



WIRKS WORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 21 September 2026 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 20 July 2026 (attached)**
6. **Town Mayor's Announcements**
7. **To receive the recommendations from Committees:-**
 - Environment and Town dated 7 September 2026 (attached)
 - Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 14 September 2026 (attached)
8. **Accounts Paid**

July and August 2026 in the sums of £13,453.71 and £39,246.02.
9. **Banking Hub (Cllr Thompson)**

To consider whether to seek the provision of a banking hub for Wirksworth (referred from July).
10. **Local Government Reorganisation (Cllr Barker)**

To consider whether to re-establish a working party (A LGA WP was previously established in May 2025 Res. C25/18).
11. **East Midlands Mayor (Cllr Jordan)**

East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) is led by Mayor Claire Ward and covers the four local

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

authority areas of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Nottingham. It is proposed that Mayor Ward be invited to Wirksworth to be shown some of the key things of the Town.

12. Seating on Church Walk

Wirksworth Civic Society have approached DDDC requesting permission to donate and install 2 stone slabs (as seating).

13. Meadows (attached)

Update on discussions with resident regarding the repair of a boundary wall (following receipt of independent legal advice).

14. Wirksworth Skate Park (attached)

DDDC are seeking Wirksworth TC views on the NOW request regarding ongoing ownership and responsibility for the facility.

15. Hammonds Court Surfacing (Cllr Maskrey)

A number of residents have (again) raised concerns regarding access to the Town Centre from Footpaths 56 & 110 (that cross the Town Council-owned open space – The Meadows). This issue has become more prominent following the significant improvement to the footpaths across The Meadows (undertaken as part of the Town Council programme of works which were partially funded by UKSPF Town Centre Improvement Fund). Foggs Entry does not provide an accessible route, and the uneven surfacing on the wider Hammonds Court access creates a barrier to accessing the Town from Yokecliffe. DCC has refused a 2nd request to relocate the stone pillars that restrict access on Foggs Entry and have also advised that following an inspection in June, no further improvements are required to the Hammonds Court access road.

16. Management of Rewilded Areas (Cllr Maskrey)

A number of the verges and wild spaces owned by DDDC/DCC have been rewilded, and DDDC had previously agreed that a 1m edge cut would be undertaken on areas such as the Summer Lane entrance verge.

17. External Audit (attached)

To receive the auditor's report for 2025-26.

18. Asset and Disposal Policy (attached)

Internal audit recommendation H – that the council implement an Asset Register and Disposal Policy, defining thresholds for asset inclusion and setting out procedures and financial limits for asset disposal.

19. Scheme of Delegation (attached)

Revision to clarify Officer's powers and responsibilities when recruiting staff.

20. Internal Audit

To confirm the appointment of internal auditor for 2026-27.

21. Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (attached)

Resolution C26/54 that Cllr Clamp, Jordan and Spencer be delegated to prepare and submit a response to the draft Derbyshire Local Plan Consultation.

22. 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).

23. Town Councillor Representative Reports



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Appendix 1

Date	Decision Taken	Alternative Options Considered and/or background information
28/7/26	To renew the Council Insurance under a 3 year long-term deal	The Council insurance renews on 1 August, quotes are normally sought a few weeks prior to expiry. The process is handled by an insurance broker to ensure best value is achieved, and the costs associated with the renewal are authorised using delegated authority. The insurer offered two options at renewal this year – a single year contract £15427.73 or a discounted fee of £ 14245.62 for a 3-year long-term agreement (with 5% escalator in years 2 & 3). The Council provided delegation to the clerk to approve renewal (up to a premium of £15k – Res: C26/53), as the 1-year contract exceeded this, a delegated decision was sought under the delegated process. Cllr Clamp (chair of FB&P), Cllr Thompson (Mayor), Cllr Maskrey (chair of E&T) confirmed that a 3-year long-term agreement should be accepted.