

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021 AT 6.30 PM (via Zoom)

**C20/115 Present:**  
Cllr A Pollock (Chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Clamp,  
Cllr C Foster Phillips, Cllr G Gratton, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr P  
Taylor and Cllr C Whittall

**In attendance:**

Jill Rapport representative from Wirksworth Community Response  
Group, Martin Bennett from Ramblers Derbyshire Dales Group, S  
Gratton (WTC officer), A Fussell (WTC officer) and Paul Jennings  
(Town Clerk)

**C20/116 Apologies:**  
Cllr E McDonagh

**C20/117 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

Cllr Jordan	Item 8 – Festival, spouse exhibits at event
Cllr Whittall	Item 13 – Raven Sculpture, commissioned artist is a relation
Cllr Clamp	Item 7 – Farmers Market, as chair of NOW responsible for organising the event

**C20/118 Variation in Order of Business:**  
To take item 10 Rights of Way/Footpaths immediately after Open Forum

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**C20/119 Open Forum:**

WCRG provided an update on activities since the summer, they received 20 calls  
in Nov/Dec (during second Lockdown primarily requests for assistance to attend  
medical appointments but are now co-ordinating with Hannage Brook Surgery to  
assist with transport for people unable to get to Ashbourne for C19 vaccinations).  
A request for funding has been referred for more detailed discussion at a later  
meeting.

*Open Forum closed 6:45pm*

**C20/120 Right of Way/Footpaths (attached)**

Referred from Full Council to determine next steps in regards to establishing  
PROW for footpaths at Summer Lane, Bent Lane and Old Lane, originally  
identified in 2018.

In addition, the Climate Emergency Working Parting have met and discussed  
wider issues around footpaths and Rights of Way, recommendation and next  
steps identified in attached meeting notes.

RESOLVED that the working party continue to investigate the matter and report to Environment and Town with recommendations regarding footpaths and related matters.

*Cllr C Foster Phillips Dep 7pm*

**C20/121 New National Lockdown**

To consider whether the council need to revise or review current procedures following the introduction of the latest government measures to mitigate the spread of C19.

RESOLVED that the provision of services outlined by the Clerk remain unchanged, unless amendments are required in order to comply with government guidelines/ legislation.

Office staff to work from home with immediate effect, any attendance at Town Hall to be minimised.

Caretakers continue to undertake all the routine checks, maintenance and cleaning of the various buildings and assets. Generally, they will try to work alone.

Barmote Toilets to remain open.

Tuesday Market to continue -stall holders restricted to those providing essentials.

Leasehold Tenants- as with first lockdown, tenants continue to have the right of access to their spaces. We therefore have to ensure toilets and communal areas are cleaned appropriately.

Play Areas to remain open.

Stoney Wood -as an open space it remains accessible.

Fanny Shaw's Community Building remains closed.

As a new measure, staff have been asked to wear face coverings when they are out and about working (this is not a govt requirement yet). Staff already wear face coverings when moving within the buildings.

**C20/122 Meeting Schedule**

To consider whether any further changes are required to the existing schedule of meetings during lock down.

RESOLVED that the existing meeting pattern of 2 committees followed by full council continues each month.

**C20/123 Farmers Market**

To consider whether the Town Council continue to allow a letting of the space adjacent to the Memorial Hall by NOW for the Farmers Market. *At present, markets selling essential goods may continue to operate, there is no specific exclusion of 'Farmers Markets' from this rule.*

RESOLVED that the council continue to let space to allow the market to operate. That the organiser be asked to (at least) match the measures in place for the Town Council- operated Tuesday Market, such as mandatory masks for stewards and stall holders.

**C20/124 Festival**

To consider whether to agree a concessionary let of the Town and Memorial Halls in September 2021. Provision for a grant of £500 has been made in the 2021/22 budget. For Festival in 2019, the council agreed a grant of £1000 and a concessionary let of 10 days from 6/9/19 - 15/9/19 with a value of £4500.00.

RESOLVED that in principle agreement be given for a concessionary let with the same terms as 2019.

*The remaining items originally formed part of the Environment & Town Committee agenda prior to the meeting being changed to a full council meeting.*

**C20/125 Kingsfield Trees (attached)**

Request from resident to cut back the trees surrounding the Play Area.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Tree Officer at DCC/DDDC for an opinion regarding the request and report back to committee with findings.

**C20/126 Claims to add Restricted Byways at Gorsey Bank – Wirksworth**

Comments are sought by DCC on two applications for Orders to be made to add rights of way on the Definitive Map and Statement for Derbyshire (ref 77427 & 77299).

RESOLVED that should raise no objections to the orders.

**C20/127 Car Park – Coldwell St**

Request from resident to consider steps necessary to secure the site opposite the railway to allow for the provision of additional car parking for the town.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to E&T on 1 February for further discussion in light of the recent planning application. Cllr Gratton to investigate whether an approximate valuation of the site might be obtained, to inform discussion regarding the feasibility of the site being used as a car park.

*Cllr Whittall entered waiting room*

**C20/128 Raven Sculpture (attached)**

A resident has requested the Town Council's comments (and support) for their request to install a sculpture on a lamp post on church walk.

RESOLVED that the council offer (non-financial) support to the proposal.

*Cllr Whittall returned to meeting*

**C20/129 Review of Neighbourhood Plan**

To consider how to update and revise the plan, originally prepared and adopted in 2015.

RESOLVED that Cllr Jordan lead a Working Party comprised of Cllrs Casselden, Clamp, Stockell and Whittall (5 members), with the objective of reviewing the existing plan - the adoption of a new Local Plan by DDDC and the proposals for housing at Middle Peak represent a material change to circumstances under which the original plan was drawn. The group to seek to re-engage with former members of the original group who prepared the plan, to seek sources of funding for the work, e.g. DDDC and to seek guidance from external sources such as NALC and DALC. The group to report to Environment and Town Committee with recommendations.

**C20/130 Lamp Post Poppies (attached)**

A complaint has been received from a resident regarding the absence of these poppies during the period around Remembrance Sunday/Armistice Day.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond back on behalf of the council to address the complaint and to outline the council's actions in supporting Remembrance within Wirksworth.

**C20/131 Memorial Bench**

Request from a resident for an additional memorial bench to be installed in the area adjacent to the War Memorial.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond back to explain that whilst the approach and offer of support is greatly appreciated, the design of the space was undertaken by urban landscape architects with the final design selected following public consultation. The design was carefully created to draw the visitors sight lines towards the 'Lest We Forget' Gates and it is felt that further installations would detract from this aesthetic.

**C20/132 Planning Applications received (Delegated Planning - Appendix 1)**

1	T/20/00184/TPO	works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 112 - Fell 1no. Silver Birch tree (T1) and replace with appropriate planting 61 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		
2	T/20/00181/TCA	Fell 2no. Sycamore trees (T1 and T2) and 3no. Ash trees (T3, T4, T5) Ash Farm 3A Little Bolehill Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GR
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/20/00186/TCA	Crown reduce 1no. Silver Birch tree (T1) by approx. 2m in height and 1m from sides 28 North End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FG

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/20/00198/TCA	Reduce extension limb from the field side crown of 1no. Sycamore tree (T1) by approx. 2-3m to reduce lateral weight, Crown Lift 1no. Ash tree (T2) on track side by 3m removing 2 side branches, Fell self-set Ash and Elder trees (G3) along the track and 3no. Ash trees (G4) George Mine Barn Bolehill Road Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GQ
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	20/01039/PDE	Application for a Larger Home Extension - Proposed single storey rear extension projecting 8m from rear wall, with a maximum height of 2.6m 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		
6	T/20/00172/TCA	Removal of Ash trees within groups 1 - 7, as detailed in supporting documents. Trees infected with Ash Dieback Middle Peak Quarry Middleton Road 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		
7	T/20/00192/TCA	Crown thin 1no. beech tree (T1) by no more than 30% to reduce sail effect and reduce north facing lateral limb by 1-2m to suitable growing points 7A Chapel Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FF
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	20/01028/LBALT	Repointing of North, South and East Elevations Hardhurst Farm Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
9	20/00713/FUL	Proposed enlargement to existing rear extension and garden enhancements 5 North End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FG
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
10	20/01099/FUL	Two storey rear extension 22 Mountford Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AT
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

#### Delegated Planning – December

1	20/00983/FUL	Installation of solar panels Knott House Alderwasley Derbyshire DE56 2RF
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	20/01027/FUL	Conversion and extension of existing outbuildings to form 1no. dwelling house and associated external store 24 Steeple Grange Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FS
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	20/01141/FUL	Installation of balcony on side elevation Gorsey 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		
4	T/20/00215/TCA	Fell 1no. Sycamore tree (T1) and 1no. Ash tree (T2) Waltham House St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DT
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	T/20/00217/TPO	Works to Ash tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 009 - Remove limb resting on BT Line and remove lower epicormic growth Iona 44 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EB
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	20/00975/LBALT	Works to Listed Building 18 North End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FG
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	20/01114/FUL	Single storey front extension 15 Beech Court Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FX
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	T/20/00222/TPO	Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order 009 - Monolith 1no. Ash tree (T2) at approx. 5m, finish with coronet and bore cuts to increase habitat potential and Reduce dominant stem of 1no. Elm tree (T3) to a height of approx. 1.5m, retaining vertical sub-dominant stems Land At Swaines Meadow 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		
9	20/01197/FUL	Two storey side extension 11 Willowbath Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AY
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
10	20/01228/LBALT	Internal and external alterations 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		
11	20/01258/FUL	Installation of biomass boiler and erection of flue Farm The Racecourse Ashleyhay Hey 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		
12	T/20/00229/TPO	Proposed reduction of 2no. Sycamore trees (T1 and T2) by approx. 2m to 3m in width and height, Re-pollard 2no. Sycamore trees (T3 and T4) and Removal of 1no. Ash tree (T5) 5A The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		
13	20/01247/CLEUD	Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use - Use of former barn as dwelling house Manor House Little Bolehill Bolehill 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		
14	20/01259/FUL	Single storey rear extension 7 North End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FG
WTC - No comment Wirksworth Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and therefore any development or change should seek to reduce the carbon footprint		

RESOLVED that the matter be noted.

**C20/133 Planning Decisions & Appeals**

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

None to report

RESOLVED that the matter be noted.

*The meeting closed at 8.10 pm*

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Chairman