



## Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 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* – Janet emailed Dick Hardy who passed comments on to relevant officer; no response

*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*

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

*Coping stones on bridge* –EVRA to replace but not done so

*\*Action –Janet to chase up*

*Payne's shop* –part of architectural composition disappeared, number of people expressed concern at state of building of outstanding, distinguished building; has been raised with Conservation Forum

*\*Action – Janet has yet to write to Nick Payne*

AGS –application for HLF for funding for their project has been submitted

#### **Agenda items**

##### ***Townscape Working Party Report***

*See attached notes of meeting*

*Excess signage* –Town Council now involved & scheme being proposed; Mark Sloan had not advised TC or CS that other had raised issue; Dave Brown sending paperwork to Colin

*Buildings at Risk Walk* - to be set up

*\*Action –Janet to contact Tanya*

*West End/Bowling Green Lane* – scaffolding rusty & H&S hazard; Section 208 notice to be raised at BAR walk

#### **Church Walk**

Stage 1 Application –complete & submitted online & hard copy after year of work; requesting development grant of £21,100 & implementation funding of £758,700; will

need to apply for funding from Aggregates Levy at later stage & DCC for contribution in line with what they would have spent on surface; formal thanks to Janet

### ***Planning applications***

*Water Lane Development* – application to change Unit 3 to retail & storage & distribution for van which delivers local produce to villages; suggest operation should be in centre of town; concern regarding safety issues with additional lorries & also pedestrian access where there is no footpath; support concept but not in that position

*\*Action – Janet to respond to application*

*Dales Housing* – proposed major development Wash Green/King Edward Street – exhibition 7<sup>th</sup> September

*\*Action – Graham to attend*

### ***Other***

*12/14 Coldwell Street* – on market

Market Place – could be water under hole in car park – being investigated

Coping stones – not yet replaced on bridge

*\*Action – Janet to pursue*

### ***Summer Campaign***

-Publicity campaign – Newsletter to go to all households with information on subscriptions, programme of meetings, Townscape Working Party, Church Walk

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

### ***Next season's Programme***

-Programme complete, visits to be confirmed

### ***Anniversary Dinner***

- exhibition planned, programmes to be provided; speakers to talk on past & present & future of Wirksworth

### ***AOB***

*Defunct notice board* – opposite Killer's Bakehouse forms a boundary fence; suggest fencing as replacement

*Redundant posters* – blitz to remove them

*DDDC review of public conveniences* – Town council has responded to consultation; provision should be paid from Council Tax; Fanny Shaw's loos could be closed & Vaults loos need refurbishment

*Market Place* – hole by Hope & Anchor may be caused by water leak & has to be investigated by Severn Water

*Derbyshire Life* – very good article on Wirksworth with reference to Civic Society  
Haarlem Mill – Tony Holms has provided excellent photos from his collection – invaluable for restoration; sent to English heritage to support attempt at upgrading; pressure to be put on owners; eligible for grant aid

### ***Date & time of next meeting:***

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive**