

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee held 03 March 2025

ET24/101 Present
Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr P Taylor, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr A Pollock

In attendance:
2 residents, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk) Sue Gratton (Deputy Town Clerk)

ET24/102 Apologies for Absence: Cllr F Rostron

ET24/103 Variation in Order of Business: None

ET24/104 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

Cllr S Maskrey declared a personal interest in agenda item 11, planning ref 25/00035/VCOND
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ET24/105 Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Town Committee held on 03 February 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

ET24/106 Lithium Ion Battery Safety Campaign
Electrical Safety First and Lord Foster are seeking support from Parish and Town Council for their campaign to improve the safeguards around the sale of products using this technology.

REC that the Town Council send an email reply advising of their support and copy John Whitby MP.

ET24/107 DDDC Community Safety event
DDDC Community safety would like to talk to residents regarding their concerns on antisocial behaviour and community safety in the area via community groups or a Town Council hosted event.

REC that The Town Council support this initiative by offering DDDC a stall on the Tuesday Market.

Cllr P Taylor arrives 6.35pm

ET24/108 DCC Highways response
The DCC response to the Town Council raised several traffic management queries.

REC that the DCC comments be noted and Cllr Taylor to share with the Safer Roads Group.

ET24/109 Derbyshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Derbyshire County Council draft Derbyshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy for public consultation.

REC that this be noted .

ET24/110 Memorial Hall Garden Trees & Shrub cutting

A neighbouring resident has requested that the trees and shrubs are cut back to minimise the growth encroaching onto their garden.

REC that Town Council staff cut the bushes. Arrange for a quote from a Tree Surgeon for works to reduce the trees (complying with article 4)

Cllr A Pollock assumes the role of Chair 6.48pm

Cllr S Maskrey leaves the room 6.48pm

ET24/111 DCC Planning Application Referred

25/00035/VCOND	Variation of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) of application no. 13/00589/FUL to allow dependant relative accommodation to be used as a holiday let at 6 Pillar Butts Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NN
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RES “WTC - No comment, however, Wirksworth Town Council notes local resident’s concerns over access & parking and requests that DDDC take these into consideration when making their decision”

Cllr S Maskrey returns and resumes the role of Chair 7.08pm

ET24/112 Planning Applications received

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

1	T/24/00267/TCA	Fell 1no. Rowan Tree Old Grammar School Blind Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
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.		
2	24/01119/FUL	Repairs to listed farmhouse with adaptations to curtilage outbuildings to create ancillary accommodation for the use of the main dwelling Home Farm Wirksworth Moor Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GS
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.		
3	24/01118/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 7 no. dwellings Windward 62 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EB
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.		
4	24/01124/FUL	Two storey rear extension 24 West End Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4EG
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.		

5	24/01120/LBALT	Repairs to listed farmhouse with adaptations to curtilage outbuildings to create ancillary accommodation for the use of the main dwelling. Home Farm Wirksworth Moor Bolehill Derbyshire DE4 4GS
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6	24/01131/FUL	Erection of a replacement outbuilding Ashleigh House Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire 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.		
7	24/01109/FUL	Filtration plant shed The Racecourse Retreat Hey Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AF
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.		
8	T/25/00003/TCA	Various works to multiple trees 22 Gorsey Bank Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AD
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.		
9	24/01130/LBALT	Proposed change of use of part of the 2nd floor area to use as temporary accommodation. Haarlem Mill First Floor Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire
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	24/01129/FUL	Proposed change of use of part of the 2nd floor area to use as temporary accommodation. Haarlem Mill First Floor Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire
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.		
11	24/01138/FUL	Proposed removal and replacement of single garage Charnwood 21 Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FH
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.		

ET24/113 Planning Decisions & Appeals

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

None to report

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Chairman