

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2019 AT 6.30 PM**

**C037/19 Present:** Cllr A Jordan (chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr J Stockell, and Cllr C Whittall

In attendance: 2 members of the public, District Cllr M Ratcliffe, C Cllr I Ratcliffe and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**C038/19 Apologies:** Cllr G Gratton, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr P Taylor

**C039/19 Variation of Order of Business:** to take item 11 Climate Emergency Working Party after item 5 Approval of the accuracy of minutes.

**C040/19 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:** None declared.

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**C041/19 Open Forum:**

A Wirksworth Swimming Pool Trustee provided an update on progress and took the opportunity to thank the Town Council for their support.

A resident spoke against declaring a climate emergency and felt evidence does not support that there is an emergency.

District Councillor Report: Cllr M Ratcliffe provided a written report

County Councillor Report: Cllr I Ratcliffe provided a verbal report

*Open Forum closed 7:15pm*

**C042/19 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 17 June 2019:**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 17 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

**C043/19 Climate Emergency**

Report and recommendations from working party including clarification on membership.

**RESOLVED** to adopt proposal from report with some amendments.

1. Town council should seek to

a) switch to green energy supplier b) look at heating system for replacement period.

2. Refer back to the working party for wording for all grant applications

(asking the question - what are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?).

3. Start a review of the Neighbourhood Plan to insert that all new developments are carbon neutral in their operations.

4. Town Council to comment on all planning applications stating that new developments are carbon neutral.

5. Investigate steps necessary to install air pollution monitors.

6. Lobbying of other parties, e.g. councils, public transport operators, as above.

7. Town Council should co-operate with other councils who have declared a climate emergency in implementing actions. Begin by sharing information and looking into how to co-operate.

Standing Membership (non-councillors) of working parties must meet the same criteria as applied to Town Councillors. However, this criteria does not apply to any party consulted or contributing on a one-off basis, thereby ensuring working parties may seek contributions from experts or group representatives as part of their discussions. This approach to be adopted for membership of all working parties.

**C044/19 Town Mayor Announcements**

Cllr Jordan advised he has selected Aquabox as the Mayor's Charity, and had attended a number of events including Wirksworth Music Centre Junior Concert, OWA Founders Lunch and the Tuesday Market celebration.

**C045/19 Minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee dated 01 July 2019 be approved

**C046/19 Minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 8 July 2019 be approved.

**C047/19 Approval of Expenditure at Memorial Hall**

The Finance Building & Personnel committee referred the matter as it exceeded committee powers to authorise.

**RESOLVED** to proceed with the installation of new heating system at a cost of £7450+vat and electrical safety works combined with an upgrade to energy efficient lighting at a cost of £5477.50 +vat.

**C048/19 Insurance**

**RESOLVED** to move to Royal Sun Alliance (from Aviva) for a 3 year term at a cost of £6500 per annum.

**C049/19 Accounts Paid June 2019:**

**RESOLVED** that payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £26391.77 be formally approved.

**C050/19 Information**

i) Correspondence:

- 24/06/19 University of Derby Civic University Agreement consultation
- 25/06/19 Climate & Ecological Emergency Newsletter 3 - Climate Emergency UK
- 08/07/19 Electoral Boundaries - DDDC

ii) To be tabled at meeting:

a. DALC Circulars:

Circular No 08 2019 - AGM & Excellence Awards 22 October - Exec Comm. Nominations - Finance, exercise of public rights - Permitted dev. law change - 'More than a pub' campaign - Legal brief Data Prot fees - Hathersage PC - CiLCA fee

Circular No 09-2019- DALC - Neighbourhood Plan Process - DET Funding Scheme - Secret Ballots - NALC Lobby for Financial Services Ombudsman to cover local councils - Public Sector Bodies regs - Guidance on naming individuals in minutes - Training of Councillors

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

*The meeting closed at 8.00 pm*

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Chairman

## Climate Emergency Working Party

### Notes of meeting of 1 July 2019

**Present:** Andy Jordan, Pam Taylor, Josh Stockell, Bill Bevan (Peak Extinction Rebellion), Keir Windsor (Transition Wirksworth)

**Chair:**

**Agreed:** Andy Jordan to chair working party.

#### **Membership of Working Party:**

The issue of eligibility to be a member of a Town Council Working Party was discussed.

**Agreed:** This is to be taken to full council.

#### **Review of Peak XR public consultation items**

- Convert to carbon neutral energy use in its own buildings by converting to its own renewable energy sources by 2025 - perhaps a ground source heat pump and solar panels in the Town Hall and Memorial Hall.

**Agreed:** Within 12 months to research and cost a plan to achieve carbon neutral energy, and to set the date to install and finalise this as part of the plan.

- Ensure the Council puts carbon neutrality at the heart of their comments on planning applications in town and their decision to support or object.

**Agreed:**

- Council should put this as part of each comment.
- Council should review the Neighbourhood Plan to appraise carbon footprint for new builds.
- Set aside 10% of Parish for ecological regeneration

**Agreed:** Identify areas the council has available for this, and how it encourages others to rewild (eg rewilding, tree planting)

- Measure the Town's carbon footprint

**Agreed:** That the town council's carbon footprint should be measured.

- Look at and monitor air pollution levels, especially around schools.  
Current NO2 air pollution in Wirksworth is higher than EU legal level

**Agreed:** That air pollution levels should be monitored.

- Set up an air quality monitoring station at the Town Hall.

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- Encourage local food growing.
  - Noted that the Council is already seeking to establish allotments.
- More growing of food in public places.
  - Noted that the council has Town Hall back yard available which could be used for herbs or veg.

**Agreed:** More growing of food in public places should be encouraged

- Town allotments
  - This is on the agenda.
- Provide allotment space for Wirksworth residents
  - As above
- Promote growing food by using all public spaces (planters, etc) to grow 'free' food, herbs, etc
  - Yes?

- Set up community energy cooperatives

**Agreed:** The council should support this.

- Community renewable energy projects - solar panels in the old quarry. More wind turbines. Use the profits for the good of the community

**Agreed:** The Council should support this.

- Lobby Tarmac to look to use Middle Peak Quarry as a renewable energy production site, eg solar or ground source heat pump plant.

**Agreed:** Lobby Tarmac to use Middle Peak Quarry as a renewable energy

- Extra help to persuade households to invest in renewable energy

**Agreed:** Council should lobby DDDC to ensure this goes into all new developments

- Develop a climate change standard/award that all businesses in town can apply for, which has a set of carbon neutral criteria, and which successful businesses can promote they have been awarded.

**Agreed:** Council should support this in association with the EQM (Environmental Quality Mark) - <http://www.peakdistrict.org/environmental-quality-mark-peak-district/>

- While the town council precept is small, can businesses or residents who are carbon neutral in energy have a discount?

**Agreed:** Lobby DDDC to do this for businesses

- Continue to cooperate in applying upward pressure with the local CC activist group

**Agreed:** Council should cooperate in applying upward pressure with the local CC activist group

- Lobby DCC, PDNPA & District council to divest pension funds from fossil fuels

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- Measure the Town's carbon footprint and actions they will take to reduce it, including demanding action from DDDC and DCC

- Don't feel within town council's remit

- Ban plastic straws, have extra levy on plastic bags Recycling

- Don't feel within town council's remit, support Single Use Plastic

- More recycling bins around town ...but not in Church Walk

- No comment

- Town Council to support Single Use Plastic group.

- Noted that Town Council does not use SUPs.

**Agreed:** Town Council should ask users not to use SUPs and should put a request that room bookers do not use SUPs in booking requirements.

- Support local groups who are trying to make this a no single-use-plastic town

**Agreed:** Town Council should support SUP group

- Persuade Trent Barton Buses to go electric and provide a proper public service to Duffield

**Agreed:** Council should lobby Trent Barton to switch to EVs, and for real time bus timetable info to be installed on all bus stops.

- Work with Ecclesbourne Valley Railway to monitor/limit diesel pollution. It causes major pollution to all the primary schools

**Agreed:** To consider Town Council line on EVR at a future working party meeting.

- Lobby Trent Barton buses to use hydrogen or EV buses - would EV charging points at the Harrison Drive bus stops, where the number 6 regularly waits, help?
- As above.
- Car share Electric vehicles  
**Agreed:** To investigate with provider companies whether a scheme can be developed.
- Promote car-sharing. Council tried it years ago.
  - Can Transition Wirksworth promote this scheme.
- Provide more plug-in points for electric cars
- Install EV charging points at the Memorial Hall to encourage/make it easier for market traders and hall bookers to switch to EVs.

**Agreed:**

- Investigate the feasibility of this - one outside Town Hall, one outside Memorial Hall.
- Council should lobby DDDC to install EV charging points on their car parks.
- Work with local village young people to make them aware and include them
- Rate businesses for the eco-friendliness and carbon production.
- Get businesses competing for, eg, gold, platinum eco stamps -- like the 5\* hygiene rating system
- Electric car share
- Change energy supplier to 100% renewable electricity and a good minimum of green gas.

**Agreed:** Town council should change its energy supplier to 100% renewable electricity and a good minimum of green gas.

- Look to work with a renewable energy supplier to investigate whether it is feasible to have a local heat and power initiative based on geothermal.

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**Actions that Town Council can undertake now are:**

1. Town council should seek to
  1. switch to green energy supplier.
  2. look at heating system for replacement period.
2. All grant applications ask the question - what are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint.
3. Start a review of the Neighbourhood Plan to insert that all new developments are carbon neutral in their operations.
4. Town Council to comment on all planning applications stating that new developments are carbon neutral.
5. Install air pollution monitors.
6. Lobbying of other parties, eg councils, public transport operators, as above.

**Co-operation with other councils:**

1. **Agreed:** Town Council should co-operate with other councils who have declared a climate emergency in implementing actions. Begin by sharing information and looking into how to co-operate.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 5th August, 5:30pm.

## Wirksworth Town Council

### PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Date	Min	Chq No	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
84	01/06/2019			Stationary, sundries	Viking	31.66	6.33	37.99
71	03/06/2019			Internet	W3Z	29.15	5.84	34.99
109	03/06/2019			HR Support	Castle Associates	43.00	8.60	51.60
114	03/06/2019		8796	Maintenance works	Playdale	358.66	71.73	430.39
119	03/06/2019			IT Support	Software Into Action	200.00	40.00	240.00
126	03/06/2019			Consumables	Irongate	107.02	21.40	128.42
127	03/06/2019			Maintenance works	L.E.S.	103.79	20.76	124.55
128	03/06/2019			Tree works	Thompson Tree Services	555.00	111.00	666.00
129	03/06/2019			Tree works	Thompson Tree Services	185.00	37.00	222.00
130	03/06/2019			Tree works	Thompson Tree Services	150.00	30.00	180.00
124	07/06/2019			Gas -Town Hall	Corona Energy	312.34	62.47	374.81
125	07/06/2019			Gas -Memorial Hall	Corona Energy	176.28	35.26	211.54
44	07/06/2019			Electricity Careplan	British Gas	66.98	13.40	80.38
13	10/06/2019			Rates	DDDC	712.00	0.00	712.00
115	10/06/2019		8795	Annual inspection	CCT Lighting	585.00	117.00	702.00
104	17/06/2019			Payroll	Sage	32.00	6.40	38.40
140	17/06/2019			Annual inspection	RoSPA	232.00	46.40	278.40
141	17/06/2019		8798	Planters	Plantscape	2,496.00	499.20	2,995.20
142	17/06/2019		8798	Planters	Plantscape	156.00	0.00	156.00
146	17/06/2019		8797	Annual inspection	RoSPA	68.50	13.70	82.20
147	17/06/2019			Annual inspection	RoSPA	68.50	13.70	82.20
148	17/06/2019		8797	Annual inspection	RoSPA	68.50	13.70	82.20
149	17/06/2019		8799	Mayors Charity	Ww Community Sports Group	1,795.00	0.00	1,795.00
150	18/06/2019			Maintenance works	Steve Maskrey	40.00	0.00	40.00
151	18/06/2019			Market stalls	Karl Dumelow	3,920.00	0.00	3,920.00
152	18/06/2019			Tax & NI	HMRC	452.69	0.00	452.69
153	18/06/2019			Tax & NI	HMRC	648.14	0.00	648.14
154	18/06/2019			Pension contributions	DCC	1,122.47	0.00	1,122.47
155	18/06/2019			Pension contributions	DCC	931.31	0.00	931.31
157	24/06/2019			Legionella	DCS	255.00	51.00	306.00
158	24/06/2019			Advert	Christopher Cecil	18.00	0.00	18.00
143	24/06/2019			Internet	Emtel	42.30	8.46	50.76
144	24/06/2019	FBP013/19	8800	Community grant	INdependANCE	300.00	0.00	300.00
145	24/06/2019	FBP008/19	8801	Community grant	Wirksworth Traders Association	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
131	25/06/2019			Salaries	Staff	3,118.19	0.00	3,118.19
132	25/06/2019			Salaries	Staff	2,876.02	0.00	2,876.02
105	26/06/2019			Sanitary disposal/ service	PHS Group	319.38	63.88	383.26
106	26/06/2019			Sanitary disposal/ service	PHS Group	622.56	124.51	747.07
107	26/06/2019			Sanitary disposal/ service	PHS Group	16.20	3.24	19.44
108	26/06/2019			Sanitary disposal/ service	PHS Group	81.00	16.20	97.20
103	27/06/2019			Telephony rental	BNP Paribas	69.71	13.94	83.65
139	28/06/2019			Internet	Zen	27.00	5.40	32.40
156	28/06/2019			Water	Water Plus	58.26	0.00	58.26
161	30/06/2019			Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	62.00	0.00	62.00
160	30/06/2019			Bank charges	Unity Trust	18.00	0.00	18.00
88	30/06/2019			Photocopier	Ricoh	333.86	66.78	400.64
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