



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2009

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary
Barry Joyce

Ian Dare
Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Apologies

Mike Ratcliffe

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Pelican crossing –

**Action – Janet to email Dick Hardy*

Wirksworth in Bloom- replaced by Wirksworth Open Gardens

**Action – Janet to write letter welcoming initiative*

Town Notice Board – hoping to place board in Market Place; AGS would make one with timber provided; need DDDC to clear space to create focus point in Market Place

**Action – Mike to liaise with EVRA who have a board there & AGS*

Planning application Breamfields – proposed development not acceptable

Educational facility on Harrison Drive – site meeting has taken place – ideas developed well; single storey building with clerestory & canopy roof; boundary wall to be rebuilt - improved construction in limestone; want materials & workmanship to highest standard on modern addition to town

Coping stones & planting in Church Walk – Mike trying to get action to no avail

Coping stones on bridge – EVRA to replace

Agenda items

Townscape Working Party Report

See attached notes of meeting

Payne's shop – part of architectural composition disappeared, number of people expressed concern at state of building of outstanding, distinguished building

**Action – Janet to write to Nick Payne*

Street clutter – concern re loss of visual simplicity & harmony achieved as result of Wirksworth Project (road traffic control signs, unsightly bus shelters replacing specially designed ones, siting of bus stop poles, advertising boards on street; highway signs); cumulative effect of changes in streetscape made art request of bodies in town; tension between needs of residents & appearance of streetscape – has become unbalanced

New bus shelters- not approved colours or patterns, no consultation prior to erection; Tanya Shaw has written to Public Transport Unit re complaints about shelters

**Action –Janet to invite Cllr Gary Purdy to next full committee meeting*

Anthony Gell School Project

Phil Richards is leading a project at AGS –‘Beyond the School’, a photographic heritage study of town & surrounding area; students find old photos, choose theme; take new version of selected photos of selected photo; take note of changes, investigate changes, publish findings & share work; Civic Society to be ‘partner’ in project

Church Walk

Stage 1 Application has to be submitted by August 30th so information required is being assembled & edited; some difficulties acquiring essential information regarding costings

**Action –Adam & Janet to pursue
Janet to continue with application*

Planning applications

-application for seat at top of Greenaway Croft

-West End (old Janet Reger shop) –application for safe access from front of building; will go to Conservation Forum

Summer Campaign

-Publicity campaign -mass distribution to all households to include information of activities of CS, including Church Walk Project

-target individuals to become actively involved

**Action –Janet to prepare Newsletter etc second half of August; Colin to arrange distribution*

Next season’s Programme

Programme virtually completed; March to fill; proposed visits: Wardlow Mires & 3 character pubs

**Action – Colin to speak to Nicholas Hobbs*

AOB

Haarlem Mill –Barry seeking to secure old photos to assist DCC with illustrations of pre 20th century building with intention of having building grading reassessed by English heritage; it may have been built by Arkwright as experimental mill, perhaps to try out steam power to augment water power

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 25th August, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive