

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 4 November 2024

ET24/67 Present
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr F Rostron, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr S Thompson

In attendance:
6 residents and Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

ET24/68 Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Pollock

ET24/69 Variation in Order of Business: None

ET24/70 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared

Open Forum opened 6:35pm, Cllr Taylor Arrived

ET24/71 Open Forum:

Two residents spoke about the possibility of increasing the availability of charging points for EV including driveway share schemes.

Three local business owners spoke about the continuing concerns over the lack of action to tackle the flooding at Gorse Bank, Water Lane that is impacting their business and including ability to insure their premises.

Open Forum closed 7:20pm

ET24/72 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 7 October 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET24/73 The Derbyshire County Council (Public Footpaths Nos. 65 (part), 67, 68 & 69 – Parish of Wirksworth) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2024 (attached)

Recommendation ET24/59 referred back to Committee by full Council for further discussion in light of the additional information from DCC PRow (FP65 now to be subject to concurrent Creation and Extinguishment orders).

RES that the Town Council raise no objection to the proposal now that FP65 will be subject to a creation order.

ET24/74 Flooding

Resolution C24/73 - Town Council request the District Councillors and County Councillor attend a meeting with the Town Councillors to discuss the issue. The agenda for the meeting to be agreed at the next E&T committee meeting.

RES that a meeting be arranged with D Cllr Peacock, C Cllr Murphy with Cllr Maskrey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Barker and Cllr Pollock (Cllr Taylor and Cllr Roston as alternates).

Agenda for the meeting:

focus on the authorities response to Storm Babet and the actions taken which will impact Wirksworth.

Specific areas of concern are: flooding at Gorsey Bank/Water Lane and Brooklands, including the impact on local businesses.

Cleaning regime for grilles, gulleys/drains (regular maintenance mitigates the impact on flooding/drainage).

Seepage of grey water from manhole covers during flooding.

Flooding above Wash Green (highways).

ET24/75 Rubbish on Coldwell St

A resident has raised concerns regarding rubbish deposited/stored on Coldwell St.

REC that matter to be flagged to District Cllrs.

ET24/76 Bike Stand Damage

A resident has requested that the bike stands adjacent to Age UK Shop be refurbished and repaired following accidental damage.

REC that the stands are repainted but at present there are not sufficient resources to replace the slightly bent stand.

ET24/77 Take a Seat Campaign

Take a Seat campaign encourages local shops and businesses to provide a seat and a friendly welcome to anybody who needs it, encouraging older people to get out and about in their community and maintain independence.

<https://ageing-better.org.uk/stories/age-friendly-nottingham-take-seat>

REC that Cllr Taylor, Cllr Thompson & Cllr Rostron identify potential sites for benches in the roads leading into the town (e.g. Summer Lane) and report back to committee with recommendations.

That the Traders group be advised (via email to Cllr Thompson and Cllr Carr) that the Town Council welcome the traders adopting a take a seat scheme and that the Town Council are investigating potential sites for more benches/seats leading into the town centre.

ET24/78 Planning Application Referred

24/00909/OUT	Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling for access, scale and layout Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
Application withdrawn	

REC that matter be noted.

ET24/79 Planning Applications received

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

1	T/24/00197/TCA	Crown thin by 20% and crown lift to a height of 4 meters 1no. sycamore 40 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
2	T/24/00193/TCA	Various works to 3no. hawthorn, 2no. ash, 1no. horse chestnut, 1no. oak, 1no. beech, 1no. willow and 1no. hazel The Meadows Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
3	T/24/00196/TCA	Fell 1no. yew tree and 1no. holly tree and crown lift 1no. lime tree to a height of 4 meters at Yokecliffe House West End Wirksworth DE4 4EG
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
4	24/00855/FUL	Single storey front extension and creation of second storey 5 Brooklands Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AB
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
5	24/00695/FUL	Proposed installation of 6 no. air source heat pumps and 143no. solar PV panels at Wirksworth Leisure Centre Hannage Way Wirksworth DE4 4JG
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
6	24/00859/FUL	Two storey rear extension at Rose Cottage Derby Road Homesford Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HJ
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
7	24/00855/FUL	Single storey front extension and creation of second storey 5 Brooklands Avenue Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AB
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		
8	T/24/00216/TCA	Fell 3no. Hawthorn and 1no. Sycamore to ground level and coppice 1no. Hazel to 3 meters at Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Wirksworth Station Station Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FB
<p>WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.</p>		

9	T/24/00222/TCA	Reduce crown of 1no. London Plane by approx. 2m back to previous reduction points at Memorial Hall 39 St John Street Wirksworth DE4 4DS *Town Council Application, no comments can be submitted*
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
10	24/00891/PDC	Prior Approval Class R (agricultural buildings to a flexible commercial use) - Change of use from agricultural building to a use falling within Use Class E g) iii) (any industrial process) at Building to the South of Wirksworth Hall Farm Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire
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11	24/00907/FUL	Single storey extension at Holmlea Cromford Road Wirksworth DE4 4FR
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
12	24/00879/FUL	Extension of existing single storey rear extension 6 Ecclesbourne Cottages Sough Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FQ
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		
13	24/00909/OUT	Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling for access, scale and layout Standard Cottage 11 The Lanes Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GJ
Referred to E&T Committee 4/11/24		
14	24/00904/FUL	Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new dwelling St Helens House Farm St Helens Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4PP
WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council requests that any development or change seeks to reduce the carbon footprint. The Town Council's position will be that a building's impact on the environment should be of greater importance than the impact on the streetscape.		

ET24/80 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

RES that the matter be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman