

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Working Party held 10 May 2021

Following the government's decision to revoke the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on 7th May 2021, the council has decided it is not safe to meet face to face. As it is not able to meet using virtual platforms (e.g Zoom) it is also unable to discharge its obligation under Open and Accountable Government to ensure transparency by providing public participation. The council has therefore agreed to continue meeting but in the form of a working party.

The working party meeting will be held to the same standard as a committee but any decision taken at a working party meeting does not constitute a lawful decision of council - the Council has delegated all decisions to Chair of Council, Deputy Chair and Chairs of Environment & Town and Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committees (4 Councillors) and the Clerk - Resolution C20/180 26/4/2021

All delegated decisions will be reported in line with guidelines for Open and Accountable Government (Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014).

- ET21/1 Present**
Cllr A Jordan (Chairman), Cllr S Barker and Cllr P Taylor
In attendance:
Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)
- ET21/2 Apologies for Absence:**
Cllr M Casselden, Cllr G Gratton
- ET21/3 Variation in Order of Business: None**
- ET21/4 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**
None declared
- ET21/5 Issues to be raised with new County Council Representative for Wirksworth**
It has previously been agreed to defer several issues including inconsiderate parking, modification of traffic orders (e.g Coldwell St) and traffic issues at Wash Green and the southern end of town with the intention that these could be raised with the new County Councillor when they take office.
- REC that initially a small group of Town Councillors meet with newly elected C Cllr Murphy to raise issues.**
All matters should be informed either by the effects of or measures to mitigate climate change.
Three key areas to be raised:
- **Traffic (parking, speed and signage)**
 - **Town Promotion and Economy**

- **Infrastructure (including footpaths, flooding and sewer capacity but also the wider impact of the proposed Middle Peak development).**

ET21/6 Rural Market Town Group (RMTG)

The Town Council has joined the group. Upon joining the group have suggested that a representative councillor should be appointed to attend meetings.

REC That the clerk contact all councillors to seek a representative.

ET21/7 Selling coal for domestic use in England (Cllr Casselden)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/selling-coal-for-domestic-use-in-england>

REC That the matter be noted. Cllr Taylor will share with the wider audience of climate change groups.

ET21/8 Planning Application Referred

21/00431/FUL	New Garage and workshop at Lilac Cottage St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
No Comment – The council notes however that the site is identified in the neighborhood plan as a possible extension to the Wheatsheaf Car Park (to increase car parking provision in the town).	

ET21/9 Planning Applications received

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

1	21/00312/LBALT	Internal and external alterations to facilitate renewable energy equipment/infrastructure at 37A 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		
2	21/00397/AGR	Agricultural Prior Notification - Proposed replacement barn for storage with associated holding pen for animal management at Land West Of B5035 Hopton 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		
3	21/00278/FUL	Widening of driveway at Copper Beech 52A 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		
4	21/00311/FUL	Solar Panels, ground source heat pump, housing for smart meter and erection of shed at 37A St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
WTC - No comment, however Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore supports any development or change which seeks to reduce the carbon footprint		
5	21/00289/FUL	Single storey front extension Montrose Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AS
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	21/00269/FUL	Two storey rear extension 9 Swaines Meadow Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EW
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
7	21/00462/AGR	Agricultural Prior Notification - Proposed agricultural storage building The Hawthorns Ashleyhay Lane Ashleyhay Derbyshire DE4 4AJ
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
8	21/00431/FUL	New Garage and workshop Lilac Cottage St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
Referred for discussion		

ET21/10 Planning Decisions & Appeals

(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

None to report	
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The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chairman