

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee**  
**held 4 April 2016**

**ET148/15 Present:** Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr A Clamp, Cllr Gratton Cllr M Edwards, Cllr A Jordan Cllr J Stockell and Cllr P Taylor  
In attendance: D Cllr M Ratcliffe, 18 members of the public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**ET149/15 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Pollock and Cllr J Williams

**ET150/15 Variation in Order of Business:** To take items 6 To Establish a Community Land Trust and 14 Delisting of Meadows by Derbyshire County Council as a potential site for a new build school immediately after open forum

**ET151/15 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:** None Declared

*Cllr Edwards arr 6:35pm*

**ET152/15 Open Forum:**

Bob Ledbury talked through the proposal from Roy Pearce regarding the Meadows. D Cllr Mike Ratcliffe provided more background to issues surrounding the Meadows and explained that neither he nor the County Councillor I Ratcliffe were consulted prior to the decision by DCC. The area responsible for the decision are not obligated to consult on the issue. The Civic Society will be submitting an "asset of Community Value" application for the site.

P Batstone stated that the space had deteriorated over the years and that the land owner should be petitioned to maintain the site.

*Cllr Clamp dep 6:55pm*

P Walton (Transition) requested that the Town Council support the initial steps necessary to establish a community land trust and that the Town Council provide a representative on the Trust.

D Boston (Town Centre Action Group) provided an update on progress to re-introduce a Post Office Counter Service into the Town and asked that the Town Council be ready to support this should it move to consultation.

D Boston (TCAG) spoke regarding discussion on the vacant Natwest building, explaining that the building would not be sold until a new location for the ATM was found. Whilst 2 sites have been identified, he asked if the Town Council would consider the potential of relocating the ATM into one of its buildings.

K Acons spoke regarding the response by WTC to the Red Lion Planning Application and expressed his concerns that the response might jeopardise the ability for the Town Council to object to other planning applications involving community assets.

*Open Forum Closed 7:15pm*

**ET153/15 To Establish a Community Land Trust**

**RECOMM:** That the Town Council support setting up a Community Land Trust including calling a public meeting to initiate the process. Should the Trust be established the Town Council will appoint a councillor onto the

Trust.

**ET154/15 Delisting of Meadows by Derbyshire County Council as a potential site for a new school build.**

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk write on behalf of the Town Council to both DDDC and DCC expressing disappointment with the manner in which the issue has been dealt with and request that decision be revisited and that this should include a public consultation on the issue given the depth of local opinion.

That the clerk contact the current land owner to establish what the potential intentions are for the Meadows site.

*Cllr G Gratton dep 7:30pm*

**ET155/15 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 7 March 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

**ET156/15 Re-establishing Post Office Services within the Town**

The Council welcomed the work undertaken by members of TCAG including Mr Boston in tackling this issue. The clerk read out the previous minute C088/15 to confirm that the Town Council was ready to support any proposal which would re-establish the service in the Town.

**ET157/15 Car Parking**

Cllr Taylor spoke about the continuing frustration of the car park being dedicated to Market on Tuesday. Other Councillors confirmed that this has already been raised with DDDC who will not allow mixed use / parking during the Tuesday Market. Cllr Taylor also spoke about parking on Coldwell St and asked whether it would be possible to consider mixed use of pavement (where wide enough) to provide parking.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk contact County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe to explore the potential of this solution on Coldwell St, requesting a site visit with DCC Highways with the meeting to include Cllr Taylor.

**ET158/15 20 Mph Limits within the centre of Wirksworth**

The Town Council has already contacted DCC requesting the introduction of a 20mph scheme.

**RECOMM:** That Clerk contact County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe to determine progress on this issue.

**ET159/15 Malt Shovel – Wash Green**

Cllr Taylor asked if there was any action that the Town Council could take to address the dangerous bend at this location.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk contact County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe, requesting a site visit with DCC Highways (to include Cllr Taylor) to investigate if warning signage can be installed.

**ET160/15 Accessibility of Town Centre**

Cllr Taylor asked whether any work was being undertaken on the issue. Cllrs advised that D Cllr M Ratcliffe was taking this forward within the Civic Society.

**ET161/15 Positioning of Natwest ATM within the Town**

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk liaise with TCAG and Natwest representatives to investigate whether there were any suitable location(s) within the Town Council estate. The clerk to report back to Council following these discussions.

**ET162/15 Derbyshire Dales Draft Local Plan Consultation**

**RECOMM:** That Cllr Jordan attend along with a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

**ET163/15 Level of Police Support within Wirksworth**

**RECOMM:** Item deferred in absence of Cllr Pollock

**ET164/15 Planning Application Received:**

**RESOLVED** to receive the recent delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	T/16/00007/TCA	Works to trees within the conservation area of Wirksworth Beech Lawn 5 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX
No comment		
2	16/00108/FUL	Extensions and alterations to dwelling to provide upper floor accommodation at 35 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EB
No comment		
3	16/00130/LBALT	Alterations to form 7 no. flats and 2 no. retail units Red Lion Hotel Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
The Town Council have concerns regarding this application. We regret the loss of a community asset which is identified within Wirksworth Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council do not object to the change of use to residential, but we are objecting to the design and layout of the development which is felt to be of insufficient quality for a historic property in a prime and central location.		
4	15/00908/LBALT	Replacement double-glazed windows and doors The Miners Standard 7 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
No comment		
5	16/00135/FUL	Erection of two poly tunnels Northside Bent Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
No comment		
6	16/00101/FUL	Replacement windows and doors, alteration to create doorway to rear and garden access

		Puzzle Garden Cottage 69 Greenhill Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EN
No comment		
7	16/00142/FUL	Conversion of garage to living accommodation and associated works Barrel Barn Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BL
No comment		
8	16/00145/LBALT	Installation of lift, air conditioning units, window and fire related walls to stairs and other alterations Haarlem Mill Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire
No Comment		
9	16/00100/FUL	Conversion of business premises to dwelling with associated extensions/alterations. Former Shop Off Millers Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
No Comment		

**ET165/15**

**Planning Decisions and Appeals:**

**RESOLVED** to note none received

*The meeting closed at 7.55pm*

Chairman