

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee
held 7 November 2016

ET060/16 Present: Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr J Stockell

In attendance: 9 members of the public, Sue Surgey (Asst Town Clerk), Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET061/16 Apologies for Absence: Cllr G Gratton

ET062/16 Variation in Order of Business

To take items 8 - Street Naming & Numbering of a new development on land off Cromford Road, Wirksworth and 14 - Planning Application referred – Millers Green immediately after open forum.

ET063/16 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None Declared

Open Forum commenced 6:35pm

ET064/16 Open Forum:

Mary Wiltshire spoke in support of her letter objection to the proposed names for the development of Cromford Rd

Clare Manning spoke on behalf of the 8 residents present opposing the proposed development at Millers Green.

Open Form closed 6:50pm

ET065/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 3 October 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET066/16 Street Naming & Numbering of a new development on land off Cromford Road, Wirksworth

Request from DDDC for comments regarding suggested names of Meerbrook Drive and Hubert Doxey House

RECOMM: That clerk advise DDDC that the Town Council supports the proposed name of Hubert Doxey House and suggests either "Willowlands" or "Willows Drive" in place of "Meerbrook Drive".

ET067/16 Planning Application referred

16/00704/OUT	Outline application for residential development of upto 50 dwellings at Land west of Millers Green, Wirksworth
Objection: The Town Council has received numerous letters of representation opposing	

this development.

- The vast proportion of the site is designated as Greenfield, is outside the settlement boundary and is not identified with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Whilst the site itself may be designated low flood risk, it will significantly increase the risk of flooding to adjacent existing properties (there have been several instances of flooding in the past years). A number of the adjacent properties are sited below the level of the proposed development exacerbating the effect of run off and natural drainage.
- Access to the development is via a narrow and restricted lane with poor visibility/sight lines. This lane is unsuitable for both the heavy construction equipment needed to develop the site, but also the volume of residential vehicles which would access the site.
- The ecological report has not identified the significant population of bats/owls as well as kestrel and woodpeckers and a further in depth study is required.
- Portions of the site has previously been used for commercial/industrial purposes with probable implication of contamination.
- We have concerns that some residents have not be consulted/contacted as part of the statutory consultation process.
- The application makes cursory mention of the Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in 2015 as the development plan for Wirksworth.
- The current proposed scheme fails to comply with the Neighbourhood Plan Policy NP6 "Building For Life" ; a separate assessment has been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Working Party and attached for your information.

Road Surfacing – Greenhill

ET068/16

A resident has reported that following recent resurfacing work in August, DCC have returned and removed laid tarmac to expose the underlying edging creating addition road hazards.

RECOMM: That clerk contact Highways/County Cllr I Ratcliffe to express the Town Council's concern regarding the issue and asking that site be inspected and remedial action taken (the Town Council to be kept informed of actions taken).

Traffic on Coldwell St

ET069/16

Cllr Pollock reported that a number of residents have spoken to him regarding the impact of parked vehicles on accessibility of the road.

RECOMM: That clerk advised that the issue has already been raised with County Cllr Ratcliffe and Highways who undertook a site visit earlier in the year. The clerk to chase progress on new measures to tackle issue.

Sale of Natwest Building

ET070/16

The clerk advised that no response has been received yet from Natwest to the TC request to expedite the sale of the property.

RECOMM: That the matter be noted.

ET071/16 Planting Scheme for 2017

A report was circulated identifying options/locations and potential budget requirements.

RECOMM: That an increased budget of £3000+vat be allocated to the scheme in 2017 to allow the planting to be extended to additional sites.

ET072/16 Garden adjacent to Memorial Hall

The clerk has prepared a brief for contractors, with a proposal to tackle the trip hazard created by the Plane Tree and change layout of garden.

RECOMM: That clerk/Mayor attend the next meeting of Royal British Legion to consult with members. The clerk continue to liaise with contractors and report back to council with anticipated cost.

ET073/16 Leisure Centre

Request for a Cllr to present at DDDC review meeting regarding Wirksworth Leisure Centre

RECOMM: That clerk approach Cllr Whittall to attend as representative of WTC.

ET074/16 Planning Application Received:

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

1	16/00656/FUL	Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 3 No. dwellings Providence Mill Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
No comment		
2	16/00693/FUL	Two storey extension 23 Bournebrook Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4BA
No comment		
3	16/00678/VCOND	Variation of condition 3 of permission 15/00651/FUL to allow occupation as independent dwelling. Land To Rear Of Malt Shovel Public House Car Park Wirksworth Moor Bolehill Derbyshire
No comment		
4	16/00703/FUL	Single story rear extension 32 Spring Close Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4JA
No comment		
5	16/00609/PDA	Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated building operations Barn At Ivy House Farm Alderwasley Derbyshire DE56 2RF
No comment		
6	16/00709/FUL	Front Extension 3 Ian Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AZ
No comment		
7	16/00715/FUL	Single storey rear extension Samrenie Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AR
No comment		

8	16/00509/FUL	Extension Swimming Pool Water Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DY
No comment		
9	16/00713/FUL	Change of use and conversion of chapel to 6 no. flats Derbyshire Dales Christian Centre Chapel Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FF
No comment		
10	16/00740/PDA	Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) Gorsey Bank Fields Farm Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
No comment		
11	16/00697/LBALT	Internal alterations 4 Market Place Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ET
No comment		

ET075/16 Planning Decisions and Appeals:

RESOLVED to note no recent planning decisions and appeals reported/received.
(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman