

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 2 November 2020

ET20/36 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Pollock, P Taylor and Cllr J Stockell

In attendance:

S Surgey (WTC Officer) and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET20/37 Apologies for Absence:
Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr E McDonagh

ET20/38 Variation in Order of Business:
None

ET20/39 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:
None Declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET20/40 Open Forum:
The clerk outlined actions and approach in regard to the continuation of Town Council services in light of the 2nd lockdown.

Open Forum Closed 6:45pm

ET20/41 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 05 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET20/42 Nativity Scene adjacent to Memorial Hall
Churches Together would like to install a nativity scene in a prominent location within the Town and have enquired about using the space in front of the "lest we forget" gates adjacent to the Memorial Hall.

RECOMM: That the clerk advise that the council's preference would be around the London Plane Tree, but if that is not possible that the group approach the local branch of the legion to ensure that its members are comfortable with the proposal to site around the gates. The clerk to liaise with the group to ensure that the use of either site use will be feasible and not obstruct other activities.

ET20/43 Meadows - Trees
A property adjoining the Meadows has asked that two trees be cut back as they are impinging on their garden. A tree surgeon has undertaken a site visit to assess both trees which are within the conservation area. One tree is showing early signs of ash die back, but not to an extent where intervention is required, however it is likely that both trees will be impacted by die back within a period of 2-5 years. Recommendation that the trees are monitored for further signs of distress and the matter be reviewed in spring when both trees are in leaf again.

RECOMM: That the clerk seek an assessment in regard to ash die back when the trees are in leaf in the new year and report back to committee

ET20/44 Meadows – Archaeology

To consider extending the permission granted to Wirksworth Archaeological Society to continue investigation of the site into 2021.

RECOMM: That the group be given permission to continue to investigate the site and that the clerk be delegated to approve any requests until the end of 2021.

ET20/45 Wash Green Play Area

The facility was reopened on 20th October, the Clerk inspected the site and installed the new Covid related signage on site.

RECOMM: That the matter be noted

ET20/46 Kingsfield Play Area

The facility was due to be reopened on 20th October, but delays in obtaining replacement parts (for vandalised equipment) has meant that some items on the site are not yet ready for use.

RECOMM: That play area continue to remain closed until all repair complete, and once ready the site be reopened in line with Wash Green Play Area.

ET20/47 Yokecliffe Play Area

WTC Staff met with DDDC officers (via Zoom) to provide background regarding the site, its history and usage and to discuss the future of the site. It also provided an opportunity for WTC staff to introduce (to DDDC officers) some local people who have expressed an interest in supporting any initiative to repair/replace or improve the site. Given the difficulties posed by remote working and the site location, WTC staff agreed to print out and put up DDDC signage on the site.

RECOMM: That the matter be noted

ET20/48 Proposed Budget for 2021/22

To consider any potential / additional expenditure required in the following financial year.

RECOMM: That the not items be added or changed, but that the matter be referred to Finance committee and for further discussion by full council.

ET20/49 Planning Application Received:

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

20/00857/FUL	Rear french doors to replace the bay window 21 Gorse Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint	
20/00864/FUL	Single storey side extension 5 Oakerthorpe Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GP
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint	
T/20/00138/TCA	Fell 1no. Whitebeam tree (1) and 1no. Hawthorne tree (2), Reduce 1no. Hawthorne tree (3) by 50% and Crown Lift 2no. Greengages (4 + 5), 1no. Beech tree (6) and 3no. Ornamental Cherry trees (7 - 9) to 5m Orchard House, Warmbrook, Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EA
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint	
20/00865/AGR	Agricultural Prior Notification - Erection of portal framed agricultural building Land Off Ryder Point Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4HE
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint	
T/20/00132/TCA	Removal of Ash trees (within Area 1) to ground level as they are showing signs of Ash die back Land East Of St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint	

ET20/50 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.)
None to note

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Chairman