

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

C145/16 Present: Cllr A Pollock (Chair), Cllr A Clamp, Cllr F Brown, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr I Fisher, Cllr G Gratton, Cllr A Jordan, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall

In attendance: D Cllr P Slack, C Cllr I Ratcliffe & Paul Jennings (Town Clerk).

C146/16 Variation of Order of Business: none

C147/16 Members' Interests in Agenda Items: none

C149/16 Open Forum: *Opened 6:35pm*

D Cllr P Slack circulated a written report, the Local Plan may be delayed at the audit stage due a change in independent auditor. The District Council are facing increased funding challenges and will be increasing rates and drawing upon reserves.

Cllr Maskrey arr 6:40pm

C Cllr I Ratcliffe advised that "Transport on Demand" now launched. DCC fighting the closure of small care hospitals.

Closed 6:50pm

C150/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 23 January 2017:

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 23 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

C151/16 Town Mayor's Announcements: No events to report in past month.

C152/16 Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Town Committee:

RESOLVED that minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Town Committee dated 6 February 2017 be approved.

C153/16 Minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee:

RESOLVED that minutes and recommendations of the Finance, Buildings & Personnel Committee dated 13 February 2017 be approved.

C154/16 Expenditure & Commitments in excess of £5000

RESOLVED That the Town Council become VAT registered with a target implementation of 1st April 2017. That occasional lettings now become inclusive of VAT. Where possible, VAT be applied to the principle amount

for leasehold tenants. Should the clerk require additional decisions related to the issue, delegation be given to Mayor and the 2 Committee Chairs. That the Council confirm expenditure of upto £8000 + VAT for works to the Memorial Hall.

C155/16 Accounts Paid January 2017:

RESOLVED That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £16156.59 be formally approved.

C156/16 Communication of Precept Funding in 2017

RESOLVED that the draft prepared by Cllr Jordan & Cllr Clamp be approved. That a press release be issued on WTC website, Facebook Page, Town Council Noticeboards and to Matlock Mercury, Derbyshire Times and Community Fayre.

C157/16 Town Planters

A licence request for the temporary planters in 2017 has encountered an issue - the Conservation & Design Section at DCC has raised objections to Town Centre Planters and Gateway planters. The Clerk has challenged this position and is awaiting a response.

RESOLVED the Town Clerk contact DCC to clarify the position and establish whether the objections are the stated position of DCC. If progress cannot be made, the matter to be escalated to DCC elected members. If the issue fails to be resolved by 28/2/17, delegation be given to the Mayor and 2 Committee chairs to determine the next actions to resolve the issue.

C158/16 Budget Process and Committee Structure

The budget process in 2016/17 and subsequent precept request was not felt to be sufficiently clear.

RESOLVED that a working party comprising Cllr A Jordan, Cllr F Brown and Cllr A Clamp be established to review the issue and provide recommendations to Full Council.

C159/16 Town Councillor Representative Reports

Cllr Whittall advised that the recreation trustees were considering the installation of a telecoms mast.

Cllr Edwards advised that BIG is continuing to encourage community cohesion, with a spring Equinox walk planned on 26th March.

Cllr Taylor reported that a twinning visit to Die was planned in October 2017 and in 2018, Wirksworth would be the host to visitors from Die.

Festival programme (including Town Hall Events) is under development.

Cllr Clamp advised that the new ww.net site is now close to launch. A town Ambassadors scheme (inspired by Belper) is being implemented by Traders Association lead by Traidlinks.

Cllr Gratton reported that the 1st meeting of the new Well Dressing

Committee had been held, and it was hoped that an additional 2 wells to be created in 2017.
Cllr Maskrey reported that there had been incidents of vandalism at cricket, bowls and football grounds.

C160/16 Information

i) Correspondence/Emails:

- 24/01/17 Sports Group Press Release – R Pearce
- 30/01/17 Important changes to bus services - Derbyshire Connect (DCC)

ii) Enquiries from Website

None to report

iii) To be tabled at meeting:

DALC Circulars:

Circular 02 2017: Subscription Charges 2017/2018 - Transparency Code for Smaller Local Councils - Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) for 2017/18 – 2021/22 returns - NALC New Year Message - HR Matters – Grants - How Elected Members can improve the Health of their Communities, 7 February 2017

Circular 03 2017: State of Rural Services - NALC Spotlight Council - Bradwell PC - Introduction of Discretionary business rate relief - Tree Charter - Keep Britain Tidy - Broadband Subsidy Scheme - Legal Topic Note updates

The meeting closed at 07.55 pm

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Chairman

Accounts Paid

Jan-17

Date	Invoice From:	Chq No	Supplier's VAT Reg No	Goods/Services	Budget Heading (see budget)	Amount	VAT	Total
	payroll	8293-8300		Payroll	4,16,22	6916.67		6916.67
09/01/2017	L Kirk	8301		Maintenance & repair TH Clock	2	225.00		225.00
09/01/2017	Avalon Software	8302		Booking Software maintenance	22	45.00		45.00
09/01/2017	Lester Lowe	8303	789313391	Damp Seal	2	4.00	0.80	4.80
09/01/2017	Markovitz	8304	157652445	Moss Killer	2	15.99	3.20	19.19
09/01/2017	Irongate Group	8305	558532518	Caretaker Consumerables	2	30.04	6.00	36.04
09/01/2017	Viking	8306	536153357	Office& Caretaker consumerables	2,22	116.27	23.25	139.52
09/01/2017	Hollinsend Fire Safety	8307	842950613	Service Town & Mem Hall	2,14	261.50	52.30	313.80
09/01/2017	Nisbets	8308	974803000	Bar Supplies (glasses/Measures)	2	57.53	11.50	69.03
09/01/2017	T Batterley	8309		Grit bin servicing 2016-17	32	1500.00		1500.00
09/01/2017	CPC	8310	169680322	Shelving, Phone and Audio cables	2	89.67	17.93	107.60
09/01/2017	WiSH	8311		Community Grant	31	250.00		250.00
09/01/2017	Wirksworth Swimming Pool	8312		Community Grant	36	4000.00		4000.00
16/01/2017	Tradefast Builders	8313	257361004	works to Town, Mem & Stoney Wood	2,14,20b	580.00	116.00	696.00
16/01/2017	DDDC	8314		Bins	2,14	442.00		442.00
16/01/2017	A Pollock	8315		Mayoral Allowance (original chq lost)	25	360.00		360.00
	Cancelled Chq	8215			25	-360.00		-360.00
23/01/2017	MB Plumbing & Heating	8316	244264319	Repairs at Town Hall	2	79.75	15.95	95.70
<u>Direct Debit Payments and Standing Orders</u>								
01/12/2016	Castle Associates	Sto	114456924	Professional Services	22	43.00	8.60	51.60
01/12/2016	British Gas	DDR	684966762	Elec T & M Hall	1,13	344.66	17.22	361.88
01/12/2016	Corona	DDR	577704800	Gas T & M Hall	1,13	635.16	127.03	762.19
01/12/2016	Daisy	DDR	722471356	Telecoms	23	62.56	12.51	75.07
01/12/2016	Sage	DDR	555909605	Payroll Software	22	28.00	5.60	33.60
<u>Payments made using Debit Card</u>								
09/01/2017	Amazon	DC		Barrier for stair TH	2	11.90		11.90
						15738.70	417.89	16156.59