



## Wirksworth Civic Society

### Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008

#### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Ian Dare

Mike Ratcliffe

Marian Vaughan

Barry Joyce

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

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

#### **Correspondence**

- email sent to Shirley Mann in response to NOW Newsletter outlining main recent activities & expressing willingness to attend meeting of local groups
- communications with schools- see below

#### **Agenda items**

##### *Townscape Working Party Report*

-on-going issues- missing coping in Church Walk, bollards in Market Place etc; Ian written to DDDC; difficult to get some things done –possible that CS could paint bollards; those in church yard are gun metal & need to be stripped  
*\*Action –TWP to deal*

- Ian written to Town Council explaining what TWP does with a summary of activities -letter gratefully received; TC want to organise meeting with presentations from each group active in the town for TC so that they can see how they can slot in support (Mike)

- bin bags –Ian asked local authority for list of holiday lets so that we can write to them explaining about collection day etc & asking for their cooperation; if not willing to divulge, ask LA to send letter on our behalf

- missing flags in Market Place- DDDC response says that they have to wait till there is a sufficient number to replace to make it worthwhile

-street cleaning – monitoring before next TWP meeting

- bus stops –Gerry to survey state of bus stops then contact Town Council who have responsibility & Mike will respond

-buildings at risk -report from walk-round awaited

- Conservation Forum visited Haarlem Mill to show Conservation Officers accelerating deterioration; English Heritage prevented from entering for internal inspection because of presence of asbestos; they wish to upgrade it to Grade 1; Adam Menuge has undertaken research (Royal

Commission on Historic Buildings) to present case for upgrading –first Arkwright Mill using steam to augment water power

*\*Action –write to present owner pointing out Haarlem Mill is one of most important industrial monuments & ask them to advise of their plans for repair of buildings*

-*Town Map*-closing account at end of July; half print run distributed & distribution continuing in Wirksworth due to difficulties with distributors; copies to be available at Art & Architecture Weekend ; Tony Holmes complimented on quality of photos; Graham for text and Alan Smith for printing & stuffing envelopes

-*Church Walk Group*-progress is slow as developments are dependent on funding; Tania Shaw arranging site visit with representative of Heritage Lottery Fund; single sheet outlining areas under discussion provided for HLF (copy attached); from meeting with HLF should come strategic plan; surface – Dick Hardy has given costing for sympathetic surface & reinstatement of gullies & drains to be included in projects for next financial year, unless Government makes additional funding available this year; funding is prioritised; may stand a chance as footpaths are a priority; wheelie bins not dealt with

Irene Ratcliffe has taken up issue of lighting & has also has set up a meeting re CCTV which has improved situation; proposals difficult to advance due to finance & priorities; Mike & Colin have invited traders to meeting to discuss Church Walk & other issues in Town as a 'holistic' approach

*Contact with schools*-Colin & Janet took Assembly at Junior School to talk about map & leave encapsulated copies & a map for each child; teachers very enthusiastic to use for curriculum work; school council also to pass on concerns about town to CS; Janet also took assembly for Infant Schools; impressed with behaviour & attitudes of children in both Infants & Juniors; Anthony Gell to invite a student to join TWP as representative of school; Head also willing to attend relevant meetings; encapsulated maps to be handed over to school

#### *Planning applications-*

-lodges at Boulderflats Mine by Godfreyhole –going to appeal to be heard by inspector - CS objections to be sent

Kingsfield- appealing to demolish pub & build 14 detached houses on site ; Council would want community venues, landscaping & a path; highway problems could be caused; CS welcomes use of site but feels consideration should be given to affordable housing

*Vice Chair* –lan to take on role

#### **AOB**

- *Heritage Centre* –proposal to apply for funding of £5k to work with schools to develop learning links –grant funds supply cover for teachers to work with museums on matters of mutual interest; specifically creating a website for visiting schools, & to develop literary & creative links; grant given to restore

Gell coats & banner; to buy conservation boxes & for software for documentation; good turn-out for AGM; Centre now has 2 people sharing role of Chair

-*photo exhibition*- in Parish Rooms at carnival weekend had 800 visitors; thanks expressed to contributors

-*Town Trail*- want to produce handier trail but progress limited

-*postcards*- Heritage Centre would like them removed; Traidlinks may take some

- *notice boards* – tourist information at Barmote car park & Market Place car park – DDDC agrees they are dilapidated & need to be removed; they can supply new ones but decision has to be made on replacements; CS would wish to be involved in decisions; Bolehill boards –Anthony Gell students to be invited to participate in manufacture

-*Bolehill post box* –resited to New Road

- *wooden planters* –Town Council looking to replace wooden planters on Market Place, outside Red Lion plus new one by Post Office to prevent parking; replacement with water tank found but need to be set level & planted with all year round interest; support idea

*\*Action – Mike to pursue*

- *Wappentake* -Graham making half sized boat for burning

- *Lack of lighting* at entrance to Crown Yard

*\*Action -Mike to pursue*

- Red Square –planting dead on one side; appropriate replanting needed

*\*Action-Mike to enquire with District Council*

- Derwent Valley World Heritage Site Partnership is about to produce series of leaflets on non-principal parts of WHS & associated sites; Haarlem Mill to be included –proposal welcome

- *Gateway at bottom of The Meadows* –still in a bad state; possible could be stoned up like one in wall to Care Centre

*\*Action –Janet to write letter*

-*lighting under archway to Crown Yard*

*\*Action –Mike to pursue*

-*Red Square* –inappropriate planting & dead plants

*\*Action –Mike to pursue*

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive**

***Please confirm attendance***