

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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

- ET25/10 Present**
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr F Rostron
- In attendance:**
Sue Gratton (Deputy Town Clerk)
- ET25/11 Apologies for Absence: Cllr P Taylor, Cllr A Pollock**
- ET25/12 Variation in Order of Business:**
Move item 11 – Flood Warden Scheme to be discussed with item 6 – Flood Action Group
- ET25/13 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: none**
- ET25/14 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 02 June 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.**
- ET25/15 Flood Action Group/Flood Warden Scheme**
DCC & The Environment Agency are holding training sessions for Flood Wardens, council to decide if they want to investigate co-ordinating a scheme start up.
REC Council to co-ordinate the start-up of a flood Warden scheme for the Town. Cllr's Thompson & Pollock to arrange a meeting with potential wardens to identify a co-ordinator and all interested parties to go on the DCC training.
- ET25/16 Neighbourhood Plan**
Readdress the Neighbourhood plan
REC Council to reconsider at the Full Council meeting in September, with the focus on ensuring the DDDC plan incorporates the Wirksworth Neighbourhood Plan.
- ET25/17 Pot Hole at Hannage Way**
A resident has requested that the TC escalate the issue with DCC Highways
REC Clerk to inform Highways via the DCC online portal and send a copy of the residents (redacted) email to C Cllr Hunter for his information. The resident to be advised of the Council's actions.
- ET25/18 Feedback from 1940's weekend**
The TC received a complaint from an attendee of the Railway organised 1940's event that the Town wasn't displaying any bunting.
REC the Clerk to advise the complainant that the TC doesn't own any bunting, it is owned and displayed by a Community group and this was displayed on the Saturday of the event and was taken down on the Sunday morning. The Town Council endeavours to

facilitate communication and cooperation between community groups, the Railway did not approach the TC regarding bunting in the Town.

ET25/19 Rock House For Sale

Cllr Whittall would like the TC to contact Tarmac, the owners of Rock House, asking them to consider a hotel development on this site.

REC Council do not have a policy on specifying or influencing which properties could become commercial. However, encourages all Cllr's to express any personal opinions to the property owner directly.

ET25/20 Memorial Stone request

The RBL have requested permission to erect a memorial stone in the Memorial Garden in front of the soldier silhouette.

REC the TC does not object to the installation of a memorial of this size however, they must be consulted on the final design and stipulate that the memorial can not be dedicated to any one person.

ET25/21 Planning Applications received

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

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1	T/25/00056/TCA	Fell 7no. Ash Trees due to ash die back Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
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	T/25/00058/TCA	Remove limb of 1no. Eucalyptus back to main stem and reduce remaining tree by 1-2 meters 7 Coldwell Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FB
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	T/25/00057/TCA	Prune 1no. Holly Tree by 2 metres, fell 1no. Ash Tree due to ash die back and reduce or fell 2no. Cherry Trees Orchard House Warmbrook Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EA
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4	25/00509/FUL	Single storey rear extension and rebuilding of conservatory 29 Yokecliffe Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DJ
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.		
5	25/00454/FUL	Summer house extension Manor Lodge 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.		
6	25/00494/FUL	Removal of existing flues, installation of 3 no. flues, blocking up of existing openings and erection of replacement shopfront Stones Builders Merchants Wood Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DW

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7	25/00469/FUL	Proposed erection of farm office The Racecourse Retreat Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
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8	25/00541/FUL	Demolition of existing porch and erection of single storey rear extension 1 Alton View Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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	T/25/00065/TCA	Reduce 1no. Lawson Cypress, 1no. Western Red Cedar and 1no. Norway Spruce by 4 meters. Reduce 1no. Layland Cypress by 3 meters and Fell 1no. Cedar and 1no. Ash. Beech Lawn 5 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX
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.		
10	T/25/00063/TCA	Reduce crown of 1no. Coastal Redwood tree from 10 metres to 6.5 metres Holly Bank 6 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX
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11	T/25/00068/TCA	Fell 12no. Ash Trees due to crown dieback at various locations around the site Middle Peak Quarry Middleton Road 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.		
12	25/00564/FUL	Conversion of lounge to flat and replacement of 6 existing timber windows, and 2 existing external timbers doors, with uPVC windows and doors. Waltham House St John Street 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.		
13	25/00565/LBALT	Replacement of 6 existing timber windows, and 2 existing external timbers doors, with uPVC windows and doors, conversion of internal communal lounge and connecting hallway, toilet and meeting room, to a self-contained flat, and various internal works. Waltham House St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire
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ET25/22 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 6.54pm

Chairman