

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 5 October 2020

ET20/20 Present
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Pollock and Cllr J Stockell
In attendance:
2 members of the public, A Fussell (WTC Officer) and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET20/21 Apologies for Absence:
Cllr C Foster Phillips

ET20/22 Variation in Order of Business:
None

ET20/23 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:
None Declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

ET20/24 Open Forum:
Two residents spoke about a new group 'Wilder Wirksworth', formed to support any project that seeks to help nature and tackle loss of biodiversity [*Refer to Full Council requesting (non-financial) council support for project*]

Open Forum Closed 6:45pm

ET20/25 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 07 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET20/26 Tiny Forest

Rotary have contacted the Town Council to explore if there is any land (in the ownership of the council) within Wirksworth which might be used to create a tiny forest. (Item withdrawn)

To consider acquiring the land at the rear of Griggs Gardens from DDDC to plant a tiny forest (Proposal from Climate Change Group).

RECOMM: That the matter be placed on hold pending further update/request from Rotary.

ET20/27 Severn Trent land at Wash Green

Severn Trent estates have approached Derbyshire Wildlife Trust regarding the management of woodland near to Wash Green.

RECOMM: The matter be referred to committee in November to allow Cllr Pollock to report back (following meeting with DWT and STW).

ET20/28 Sunday Remembrance Service

The town council has advised the secretary of the local British Legion branch that the parade is to be cancelled this year. Instead, wreath laying will occur as part of the service within the church (if services are allowed by C19 regulations in force at the time). No response has been received from the local branch and a communication needs to be prepared to ensure the public are aware of this decision.

RECOMM: The Clerk prepare a message (from Mayor) to be posted on Facebook and website to inform public of the Town Council's position.

ET20/29 Street Lamp Poppy Campaign

To consider whether to participate in this scheme in 2020 – DCC Highways require compliance with specific rules on installation including notification of each lamp post/ street furniture where it is proposed that a poppy be mounted. (In 2019 poppies were installed at the entrance to the Town Hall and on the Gates adjacent to the Memorial Hall).

RECOMM: That poppies be installed at Town Hall entrance and at the gate adjacent to the War Memorial.

ET20/30 Litter and Dog Fouling Campaign

Dales District Council have launched a campaign urging residents to report areas in the district where litter and dog fouling are causing a problem under a new campaign – 'Don't be a tosser – bin it!'. They have offered support to groups and individuals who want to help reduce the problem in their community by providing biodegradable pink chalk-based spray paint to highlight dog mess and put up signs.

RECOMM: The Town Council participate in the campaign, with staff using the chalk marker to highlight any dog fouling on WTC property (e.g. Stoney Wood, Meadows, Wash Green Play Area). That the Clerk contact DDDC and request a supply of the signs linked to the campaign.

ET20/31 StarDisc / Stoney Wood

Advice received from DCC Highways who have recommended the installation of 'K Barriers' which would prevent motorcycles from accessing the site whilst still allowing push chairs/wheelchairs – there is an option for the barrier to be combined with a gate. Signage has been created outlining the new site restrictions.

RECOMM: That the new signage be erected at the entrance to the StarDisc, that the wider issue of ASB and StarDisc be referred to Full Council for further discussion.

ET20/32 Reopening High Streets Safely Fund – Derbyshire Dales

Funding is available for the implementation of measure (linked to C19) within town centre. Any expenditure must meet strict criteria and must be spent by 31 March 2021, DDDC/DCC are seeking input from Town Council on potential local initiatives.

RECOMM: The matter be referred to full council for further discussion.

ET20/33 The Peaks and Dales Railway Reinstatement Proposals

We have been contacted by a campaign body, MEMRAP who are seeking support for their proposals.

RECOMM: The council issue a letter of support for the proposals.

ET20/34 Response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government white paper on reforms of the planning system

Councillors Barker, Casselden, Jordan and Stockell were delegated to prepare a draft response for agreement by E&T committee.

RESOLVED: That amendments proposed by Cllr Barker and Casselden be included and that the response be sent.

ET20/35 Planning Application Received:

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

1	20/00702/FUL	Erection of balcony 2 Brooklands Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AB
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	20/00775/LBALT	Internal and external alterations, repairs and refurbishment 37A 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.		
3	20/00800/FUL	Erection of two polytunnels Land Off Millers Green 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.		
4	T/20/00124/TC A	Fell 1no. Holly tree 16 The Causeway 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		
5	20/00833/FUL	Replacement front door 42 Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
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	20/00844/PDE	Application for a Larger Home Extension - Proposed single storey rear extension projecting 8m from rear wall, with a maximum height of 3m

		6 Pittywood Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4ED
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

ET20/36 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 7.40pm

Chairman