WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 October 2026 AT 6.30 PM

C26/78 Present: Cllr S Thompson (Chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr S Spencer, Cllr P Taylor, and Cllr C Whittall
<u>In attendance:</u> 4 residents, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

C26/79 Apologies: Cllr A Pollock

C26/80 Variation of Order of Business: none

C26/81 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

C26/82 Open Forum:
A representative of Civic society provided information on their proposal to install benches (in the form of stone slabs) onto an area of Church Walk.
A resident and member of Safer Roads Group requested that the Town Council consider providing financial support to purchase and install Speed Indicator Devices "SIDS"/ Vehicle Activated Signs "SIDS" in Wirksworth – matter to be referred to E&T committee for discussion of proposal and anticipated costs. The group are also seeking funding to purchase equipment for the Wirksworth Speedwatch.
The resident also raised their concerns about the potential impact and efficacy of signage on the Meadows regarding cyclists.
A resident requested that the Town Council support the move of the stone bollards at the end of Foggs Entry to provide an accessible route from the Meadows into Town. (The bollards are on DCC-owned land, the Town Council has made two requests, both have been refused by the County Council) – matter to be referred to E&T Committee for further discussion.
Open Forum closed 7:05pm

C26/83 Town Mayor's Announcements:
Mayor attended Bakewell and Ashbourne Civic Services and hosted Wirksworth Civic Service. An Oktoberfest-themed fundraiser for the mayor's charity was held on 16 October at Pentrich brewery.

C26/84 Minutes of the meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council 21 September 2026:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 21 September 2026 were confirmed as a correct record.

C26/85 To receive the committee recommendations
- Environment and Town dated 5 October 2026
- Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 12 October 2026

RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the Environment and Town Committee dated 5 October 2026 and Finance, Buildings and Personnel dated 12 October 2026

C26/86 Accounts Paid
September 2026 in the sum of £25,889.28

RESOLVED that payment of the attached accounts in the sums of £25,889.28 be approved.

C26/87 Budget and Precept 2027-28 (attached)
To consider any issues that should be considered or included in the initial draft budget.

RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a revised budget indicating the impact on precept required to allow of Memorial Hall Floor repairs (£10k), support for VAS/SIDS (£5k) and providing WiFi at Memorial Hall (£1-2k).

C26/88 Seating on Church Walk
Wirksworth Civic Society have approached DDDC requesting permission to donate and install stone slabs (as seating).

RESOLVED that the Town Council agree in principle to the proposal but would wish to see more details (seeking to address concerns over usability/accessibility of proposed material & design).

C26/89 Parking Issues during Events
Concerns have been raised over the impact on residents of inconsiderate parking during large events (referred by E&T).

RESOLVED that a working party be established (Cllr Thompson, Clamp and Jordan) to host a round table meeting with interested parties (Festival, Wizarding Day, Book Festival, Open Gardens, Antiques in the Street, Farmers Market, EVR, Civic Society etc..) to explore the issue.

C26/90 Hammonds Court Surfacing
Update on discussions within DCC (led by C Cllr A Hunter) to review decision by DCC not to take action to address surfacing.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred back to E&T to allow further discussion, including the access issues from Foggs Entry.

C26/91 The People's Emergency Briefing
A resident has requested that the Town Council consider supporting the promotion and showing of the film - which is a 50-minute public engagement film created by the National Emergency Briefing initiative to bring evidence about the climate and nature crisis directly to local communities across the UK.

RESOLVED that the clerk investigate the potential costs of hosting an event, including any restrictions that might be imposed by the Town Council insurer.

C26/92 Christmas Light Switch-On

The Farmers Market operator has offered to run this event.

RESOLVED that Town Council support the Farmers Market Operator in running this event (including limited administration support such as carol sheets)

C26/93 Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 3 November 2026

To confirm councillors delegated to attend (and to establish what questions are a priority to pose to DCC officers).

RESOLVED that Cllr Rostron, Taylor and Thompson be delegated to attend the event.

C26/94 Meadows

There have been several complaints about inconsiderate behaviour of cyclists on the Footpaths across the Meadows (FP10 & FP56). There is no general public right to ride a bicycle on a public footpath but at present there is no signage expressly stating this.

RESOLVED that the town council keep the status-quo, ask PCSO to monitor situation and review by February 2027.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

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PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
289	Rates	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	35.01		35.01
275	Fannyshaw Community	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
272	General Administration	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
278	General Administration	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	377.00	75.40	452.40
274	General Administration	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		Internet	Zen	S	30.00	6.00	36.00
280	Telephone	01/09/2026		Unity Trust		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
283	Fuel	02/09/2026		Unity Trust		Gas	Corona Energy	L	57.39	2.87	60.26
296	Maintenance	02/09/2026		Unity Trust		Consumables	Lyreco	S	137.49	27.50	164.99
296	Maintenance	02/09/2026		Unity Trust		Consumables	Lyreco	S	203.28	40.66	243.94
283	Fuel	02/09/2026		Unity Trust		Gas	Corona Energy	L	126.12	6.31	132.43
286	Rates	04/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	12.38		12.38
287	Rates	04/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	12.38		12.38
288	Rates	04/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	12.38		12.38
290	Barmote Croft Toilets	04/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	27.11		27.11
311	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	9.64	1.92	11.56
321	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Keys	Timpsons	Z	40.00		40.00
313	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	8.32	1.66	9.98
314	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	7.90	1.58	9.48
315	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	23.24	4.64	27.88
316	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	Z	157.98		157.98
317	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	5.82	1.16	6.98
318	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	5.82	1.16	6.98
319	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	6.62	1.32	7.94
320	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Maintenance materials	Amazon	S	6.49	1.30	7.79
325	Maintenance	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Lock	Amazon	S	16.67	3.33	20.00
285	Barmote Croft Toilets	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Telephony	Smarty	S	9.00	1.80	10.80
285	Telephone	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
285	Telephone	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
285	Telephone	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
285	Telephone	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Telephony	Smarty	S	4.50	0.90	5.40
312	General Administration	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Office supplies	Amazon	S	4.99	1.00	5.99
324	General Administration	09/09/2026		UT Corporate		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	3.00		3.00
279	Maintenance	10/09/2026		Unity Trust		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	80.83	16.17	97.00
279	Maintenance	10/09/2026		Unity Trust		Sanitary disposal/ service	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	S	86.00	17.20	103.20

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277	Rates	10/09/2026		Unity Trust		Rates	DDDC	Z	586.00		586.00
305	General Administration	10/09/2026		Unity Trust		Office supplies	ESPO	S	2.10	0.42	2.52
304	Maintenance	11/09/2026		Unity Trust		Consumables	ESPO	S	91.10	18.22	109.32
304	Maintenance	11/09/2026		Unity Trust		Consumables	ESPO	S	74.90	14.98	89.88
303	General Administration	11/09/2026		Unity Trust		Audit	PKF Littlejohn LLP	S	840.00	168.00	1,008.00
302	Meadows	11/09/2026		Unity Trust		Meadows works	the Green Estate	S	824.24	164.85	989.09
300	Fuel	13/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	Corona Energy	L	85.79	4.28	90.07
301	Fuel	13/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	Corona Energy	S	322.85	64.57	387.42
298	Fuel	13/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	Corona Energy	L	90.64	4.54	95.18
299	Fuel	13/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	Corona Energy	L	122.01	6.10	128.11
281	Barmote Croft Toilets	14/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	British Gas	L	25.97	1.29	27.26
276	General Administration	16/09/2026		Unity Trust		Payroll	Sage	S	131.50	26.30	157.80
307	General Administration	17/09/2026		Unity Trust		Advert	Community Fayre	Z	89.10		89.10
306	Signage and Interpretation	17/09/2026		Unity Trust		Signage	Viking Safety Signs	S	134.46	26.89	161.35
306	Signage and Interpretation	17/09/2026		Unity Trust		Signage	Viking Safety Signs	S	20.31	4.06	24.37
284	Maintenance	18/09/2026		Unity Trust		Lift maintenance	Bridge Lifts	S	1,600.00	320.00	1,920.00
282	Fannyshaw Community	21/09/2026		Unity Trust		Electricity	British Gas	L	20.71	1.03	21.74
291	Salaries	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	6,317.09		6,317.09
292	Salaries	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,889.73		1,889.73
293	Salaries	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	2,342.43		2,342.43
293	Wages	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	937.69		937.69
292	Wages	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	1,184.29		1,184.29
291	Wages	25/09/2026		Unity Trust		Salaries	Wirksworth Town	Z	4,527.28		4,527.28
294	General Administration	25/09/2026		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	4.25		4.25
295	General Administration	25/09/2026		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00		25.00
297	Rates	28/09/2026		Unity Trust		Water	Water Plus	Z	78.54		78.54
308	Maintenance	28/09/2026		Unity Trust		Recycling collection	CPP	S	20.00	4.00	24.00
309	Maintenance	28/09/2026		Unity Trust		Plumbing / Heating	MB Plumbing &	S	340.00	68.00	408.00
310	General Administration	28/09/2026		Unity Trust		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	24.50		24.50
273	Managed Telecoms	29/09/2026		Unity Trust		Internet	Emtel	S	43.95	8.79	52.74
323	General Administration	30/09/2026		Unity Trust		Bank charges	Unity Trust	Z	16.90		16.90
322	Telephone	30/09/2026		Unity Trust		Telephony	Zen Systems	S	144.00	28.80	172.80
							Total		**24,694.35**	**1,194.93**	**25,889.28**