

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15 February 2021 AT 6.30 PM (via Zoom)

C20/146     **Present:**  
Cllr A Pollock (Chair), Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Casselden, Cllr A Clamp,  
Cllr G Gratton, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C  
Whittall

**In attendance:**  
C Cllr I Ratcliffe, D Cllr M Ratcliffe and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

C20/147     **Apologies:**  
Cllr C Foster Phillips and Cllr J Stockell

C20/148     **Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**  
None declared.

C20/149     **Variation in Order of Business:**  
None.

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

C20/150     **Open Forum:**  
  
District Councillor reports: Cllr M Ratcliffe provided a verbal report.  
County Councillor reports: Cllr I Ratcliffe provided a verbal report.

*Open Forum closed 7:00pm*

C20/151     **To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Wirksworth Town Council held on 25 January 2021**  
  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Wirksworth Town  
Council dated 25 January 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

C20/152     **Town Mayor's Announcements**  
  
The Mayor attended the Farmers Market and thanked all traders and  
local shop keepers for their supporting the Town.

C20/153     **Accounts Paid – January 2021**  
  
RESOLVED that payment of the attached account in the sum of  
£13581.76 be approved.

C20/154     **Minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town  
Committee:**

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment and Town Committee dated 1 February 2021 be approved.

C20/155 **Minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee:**

RESOLVED That the minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 8 February 2021 be approved.

C20/156 **Climate Change Working Party**

Including a recommendation to allocate specific staff resource to this issue.

RESOLVED That any remaining funds from 2020/21 Climate Change budget be accrued and added to the budget available in 2021/22. That in principle agreement is given to allocate additional staff resource using this budget to support the initiative in 2021/22 (equivalent to approx. 2 hours per week).

C20/157 **Guidance on the Possible Return to In Person meetings**

NALC have advised that councils should start preparing for a possible end to virtual meetings from 7 May 2021.

RESOLVED That the Council write to the Secretary of State, local MP and DALC expressing dismay at the proposal and request that local councils should be allowed to continue meeting remotely until end of 2021. It was noted that in the past year there has been a greater attendance of residents at the meetings, clearly demonstrating that the flexibility to meet remotely encourages local democracy and transparency. That the council continue to monitor the situation and take steps to change processes and procedure to ensure that councillors, residents and staff remain safe whilst still allowing the council to continue to operate.

C20/158 **Unreasonably Persistent Complaints & Unreasonable Behaviour Policy**

A draft policy has been prepared for discussion prior to adoption.

RESOLVED That an additional reference be made that a complainant may have recourse to the monitoring officer be added and the policy then to be adopted.

C20/159 **Meadows**

The consultation which commenced in spring 2020 was paused at the outset of the pandemic, consideration to be given to planning when the process might restart (in the expectation that restrictions will ease over the coming months).

RESOLVED That the matter be referred to E&T Committee for more detailed discussion. There is a requirement for an interim management plan for the space pending the consultation restarting.

C20/160

**Live and Local – Community Arts**

To consider whether there are any opportunities to engage with this group and to develop a creative project for the community.

RESOLVED That the matter be deferred for discussion at a later date.

*The meeting closed at 7.30pm*

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Chairman

**Wirksworth Town Council**  
**PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
337	01/01/2021		Lloyds Current		HR Support	Castle Associates	S	43.00	8.60	51.60
339	01/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	W3Z	S	29.16	5.83	34.99
371	01/01/2021		Lloyds Current		IT Support	Software Into Action	S	200.00	40.00	240.00
343	05/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Gas -Memorial Hall	Corona Energy	S	255.74	51.15	306.89
344	05/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Gas -Town Hall	Corona Energy	S	394.41	78.88	473.29
370	05/01/2021		Lloyds Current	8734	Bus shelter cleaning	John B. Sloan	Z	40.00	0.00	40.00
367	06/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	14.96	0.00	14.96
352	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	180.00	36.00	216.00
353	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Website	TRS Design Ltd	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
354	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Membership Fees	Parish Online	S	80.00	16.00	96.00
349	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Window cleaning	G and M Beech	Z	80.00	0.00	80.00
350	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Window cleaning	G and M Beech	Z	40.00	0.00	40.00
355	11/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Consumables	Irongate	S	13.94	2.79	16.73
356	11/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Consumables	Irongate	S	66.96	13.39	80.35
342	11/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Rates	DDDC	Z	724.00	0.00	724.00
348	12/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	British Gas	L	43.91	2.19	46.10
341	12/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity Careplan	British Gas	S	68.99	13.80	82.79
358	13/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	Emtel	S	42.90	8.58	51.48
340	18/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Payroll	Sage	S	35.00	7.00	42.00
361	21/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	665.07	0.00	665.07
362	21/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Tax & NI	HMRC	Z	129.47	0.00	129.47
363	21/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	953.85	0.00	953.85
364	21/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Pension contributions	DCC	Z	549.28	0.00	549.28
366	24/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	25.00	0.00	25.00
345	25/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	British Gas	L	9.34	0.46	9.80
347	25/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	British Gas	L	109.89	5.49	115.38
346	25/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Electricity	British Gas	S	170.79	34.15	204.94
359	25/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	3,275.32	0.00	3,275.32
360	25/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Salaries	Wirksworth Town Council	Z	2,113.70	0.00	2,113.70
368	26/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Accountancy services	PKF Littlejohn LLP	S	800.00	160.00	960.00
369	26/01/2021		Unity Trust Current		Grit bin maintenance	Thomas Batterley	Z	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
357	27/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Telephony rental	BNP Paribas	S	69.71	13.94	83.65
338	28/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Internet	Zen	S	17.10	3.42	20.52
365	28/01/2021		Lloyds Current		Bank charges	Lloyds Bank	Z	18.60	0.00	18.60
<b>Total</b>								<b>13,060.09</b>	<b>521.67</b>	<b>13,581.76</b>