WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 02 November 2026

ET26/42 **Present: Cllr S Maskrey (Chair), Cllr P Taylor, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr S Barker, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr S Spencer, Cllr A Clamp,**

In attendance:
S Gratton (Deputy Town Clerk) P Jennings (Town Clerk & RFO)
5 members of the public, CCllr Hunter

ET26/43 **Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Pollock**

ET26/44 **Variation in Order of Business: None**

ET26/45 **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: Personal interests:-**
Cllr's Maskrey & Thompson Item 6 as Recreation Ground Trustees
Cllr's Rostron, Clamp, Taylor item 7 members of 'Meadow's access for all'
Cllr Taylor item 8 as a member of group Safer Roads

Cllr Spencer arrived 1831

ET26/46 **Open Forum**
A representative of Wirksworth & Middleton Cricket Club asked Council to consider supporting them in a planning application which borders their ground. They are concerned that the application does not cover ongoing maintenance of a ball strike fence.
Two residents of Foggs Entry were in attendance, and one spoke of their concerns over the possible movement of stone stoops onto the meadows which are situated near to their properties.
Two representatives of the newly formed group 'Meadows Access for all' spoke of their concerns about the Meadows being inaccessible via Foggs Entry due to the stone stoops; they requested support from the Town Council to lobby Derbyshire County Council (who own the land on which the stoops are situated) and also would like a Equality Impact Assessment undertaken on the land.

ET26/47 **Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 05 October 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.**

Cllr's Maskrey & Thompson left at 1900,Cllr Spencer Chair

ET26/48 **Planning applications 26/00800/VCOND & 26/00801/FUL Land off Millers Green**
Members of the public have raised concerns over these two planning applications and requested that the Town Council consider their objections prior to submitting their consultee comments.
REC That the following planning comment be submitted: "WTC raises no objection to the applications but requests that DDDC Planning take into account the points and concerns raised by the Cricket Club, together with Sport England's recommendations including specifications. WTC further requests that any permission granted address arrangements for ongoing maintenance."

Cllr's Maskrey & Thompson returned at 1907, Cllr Maskrey resumes Chair

ET26/49 Access to the Meadows

To further discuss the access issues from Hammonds Court and Foggs Entry.

REC That the following draft resolutions be agreed and adopted at the November meeting of Full Council:

"Wirksworth Town Council requests that Derbyshire County Council review access from footpaths FP56 and FP110 to the town centre via Foggs Entry and prepare an updated Access Statement, including measures to address the restrictions posed by the stone pillars at the lower entrance to Foggs Entry."

"Wirksworth Town Council requests that Derbyshire County Council review access from footpaths FP56 and FP110 to the town centre via Hammonds Court and prepare an updated Access Statement, including measures to address surfacing issues and improve accessibility."

The Town Council's position is therefore as follows: "Wirksworth Town Council has repeatedly requested that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) address access issues between The Meadows and the town centre, from footpaths FP56 and FP110 via Hammonds Court and Foggs Entry. DCC has declined to take significant action in response to these requests. Residents are therefore encouraged to raise their concerns directly with DCC, as the authority responsible for Foggs Entry and Hammonds Court."

ET26/50 Speed Indicator Device

Safer Roads group has requested that the Town Council consider funding a speed indicator device (SID) at the southern approach to the town, at an estimated cost of £5,000. While responsibility for the provision and installation of SIDs rests primarily with DCC Highways, they have established a scheme that enables borough, district, town and parish councils to fund and maintain additional devices

REC That the Town Council support the proposed speed indicator device scheme in principle and advise the group to investigate funding options and ongoing costs before returning to the Town Council for further consideration.

ET26/51 Budget and Precept 2027-28

To consider the draft budget

REC The item was on the agenda to discuss any financial implications from other items on this meeting's agenda, as no monetary recommendations were made, the matter was noted.

ET26/52 Planning Applications received

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

ET26/53 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 20.06 Chairman