



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2008

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

Ian Dare

Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Mike Ratcliffe

Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Paul Clarke

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Brown sign- on Derby/Wirksworth Road –knocked down –Mike asking for repair

Correspondence

- regarding litter-several emails received from Shirley Mann, NOW; explained that we have made approaches to Antony Gell, so far without success, but will continue to try to establish contact & get school on board; also, monitoring street cleaning is ongoing; publicity campaign is needed

**Action –invite school to nominate a student to join TWP with letter to Chair of Governors-Janet*

-email to Head of Junior School-Janet

-Festival talk –Even Rutherford 's request for CS to sponsor talk & provide resources; programme for 2008/9 is complete & CS does not have equipment requested

**Action –Graham to respond*

Agenda items

Townscape Working Party Report

-buildings at risk

-walk around with Tania Shaw to look at buildings at risk & of concern took place; report awaited

-excess signage – DCC promised to trim excess signage but no action so far; needs to be followed up

**Action –Paul to follow up*

-street cleaning schedule –Ian requesting that North End be included in daily clean; Paul pursuing PCSO regarding litter; Ian pursuing issue of bin bags in town

Colin congratulated Ian on his efforts in chasing up issues

-Town Map

to be launched at Town Hall on Monday 7th April; Colin informed that enormous amount of work has gone into producing it, particularly Tony Holmes & his photos & design & Graham Barfield organising printing; Alan Smith is having envelopes printed with information on CS & filled with maps for distribution; schools have been invited to attend & receive their encapsulated maps; larger copies are intended for EVRA, the Heritage Centre & Middleton Top; a concerted approach to the boards in Market Place is needed if a copy of each side of the map to be displayed there; Paul reported that a student with dyslexia found the colours of the map very helpful in aiding his reading of the text

-Church Walk Group

–the group is making slow progress; Irene Ratcliffe has set up a meeting re lighting & CCTV; both the church & a house have had windows broken recently; litter is a problem; Paul has taken photos from the church tower; a meeting with traders is to be set up

-AGM & Officers

-AGM to be held after meeting on Thursday 17th April

-Paul is to propose a change in the constitution:

-officers to make reports –Chair, Treasurer, Events Secretary, TWP Chair, webmaster; Town Council Rep re responses to planning applications

Planning applications-

-Tre`ves House –application for new windows, like for like

-lodges at Boulderflats Mine by Godfreyhole –going to appeal to be heard by inspector; could begin ribbon development; CS objections to be presented

AOB

Farmer's Market –(taken at beginning of meeting -

-*Wirksworth sign on Derby Road*- has been knocked down & cannot be repaired by County; replacement needed at cost of £500, possibly with redesign to include Fairtrade status, assuming it is awarded; could be linked to signage issues, using photos of others as model

Grant Schemes –Paul to apply for funding towards digital projector; CS would pay balance

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 17th June 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Please confirm attendance