

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee
held 2 December 2019 at 6:30pm

ET064/19 Present: Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr Taylor (arr 7:25pm) and Cllr C Whittall
In attendance: 4 members of public and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET065/19 Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr A Pollock

ET066/19 Variation in Order of Business: to take items 8. Disruption caused by the development on Barnes Croft, 12. Meadows - Archaeology and 9. Community Noticeboard Cruck Beam immediately after open forum.

ET067/19 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None Declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET068/19 Open Forum:

Two residents spoke about the disruption caused by the development at Barnes Croft. A representative of Wirksworth Archaeological Society spoke about the potential significance of the Meadows in support of the request to investigate the site.

Cllr Taylor arrive 6:50pm : Open Forum closed 7:05pm

ET069/19 Disruption caused by the development on Barnes Croft

A resident sought Town Council support in addressing issues surrounding the works being undertaken which are linked to planning app 15/00734/FUL.

RECOMM: That the Clerk and Mayor be delegated to write to the Planning Development officer at DDDC to raise concerns regarding the process and works linked to the development – letter to be copied to all District & County Councillors, Anthony Gell School and AGS Foundation Governors. That the Clerk and Mayor write to Severn Trent seeking assurance that the water pipe has been laid in accordance with appropriate regulations.

ET070/19 Meadows

Request received from Wirksworth Archaeological Society to assess the archaeological significance of the site.

RECOMM: That agreement in principle be given for an initial assessment of the site once it is in the ownership of the Town Council. That Wirksworth Archaeological Society provide a more detailed description of the proposed works for approval in January.

Cllr Taylor dep 7:25pm

ET071/19 Community Noticeboard Cruck Beam

This is in poor condition and consideration to be given to refurbishment.

RECOMM: That the Clerk arrange for the refurbishment (upto £1000 to be allocated to undertake work.)

ET072/19 Budget 2020/21

RECOMM: That no further amendments be made, although it is noted that the full council will need to establish a new budget for costs associated with the Meadows

ET073/19 Derbyshire Dales Draft Housing Delivery Action Plan

Consultation on plan which seeks to set out how the District Council will maintain an adequate level of housing delivery.

RECOMM: that comment be made that the consultations should also include Town & Parish Councils alongside developers and other partners.

ET074/19 Derbyshire Record Office

Record Office is consulting about reducing its opening hours by a day per week.

RECOMM: That council respond that this austerity measure will reduce the amenity provided by this important resource.

ET075/19 Firework Nuisance

A resident has contacted the Town Council seeking action to reduce the use of Fireworks

RECOMM: that as the Town Council has no powers in this matter that the issue be referred to the elected representatives for Wirksworth on Derbyshire Dales District Council.

ET076/19 Plastic Audit

As part of the measures to reduce the use of plastic within the Town Council, existing usage has been assessed and recommendations made which would reduce reliance on single-use products.

RECOMM: that the recommended changes identified in the report be implemented and that the next step be taken to liaise with other local venues to establish a common policy to reduce single-use plastic usage that may adopted in spaces available for public hire.

ET077/19 Planning Application Received:

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

1	T/19/00142/TCA	Dismantle 1no. Ash tree to ground The Lime Kiln Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FR
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
2	T/19/00146/TPO	Works to tree subject to TPO 023 - Dismantle and fell 3 no. ash trees 3 Brickfields Close Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GT

WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
3	T/19/00147/TCA	Remove lower bough from 1no. Ash tree (T1), Remove smallest stem from 1no. Sycamore tree (T2) and branches overhanging garage, Remove 1no. Sycamore tree (T3) and Remove branches overhanging garage from 2no. Sycamore trees (T4 and T6) Wirksworth Station, Station Road Wirksworth DE4 4FB
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
4	T/19/00148/TCA	Fell 7no. Ash trees (T1 - T7), Reduce 1no. Beech tree (T8) and 1no. Goat Willow tree (T9) back to boundary, Crown Lift 1no. Sycamore tree (T10) by 2m and Pollard 3no. Lime trees (T11 - T13) by 50% Waltham House St John Street 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.		
5	19/01089/FUL	Erection of shed 44 St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		
6	T/19/00165/TCA	Remove 1no. Cypress tree Brantwood Gatehouse Drive Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DL
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint.		

ET078/19 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.)

1	19/00318/FUL APP/P1045/W/19/3233148	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling house at Land adjacent to 12 Water Lane, Wirksworth DE4 4DZ
Appeal Dismissed		

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm

Chairman