



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2008

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

Ian Dare

Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Barry Joyce

Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Apologies

Marian Vaughan

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Bollards –further information – only the caps are gunmetal

Gateway at bottom of The Meadows – NFA

CCTV- should be in place in January

Correspondence

-Puffin Crossing-letter written enquiring about proposed siting; site further down to be considered after concerns expressed & Irene Ratcliffe intervened

-Cabinet Office- request to complete questionnaire from Ipsos Mori to Third Sector Groups; questionnaire returned

-Signage in Market Place–emails received indicating progress is being made

Agenda items

Townscape Working Party Report

- *street cleaning* –wrote to DDDC noting improvement& asking for additional patrols & additional bins for Harrison Drive/North End; comments acknowledged

-*bus stops* –poles due to be replaced

-*Market Place signage* – progress being made; Adam to be copied in

-*Church Walk Group*- first stage application in preparation by Janet & Tanya Shaw, Conservation Officer, DDDC; meetings arranged with Malcolm Marshall who gave advice on seeking matched funding & other issues & with Georgina Cass, DCC Environmental Studies Manager; schools to be contacted in New Year; other organisations to be contacted with information on project & support sought; work continues on very lengthy document.

The Monument Trust may also be interested in assisting with the project

**Action* –*Janet to write to Town Council & DDDC requesting letter of support, commitment as partners and financial contribution& to draft letter to Monument Trust*

-Wirksworth in Bloom- several meetings held; Ian & Mike each attended one or more; venture to consider town environment & areas needing development such as Stoneywood & Fanny Shaw's field; impinges on work of Civic Society, particularly Townscape Working Party meeting set up to look at Market Place –already under negotiation by TWP; W in B not appropriate to be seen as 'umbrella organisation' for town; street furniture donated inappropriate to Conservation Area where clutter has been removed; Adam has written to Chair giving conservation view; more clarification of work of W in B sought
**Action- Ian to attend next meeting on behalf of CS*

Notice boards – board opposite Old Bakehouse damaged; need lockable board on Market Place; Town Council willing to offer financial support; new board discussed with Keith Postlethwaite; request dimensions from him; meeting already set up Dec 11th on Market Place

**Action –Colin & Mike to attend; Janet to email KP regarding dimensions of board; Graham to give ideas from Bolehill proposals*

Planning applications

*-The Vaults-*although closed, Punch Taverns resubmitted application for Compleat Angler but not in keeping with listed building; probably routine re-application

*-2 storey office building-*Coldwell Street near dentist's –request to go to Conservation Forum

-Boulderflatts –appeal rejected

Other issues

12/14 Coldwell Street- broken windows on ground floor; no one living there; referred to Mark Askey, Conservation Officer

*15 The Market Place-*Town Council received formal notice to remove bus shelter attached to house & is legally obliged to do so;; if it is removed, Council would have cantilevered canopy erected in same position; shelter was specifically designed for purpose & in keeping with Conservation Area; owners leaving house

-Red Lion- refurbishment under way, taking image upmarket; work on façade including downlighters & hanging baskets not had planning permission; to be sought retrospectively

*-Sign for southern end of town-*Mike shared proposed design with new logo & including Fairtrade designation (not yet awarded): design accepted; sign needed on A6; brown finger-post would probably be acceptable

AOB

*-Strapline for website-*request from Tourist Group that strapline –'Wirksworth Gem of the Peak' –be added to websites –agreed

**Action –Janet to contact Andy*

- 40th Anniversary of Civic Society 2009- proposal for dinner in The Red Lion – agreed

**Action –consider possible after dinner speakers for next meeting*

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 3rd February 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive