

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 6 October 2025

ET25/34 Present:Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr P Taylor, Cllr F Rostron and Cllr S Thompson

In attendance:
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET25/35 Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Pollock

ET25/36 Variation in Order of Business: None

ET25/37 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: none

ET25/38 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 01 September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET25/39 Cllr Barker, use of footpaths by bicycles from Barrel Edge to Oakerthorpe Road
Cllr Barker has received complaints from residents about the use of bicycles on the footpath down from Barrel Edge to Oakerthorpe Road. This is a very steep footpath, and in winter quite slippery. The use of mountain bikes on the path is not permitted, request that council lobby the appropriate council to improve the situation.
REC that councillors seek further clarification regarding the matter and report back to E&T in November, and that the council contact C Cllr Hunter regarding the issue.

ET25/40 DDDC Community right to bid nomination - Derbyshire ECO Centre
Letter received from Derbyshire Dales District Council to advise that Derbyshire Eco Centre has been nominated as an Asset of Community Value. The Council will make a decision on 14th November 2025.
REC that the council issue a letter of support to the group (if requested).

ET25/41 Planning Applications received
RES to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	25/00791/FUL	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations to porch 7 Woodlands Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4PG
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	25/00817/FUL	Alteration of rear outbuilding to form terrace, replace rear windows and reduce height of boundary wall 6 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG

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	25/00800/FUL	Erection of agricultural building Pittywood Farm 53 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/25/00115/TCA	Shape and reduce by 1 metre 1 no. Plumb Tree and fell group of Hazel Trees Pinewood Cottage 3 - 5 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.		
5	25/00862/FUL	Installation of escape door and bridge The Racecourse Retreat Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
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	25/00834/FUL	Change of use from Use Class C1 (Hotel) to Use Class Sui Generis to provide a housing co-operative for up to 9 people. The Glenorchy Youth And Conference Centre Chapel Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FF
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	25/00838/FUL	Erection of holiday lodge Land East Of Meerbrook Farm Longway Bank Whatstandwell 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.		

ET25/42 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 6:45pm

Chairman