



## Wirksworth Civic Society

### Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007

#### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair	Barry Joyce
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary	Ian Dare
Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary	Mike Ratcliffe

#### **Apologies**

Andy Link, Marian Vaughan

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

- wall abutting The Meadows- discussion on possible options
- \*Action- letter to owner suggesting meeting with representatives of CS*
- Foggs Entry-- stone squeeze posts not yet replaced
- \*Action- being pursued with DCC*
- Town Trail – Marian to seeking quotations for reprint via Derby Tourist Office
- street cleaning-awaiting confirmation of work schedule & extent of peripheral areas

#### **Townscape Working Party report**

TWP has not met since previous committee meeting

- street sweeping & gully cleaning-Ian, Gerry & Colin, met with Dave Green from DDDC & another meeting has been arranged; mechanical sweeper & gully cleaner in Town on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct; David Green is keen to discuss rescheduling. Mechanical cleaning scheduled for every Monday; Town graded for weekly & monthly cleaning; copy of scheduling from 1/4/08 requested
- pavements –meeting with DCC suggested; areas to be identified on walk on 17/10, including water draining from wall on Harrison Drive; kerbing on The Causeway in bad condition; progress made on both cleaning & maintenance

#### **Agenda items**

- Town Map-40 features identified for map, Graham to write captions for next meeting; Tony Holmes drawing on archive material; central to map is aerial panoramic photo, round it smaller photos of features; when prepared, to be sent to local graphic designer Phil Richards to translate text into German, looking for some one to translate into French so copies can be sent to twinned towns
- Church Walk Group- initial meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November

-Environmental Day/Weekend- Mike keen to introduce to raise profile of Civic Society & to support growing movement in Town; suggestion that small working parties linked with other groups plan day, possibly to include recycled sculptures/scarecrows, trail around historic houses, stalls with literature, photos of areas to identify

*\*Action-Colin to attend meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October in Council Chamber*

-Creative Futures-Town Council's obligations range wider than NOW & is committed to wider consultation on future of Town's buildings, giving options; NOW report – issues discussed such as willingness of owners of relevant buildings to come on board, budgetary constraints, need for government & private funding, ambition versus ability to deliver; pathway needs to be determined

\*Action- CS to send representative to meetings discussing taking report forward, to keep aware of developments & to seek to make an input

-Summer Drive/ Swains Meadow link-petition submitted to DCCC Director of Environmental Services; not all local residents consulted or invited to sign; Mike has written as District Councillor in support of pedestrian (not vehicle) route ; local concern re possible opening for vehicles; decision that Civic society has no role in this debate

*\*NFA*

-Planning applications-shops returning to domestic use- in conservation terms, Town cannot support range of shops; needs to retain a core but allow restoration of shops to original status as houses; to be proposed as policy

#### **AOB**

-9 The Causeway –outcome of auction unknown

-Carriage House –possibility of issuing of repairs notice suggested

-additional Town Notice Board –suggestion that Wirksworth News be approached regarding use of their shop window

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive**

***Please confirm attendance***