

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Environment & Town Committee**  
**held 5 March 2018**

**ET100/17 Present:** Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr A Clamp, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr A Pollock, and Cllr C Whittall  
In attendance: 1 member of public & Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**ET101/17 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Stockell

**ET102/17 Variation in Order of Business:** None

**ET103/17 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:** None Declared

**ET104/17 Open Forum**

Ken Acons (in reference to agenda item related to Wash Green Traffic) advised that many years ago there was a proposal that wash green be widened (by demolition of housing on 1 side) but it faced significant public opposition and the proposal was dropped one argument put forward was that the nature of road provided traffic calming.

*Open Forum Closed 6:40pm*

**ET105/17 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee dated 5 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

**ET106/17 Town Planter Scheme**

**RECOMM:** That the same locations be used this year as those used in 2017. That consideration be given to extending the scheme either in terms of location or type of planter with a recommendation to be made in Q2/Q2 Of 2018 (to allow any potential financial implication to be discussed as part of the budget for 2019/20).

**ET107/17 Community Asset Notice for Old Lane**

Proposal from D Cllr M Ratcliffe that the Town Council apply for this location to be added in line with other locations identified in Neighbourhood Plan.

**RECOMM:** That the council undertake this when resource allows (but before end of 2018/19 financial year).

**ET108/17 Traffic to Greenhill / The Dale**

Cllr Maskrey provided an update following the site meeting with DDC highways and the county council officer's subsequent recommendations.

**RECOMM:** That the Town Council accepts the Highway Officer's recommendation to change and relocate signage for Star Disc/ Stoney Wood ( the brown sign located by the Red Lion be removed and relocated to the

junction (B5036/5023) and that the signs be replaced with blue (on foot) signage.

#### **ET109/17 Volume of Heavy traffic at Wash Green**

Cllr Jordan advised that he had also been contacted by another resident requesting that restrictions be applied to prevent Wash Green from being used by large vehicles and had contacted C Cllr Ratcliffe to progress the matter. In response, C Cllr Ratcliffe has already escalated the issue to officers in Derbyshire County Council.

**RECOMM:** That the clerk write to C Cllr Ratcliffe to support the request for weight restrictions.

#### **ET110/17 Rotary Christmas Tree and Light Switch On**

Cllr Maskrey and Cllr Edwards provided an update following their meeting with Rotary. The Cllrs have found alternative possible sources of a tree (to be donated by land owner) and had also spoken with local businesses regarding possible sponsorship (materials) to reduce the financial burdens on Rotary. A further meeting to be held in May to continue discussions. It was also suggest by Cllrs that a possible source of sustainable trees might be provided by using the land at Griggs Gardens to plant and grow Christmas trees (if it is not used for allotments).

**RECOMM:** That Cllr Maskrey and Cllr Edwards continue to liaise with Rotary and report back.

#### **ET111/17 Parking Policy**

There was a lengthy discussion on how to support and progress proposal made by Town Centre Action Group.

**RECOMM:** There should be a partnership of the town, district and county councils that will work to enable town centre improvement and provide the optimum parking provision for town centre users – shoppers, town centre workers, residents and visitors, including people with mobility challenges. Public and private funds should be sought to support the partnership.

The remaining points raised by TCAG should form the basis of further investigation and discussion by the partnership in conjunction with Town Centre Action Group.

That the Council would also wish to see consideration be given to encouraging less use of cars where feasible.

#### **ET112/17 Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation**

**RECOMM:** That the assertion in para 5.8 be challenged to ensure the requirement for affordable housing (30%) not be reduced/diluted to 20%. That the pricing schedule be questioned given the significant difference between High and Medium Areas (also to clarify whether Wirksworth does fall into the Medium category as the map is unclear

#### **ET113/17 Review of Taxi Licensing Policy**

**RECOMM:** That the contents of the review be noted.

## ET114/17 DDDC Land Holdings

**RECOMM:** That the Civic Society and Town Centre Action Group be advised that the Town Council hold information regarding DDDC land holdings. That the Town Council approach DDDC to enquire about taking ownership of the small strip of land adjacent to Stoney Wood

## ET115/17 Road Closures

**RECOMM:** That no objection be made

## ET116/17 Planning Application Received:

**RESOLVED** to receive the delegated planning decisions of this Council.

1	T/17/00138/TCA	Works to trees within the Conservation Area of Wirksworth Land To The North Of 32 King Edward Street Wirksworth
No comment		
2	17/01074/FUL	Two storey side extension and detached double garage Rosedene Derby Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4AS
No comment		
3	18/00012/LBALT	External and internal alterations 10 St John Street Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4DS
No comment		
4	17/01216/FUL	Alterations to design of dwelling approved under planning application at Brick Kiln House Brick Kiln Lane Wirksworth
No comment		
5	18/00058/FUL	Two storey side extension and conversion of garage to habitable room at 2 Pillar Butts Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4NN
No comment		
6	18/00054/FUL	Change of use of ground floor from D1 to C3 (residential use) and first floor from D1 to A3 (restaurant/cafe use) Wirksworth Baptist Church Coldwell Street Wirksworth
Objection: The applicant has not demonstrated that the asset as a whole is no longer viable, as Policy NP 11 requires, nor has the applicant demonstrated that "all possible options have been explored to maintain a community use" and therefore the proposal at present conflicts with the neighbourhood plan. The application should it be successful may exacerbate the already short supply of car parking in the immediate vicinity. Should approval be granted, it is requested that the issue of noise be addressed within the planning conditions.		
7	17/01118/CLPUD	Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development -Erection of outbuilding in rear garden at 1 South View Cromford Road Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FJ
No comment		
8	18/00113/FUL	Single storey side extension 2 Alton View Wash Green Wirksworth Derbyshire DE4 4FD
No comment		
9	18/00138/FUL	Two storey side extension and loft conversion

	Chalfont 10 Summer Lane Wirksworth Derbyshire
No comment	

**ET117/17 Planning Decisions and Appeals:**

**RESOLVED** to note no recent planning decisions and appeals.  
(decisions are only to be reported where the Town Council have objected to application.)

*The meeting closed at 7.45pm*

Chairman