

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee**  
**held 6 June 2016**

**ET001/16 Present:** Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr A Pollock, Cllr Gratton Cllr M Edwards, Cllr J Stockell and I Fisher  
In attendance: D Cllr M Ratcliffe, 2 members of the public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**ET002/16 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Jordan and Cllr J Williams

**ET003/16 Variation in Order of Business:** To take items 10 Uneven tarmac surrounding the Plane Tree by the Garden adjacent to Memorial Hall immediately after open forum

**ET004/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**  
Izzy Fisher signed the acceptance in the presence of the Town Clerk

**ET005/16 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:** None Declared

**ET006/16 Open Forum:**  
Ms Richardson provided more detail regarding her daughter's trip/fall near to the Plane Tree adjacent to the Memorial Hall.  
B Joyce provided background/ history of the tree which was planted 30 years ago as part of the Wirksworth project and requested that if possible the tree be retained.

*Open Forum Closed 6:45pm*

**ET007/16 Uneven tarmac surrounding the Pane Tree by the Garden adjacent to the Memorial Hall**

A resident (Ms Richardson) reported to the clerk via email that her child fallen after tripping on the raised tarmac caused by the roots of the tree. The clerk has advised the Town Council's insurers and arranged for the area to be cordoned off. The area now has plastic safety barriers preventing access to the area around the tree.

**RECOMM:** That the clerk investigate a more substantial barrier solution to avoid any possibility that the barriers will be removed by malicious parties.  
A longer term solution is required to address the trip hazard posed by the surface, and has a dependency with other issues surrounding both the Garden and Memorial Hall and the matter is therefore referred to Full Council for further discussion and decision. A survey to be arranged to assess the impact of the tree on the surrounding ground area.

**ET008/16 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 4 April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

**ET009/16 Allotments within Wirksworth**

Cllr Gratton and Pollock provided an update on progress. Seven initial sites have been identified but have proved unsuitable when assessed. Initial discussions with Tarmac indicate that whilst the company might have suitable sites/land, these are

tied up with strategic land developments which are likely to proceed within a 5-10 year timeframe ; the search therefore continues for suitable site(s) which will provide allotment in a shorter time frame.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk continue to support the councillors in researching/analysing possible sites.

#### **ET010/16 Update regarding Wash Green**

The clerk provided pictures of the area surrounding the Spacenet equipment to allow the councillors to determine whether the area should be turfed. The area is now open to the public, and an official opening needs to be arranged once the town council have elected a Mayor.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk arrange a low key official opening, to be hosted by the Town Mayor, inviting representatives from Dales Housing, DDDC and local residents. The event to be held after the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **ET011/16 Tree Survey of Stoney Wood & Gardens adjacent to Memorial Hall**

The clerk and Cllr Pollock recently attended training by DALC which provided guidance on tree management and the recommendation that a tree survey should be undertaken.

**RECOMM:** That Clerk arrange for a survey of trees at the following locations: Stoney Wood, Memorial Hall and Gardens, Wash Green Play Area and Kingsfield Play Area.

#### **ET012/16 Garden adjacent to Memorial Hall Summer Bedding**

Cllr Taylor shared a Facebook exchange regarding the possibility brightening the town with summer planting, especially the garden adj. to the Memorial Hall. The exchange occurred just before the installation of planters which has partly addressed the issue.

**RECOMM:** That Clerk contact the resident who initiated the discussion to determine if there is still a desire to progress the issue.

#### **ET013/16 Condition of the town centre and environs**

A letter of complaint has been received.

**RECOMM:** That the Clerk contact District/County Council to request mechanical sweeping/weed treatment. The clerk contact the Hope and Anchor regarding the poor state of the frontage/ litter & cigarette butts surrounding entrance. The clerk to respond to complaint letter, advising actions taken as well as emphasising that the Town Council shares responsibility for the Town Centre appearance with both residents, traders and other authorities.

#### **ET014/16 Concerns raised by a resident regarding noise / pollution from the railway**

Cllr Pollock provided an update on a very positive meeting held between local residents and representatives of the railway.

**RECOMM:** That report be noted and no further action taken.

**ET015/16 Centenary Fields**

**RECOMM:** No nomination be made.

**ET016/16 Planning Application Received:**

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

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| 1  | T/16/00034/TCA | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth<br>2 Gate House Gatehouse Drive Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DL   |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 2  | 16/00195/FUL   | Two storey side extension and porch to front<br>14 New Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GL   |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 3  | 16/00129/FUL   | Change of use and conversion from hotel to 7 flats and 2 commercial units under flexible Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4 and D2 at Red Lion Hotel Market Place Wirksworth  |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 4  | T/16/00037/TCA | Works to trees within the conservation area of Wirksworth.<br>Planning Application at Dobbies Croft Bungalow 5 South View Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FJ   |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 5  | T/16/00041/TCA | Works to trees within the conservation area of Wirksworth.<br>Planning Application at Beech Lawn 5 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4GX  |
|    | No Comment     |   |
| 6  | 16/00216/FUL   | Single storey side and rear extension and erection of detached garage at 16 Yokecliffe Drive Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EX  |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 7  | 16/00128/CLPUD | Certificate of Lawful Existing use of land for parking of vehicles<br>Land To Rear Of 14 Bolehill Road Known As Bage Mine Bolehill Wirksworth Derbyshire  |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 8  | 16/00129/FUL   | Change of use and conversion from hotel to house in multiple occupation incorporating 6 flats (Use Class C4), an additional flat (Use Class C3) and 2 commercial units under flexible uses (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4 and D2) at Red Lion Hotel Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 9  | 16/00130/LBALT | Alterations to form house in multiple occupation incorporating 6 flats, an additional flat and commercial (flexible) uses<br>Red Lion Hotel Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET  |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 10 | 16/00209/LBALT | Removal of existing external steps and construction of new steps to terrace at Gate House Gatehouse Drive Wirksworth  |
|    | No comment     |   |
| 11 | T/16/00017/TCA | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth<br>Holly Bank 6 Wirksworth Hall Gardens Wirksworth Derbyshire   |
|    | No Comment     |   |
| 12 |                | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth<br>West End House 1 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG  |
|    | No Comment     |   |

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| 13         | 16/00252/FUL   | Repainting of front window and door surrounds<br>43 St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS  |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 14         | 16/00278/FUL   | Two storey side extension<br>23 Bournebrook Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BA  |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 15         | 16/00245/FUL   | Replacement windows<br>8 Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD   |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 16         | 16/00151/FUL   | Conversion and extension of barn to form holiday let and erection of replacement storage building at Barn And Land Brick Kiln Lane Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 17         | 16/00224/FUL   | Single storey double garage<br>5 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH  |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 18         | 16/00275/FUL   | Installation of roof window (Article 4)<br>2 Hammonds Court Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DN   |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 19         | T/16/00053/TCA | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth<br>Lant Close Farm Bolehill Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GQ  |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 20         | T/16/00044/TCA | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Bolehill<br>Hill Croft 11B The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ   |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 21         | 16/00270/FUL   | Erection of stable and store and provision of hardstanding<br>Land West Of Rising Sun PH Middleton By Wirksworth Derbyshire   |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 22         | 16/00281/FUL   | Rebuild and extension of attached ancillary building and incorporation into main dwelling Breamfield Cottage Farm<br>Breamfield Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire                  |
| No Comment |                |   |
| 23         | T/16/00059/TCA | Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth<br>Land Opposite 10-12 Little Bolehill Bolehill Derbyshire  |
| No Comment |                |   |

## ET017/16 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.)

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| 1 | ENF/15/00082<br>App/P1045/C/16/3148708 | Notification of Appeal<br>Unauthorised Engineering Operations at Land Off<br>Oakerthorpe Road, Bolehill, Wirksworth, DE4 4GP |
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*The meeting closed at 7.30pm*

Chairman