space to accommodate the number of people who might attend. Cllr Taylor requested that a larger space be made available - as the main hall already had a booking, the Memorial Hall was offered as an alternative.</p>

