

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 20 JUNE 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

C022/16 Present: Cllr A Pollock, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr I Fisher, Cllr G Gratton, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall

In attendance: Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, 9 members of public, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

C023/16 Election of Chair (Town Mayor)

Cllr Whittall proposed that Cllr Pollock serve as Mayor for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Maskrey and received unanimous support and it was

RESOLVED That Cllr Pollock be appointed as Chair (Town Mayor).

C024/16 Apologies

Cllr A Jordan, Cllr J Williams.

C025/16 Variation of Order of Business

To take items 11 Wirksworth Leisure Centre Review and 13 Memorial Hall and Garden Adjacent to Memorial Hall immediately after election of vice-chair (Deputy Mayor).

C026/16 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

Open Forum commenced 6.35pm :

C027/16 Open Forum

a. Public Forum

A presentation was made by representatives of the Sports Group which reformed in April 2016 to consider proposals from DDDC regarding the Leisure Centre. The group requested support from the Town Council to put pressure on DDDC to meet with the group and to consider the inclusion of an amended "option 5" in the review being undertaken by consultants for DDDC. The revised option would be summarised as a collaborative working arrangement between DDDC and a voluntary group.

Four residents spoke regarding concerns over the future of the London Plane Tree and rumours that it was to be felled. (*WTC confirmed no decision has yet been taken*). Approximately 5 years ago, a poll by NOW demonstrated overwhelming support for its retention. Requests that all efforts be made to retain the tree, addressing the uneven ground rather than removing the Tree.

b. District & County Councillor Reports: Cllr M Ratcliffe advised that there

number of larger planning applications for consideration in the next few weeks. The DDDC Local Plan would be reviewed at committee on 23/6/16. Stated that all 3 representatives were against the closure of the Leisure Centre. Cllr I Ratcliffe advised that she can arrange a meeting between Sports Group and DCC. There is a site visit by officers/IR scheduled 21/6/16 to review the potential actions to address the parking on Coldwell St/ Wash Green.

Cllr Fisher arr 6:40pm, Open Forum closed 7:15pm

C028/16 Appointment of Vice Chair / Deputy Mayor:

Cllr Maskrey proposed that Cllr Gratton serve as deputy Mayor for the coming year, the motion was seconded by Cllr Stockell. Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr Clamp and the motion was seconded by Cllr Whittall. The issue was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED That Cllr Clamp be appointed as vice-Chair (Deputy Mayor).

C029/16 Wirksworth Leisure Centre Review

RESOLVED That the Town Council support the Sports Group proposal for a revised option 5 and that they request a meeting with Dist Cllr L Rose to progress discussions. The Town Council support a revised option being added to the consultation/work being undertaken by external consultants preparing a report on the viability of Wirksworth Leisure Centre. A statement regarding the issue be prepared (to be included on Facebook/WTC website), a draft to be prepared by clerk and circulated to all councillors for agreement 7 days prior to release. The clerk to contact District Council and ask if all materials available to DDDC members as part of the initial decision (to select option 5) be released to the Town Council and the Sports Group. The clerk to contact all adjacent parish councils to advise them of the issue and invite them to join any discussion/meeting.

C030/16 Memorial Hall and Garden Adjacent to the Memorial Hall

RESOLVED That the clerk arrange for an arboriculturalist (with expertise in urban environments) to assess the London Plane Tree adjacent to the Memorial Hall. Dependant on findings, further investigations to be undertaken as required, subject to agreement of Council. That the clerk be delegated to arrange for a wooden or similar semi- permanent enclosure be erected around the area, with any proposal to be agreed via delegation (Cllr Pollock, Clamp and Maskrey).

C031/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 9 May 2016:

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 9 May 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

C032/16 Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee:

RESOLVED that minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee dated 6 June 2016 be approved.

C033/16 Minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee:

RESOLVED that minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 13 June 2016 be approved.

C034/16 Accounts Paid May 2016:

RESOLVED That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £3890.93 be formally approved.

Cllr Gratton dep 8:10pm

C035/16 Annual Report

RESOLVED That the Annual Report draft be approved and published on the Town Council's website.

C036/16 Town Councillor Representative Reports

Bolehill Improvement group – Cllr Edwards advised sufficient funds raised to purchase/install defibrillator.
Town Centre Action Group – Post Office now undertaking consultation on relocation to Mountford Stores.

C037/16 Information

i) Correspondence:

- 12/5/16 Devolution – Rt Hon P McLoughlin (in response to an enquiry from WTC)
- 17/05/16 – letter from AmberValley resident complaint about state of the Town around the Hope & Anchor Public house

ii) To be tabled at meeting:

a. DALC Circulars:

Circular 8 2016 - Governance & Accountability - Locum Clerks - Neighbourhood Planning Champion - Local Council Award Scheme - Section 137 & Power of Gen Competence - Tesco Bags of Help - NALC Star Councils - Sheepwatch UK
Circular 9 2016 Payscales 2016-18– Internal Auditor – Fin Regs – Transparency Fund – Vacancies

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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Chairman

Accounts Paid

May-16

Date	Invoice From:	Chq No	Supplier's VAT Reg No	Goods/Services	Budget Heading (see budget)	Amount	VAT	Total
	Payroll	7736-7739,	8041-8044		4,16,21	6617.89	0.00	6617.89
09/05/16	Tradefast Builders	8045		Repair to Mem Hall	14	2114.00		2117.00
09/05/16	Lyreco	8046	927265703	Stationery Stamps	22	135.98	5.20	141.18
09/05/16	Espo	8047	705180561	Cleaning Materials	2	62.85	12.57	75.42
09/05/16	Nisbets	8048	974803000	Town Hall Cruets/Trays	2	51.43	10.28	61.71
09/05/16	Markovitz	8049	157652445	Step-up Caretakers tools	2	50.00	10.00	60.00
09/05/16	WPS	8050		Insurance WG Playarea	24	110.03		110.03
09/05/16	B Woodcock	8051		Internal Audit	22	139.28		139.28
09/05/16	Irongate Group	8052	558532518	Caretaker Consumerables	2	51.89	10.37	62.26
09/05/16	Dalc	8053		Training	27	75.00		75.00
09/05/16	British Gas	8054	684966762	Maintenance Contract MH	14	446.77	89.35	536.12
<u>Direct Debit Payments and Standing Orders</u>								
01/05/16	Castle Associates	Sto	114456924	Professional Services	22	43.00	8.60	51.60
01/05/16	British Gas	DDR	684966762	Elec T & M Hall	1,13	293.04	14.64	307.68
01/05/16	Daisy Communication		722471355	Telephony	23	68.88	13.78	82.66
01/05/16	Severn Trent	DDR		Water Rates	3b	31.39		31.39
01/05/16	Sage	DDR	555909605	Payroll Software	22	28.00	5.60	33.60
<u>Payments made using Debit Card</u>								
10/05/16	Land Registry	DCC		Title Search	22			6.00
						3701.54	180.39	3890.93
<u>Transfer</u>								
24/04/16	From current to deposit Account					124000.00		124000.00