

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 07 September 2026

ET26/21 Present: Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr A Pollock

In attendance: S Gratton-Kennell (Deputy Town Clerk)

ET26/22 Apologies for Absence: Cllr F Rostron, Cllr S Barker

ET26/23 Variation in Order of Business: None

ET26/24 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: none

ET26/25 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 06 July 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET26/26 Parking issues during events – Cllr Pollock

Cllr Pollock is concerned about the appearance of Traffic enforcement attending when events are on in the in the Town and for ticketing cars parked outside the marked bays (not causing an obstruction) in the Wood Street Car park, when spaces are limited in Town, and the impact this may have on tourism.

REC it is thought that there are a number of extra spaces that could be created within the Wood Street car park. Cllr Maskrey to take photographs of these locations and send through to the DDDC Cllrs and discussion at the next meeting of the Full Town Council in September.

ET26/27 Fire Safety Concerns

To consider the risks posed (fire from rewilding residential areas in the Town)

REC due to the change in the weather it is believed that the immediate fire risk to dry vegetation in verges has been mitigated for now. Cllrs to ask the DDDC Clean & Green team at their next meeting for their future management plans for potential hot summers and 'rewilding verges'

ET26/28 Flood Risk

ST Community Flooding Officer covering Derbyshire is seeking information regarding problem areas and local flooding issues

REC Deputy Clerk to liaise with ST Community officer and set up a meeting for Cllrs Thompson & Pollock to discuss the areas in the Town prone to flooding.

Cllr Pollock left the room 1903

Cllr Pollock returned 1905

ET26/29 Footpath Issues

Derbyshire Dales Ramblers have shared some concerns over footpath conditions and signage to footpath 6 & 39/38

REC The Ramblers to be thanked for bringing the footpath issues concerning 6, 38/39 to their attention however these matters are out of TC jurisdiction so request that they liaise with DCC. The notification of Summer Lane becoming a restricted byway was welcomed and noted. The request for the cycle racks to be repaired to be considered when the Clerk has provided costs to the Council.

ET26/30 Pedestrian Crossings

A resident has requested that the Town Council discuss pedestrian crossing infrastructure in Wirksworth

REC The TC to contact the resident and encourage them to contact the Safer Roads Group who will investigate the potential for additional crossings and/or electronic speed signage and Cllr Taylor to report the findings to meeting of the next Full Council in September

ET26/31 Planning Applications received

RES to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council

ET26/32 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 1923

Chairman