



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2007

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Andy Link

Barry Joyce

Ian Dare

Mike Ratcliffe

Marian Vaughan

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

No matters arising –agenda items

Townscape Working Party report

-buildings at risk-

-Paul has prepared a report as a university assignment on The Old Coach House in Rydes Yard; it is to be sent to the Conservation Officer, Tania Shaw with an invitation to join us on a walk around to look at other buildings at risk

- 9 The Causeway sold; condition of building to be monitored

-Dale House –subject of communications

- walk with DCC officer very useful; he was given a list of pressing issues; recheck on progress planned for New Year

-street cleaning-meeting held with DDDC to raise concerns; Ian has received copy of proposed new schedule used a basis for new contract next year

-audit of excess signage undertaken to provide report for DDDC

-notices on lampposts to be removed –expired planning applications & advertising

-Rydes Yard –stable block for sale; current owner offered to pay for refurbishment of car park, creating more spaces

Agenda items

-Town Map-one side of map is prepared using Tony Holmes's archive material; proof of both sides to be ready for approval by committee at first meeting of 2008

-Town Trail- Marian to seeking quotations for reprint via Derby Tourist Office; original art work for front currently missing; may consider alternative but time consuming

**Action-Barry to search for original*

-Church Walk Group- initial meeting 14th November- area seen as 'jewel in Wirksworth's crown'; very positive meeting with representatives of Town, Derbyshire Dales District, & Derbyshire County Councils, Church, NOW, Civic

Society; issues re understanding/knowledge of ownership of areas –is being followed up; need to check new lottery grants for green spaces relating to churches

-planning applications-

-McMurdy & Harding, vet practice, wishes to move from St John's Street to 60 Cromford Road due to difficulties of parking in Town; premises may revert to private residence

-3 storey houses on Water Lane originally built with workshop space below for people working from home –condition of buying was to retain use as work space; family unaware of condition has converted space to bedroom & needs to obtain a certificate of lawfulness to apply for dispensation; Town Council unhappy about removal of condition for all houses

-St John's Street outside Memorial Gardens- tree roots lifting paving; Town Council wants to fell tree; tree officer consulted & says that nothing should be done with tree but paving should be replaced; suggest replacement with flexible material with edging round tree

**Action –Mike to take proposal to Town Council & report back to next meeting; Barry to refer to colleague*

AOB

-Wapentake-meeting convened by Anton Shon; Market Charter brought in additional people to the railway so he would like to introduce an annual event; proposal is to stage a Wapentake using re-enactors who would camp at ravenstor & the railway would provide transport for visitors; view agreed that more focus on Town needed

**Action –Graham to write response for Janet to email to Anton*

-webmaster, Andy Link wishes to withdraw from Committee & to pass on role due to work commitments; he will continue until replacement is found; Chair complimented him on his work and thanked him

-officers of CS-replacements will be needed for Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer at AGM as they have served their 3 years

**Action –nominations to be invited in New Year Newsletter*

-twinning reference on Town signs-signs overgrown so reference to twinning obscured' signs dirty; additional sign needed by Lime Kiln as no indication of way into Town

**Action –Jan to 'adop't West End sign, Marian Wash green, Graham Railway Arch & to keep clean & tidy*

-Summer Drive/ Swains Meadow link-counter petition from residents of Swain's Meadow & Summer Drive; residents prefer to remain cul de sac; letter received from solicitors of land owners

**Action-Janet to respond explaining that Committee feels that any further CS involvement is inappropriate*

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 5th February, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Please confirm attendance