

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee
held 2 October 2017

ET044/17 Present: Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr J Stockell and Cllr C Whittall
In attendance: 2 members of the public & Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET045/17 Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Jordan

ET046/17 Variation in Order of Business: To take item 7 Parish Room Improvement Project immediately after open forum.

ET047/17 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None Declared

ET048/17 Open Forum:.

V Miller & A Baird, members of the project established by the parochial church council provided more background in support of the group's request for Town Council to back the grant application to Heritage Lottery Fund.

Open Forum closed 6:45pm

ET049/17 Parish Room Improvement Project

Request to support the Heritage Grant Application for works to improve the external appearance of the building, particularly the windows, improve the toilets and provide a kitchen

RECOMM: That the Town Council issue a letter of support for the group's project.

ET050/17 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 4 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET051/17 Condition of Footpaths in Bolehill area

Cllr Edwards provided an update on actions by Bolehill Improvement Group to trim vegetation encroaching on Footpath between school and Bolehill. Cllr Edwards also reported that the footway on the road towards the Malt Shovel is no longer useable by pedestrians, instead used by vehicles as passing space.

RECOMM: That Cllr Edwards provides photos of the footway and that the Clerk escalate the issue to Highways.

ET052/17 Christmas Lights

The Town Council provide Christmas lights to businesses within the town.

RECOMM: That Cllr Edwards be delegated as Lights Champion. Efforts are made to contact landlords of vacant businesses to attempt to "infill" and get

lights put up over closed businesses to provide a continuous lighting of the highstreet. That a budget of £1000 be allocated for purchase of additional lights to replace lost/broken equipment and provide small stock for others businesses wishing to participate in the scheme.

ET053/17 Rock Climbing in Stoney Wood

The quarried rock face closest to the rabbit proof fence (the fence was installed to protect young trees when wood was originally planted) is being used for climbing. The Clerk had contacted the insurers who advised that "The TC should actively discourage rock climbing. The fencing should be improved to prevent access to the rock face & signs should be put up as well".

RECOMM: That the clerk contact RoSPA for advice on the matter and revert back to committee. That metal signs be installed on the rock face and at other locations in the wood. The clerk contact the Instructors at the Indoor Climbing Wall in Wirksworth to advise of the Council's position on climbing in Stoney Wood. The Clerk contact DCC to ascertain whether a survey of the site (Mines and Quarries team) is still required/undertaken by the team.

Cllr Pollock dep 7:35pm

ET054/17 Garden Redesign at Memorial Hall

Cllr Clamp had provided an outline on the process for consultation on designs.

RECOMM: That Clerk and Cllr Clamp proceed - to prepare materials for Consultation - to commence by 5/10/17, ending on 27/10/17. Consultation materials and feedback forms to be widely distributed. Cllr Clamp, Whittall and Stockell to attend the farmers market to

ET055/17 London Plane & trees adjacent to Memorial Hall

The clerk advised that during recent high winds a bough broke on the plane tree. Thompson tree services have assessed the damage and advised that the whole branch will be removed as part of the tree works scheduled for later this year, but it will leave a gap in the canopy. The two smaller trees adjacent to the London Plane are preventing the mobile banks from parking adjacent to the wall, these are to be removed at the earliest opportunity (after tree works application agreed).

RECOMM: Clerks actions and report be noted.

ET056/17 Budget 2017/18

To consider any potential expenditure (with E&T responsibility) which needs to be included in the budget process.

RECOMM: That three new budget lines be added for new assets being acquired – Church Walk, Griggs Garden & Fanny Shaw Toilet each £1000. Reduce grit bin budget to £2000, retain planter budget at £3000. Consideration to be given to dedicated budget lines be considered for Barmote Croft Toilet (dependant on outcome of review), Allotments, Town Caretaker/vehicle.

ET057/17 Planning Application Received:

RESOLVED to receive the remaining delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	17/00754/LBALT	Creation of link building between the mill and warehouse at Haarlem Mill Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BG
No comment		
2	17/00248/FUL	Single storey side extension at 1 Barnes Croft Canterbury Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GY
No comment		
3	17/00825/FUL	Proposed triple garage to rear to replace existing at Maylyn Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AR
No comment		
4	17/00753/FUL	Creation of link building between mill and warehouse Haarlem Mill Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BG
No comment		
5	T/17/00102/TCA	Works to Trees in the Conservation Area of Wirksworth Dale Wood West End Wirksworth Derbyshire
No comment		
6	17/00861/FUL	Provision of a dropped kerb, a pavement crossing, hardstanding for car with underpinning at 22 King George Street Wirksworth
No comment		
7	17/00869/ADV	Installation of an internally illuminated ATM surround Memorial Hall 39 St John Street Wirksworth, DE4 4DS
Can't comment		
8	17/00868/FUL	Installation of an ATM and associated security door Memorial Hall 39 St John Street Wirksworth, DE4 4DS
Can't comment		

ET058/17 Planning Decisions and Appeals:

RESOLVED to receive the recent planning decisions and appeals.
(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

1	17/00196/FUL APP/P1045/D/17/3175853	Front and rear single storey extensions at 55 Yokecliffe Drive, Wirksworth, DE4 4PF
Appeal allowed and planning permission granted		

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman