



## Wirksworth Civic Society

### Committee Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

#### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair	Ian Dare
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary	Mike Ratcliffe
Barry Joyce	Marian Vaughan
Allan Morrison	Joanna Falkener

*Colin welcomed Joanna as representative of the Heritage Centre*

#### **Apologies**

No apologies

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

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

*Church Walk –*

*Notice board – no information*

*\*Action – Mike to follow up & order board*

*Library display board – no information*

*\*Action – Mike to ask about reinstatement, possibly with hanging boards in windows*

*Wheelie bins- red Biffa appeared behind H&A*

*\*Action –query with Keith Hollinshead*

*Postcards – Phil Richards willing to become involved but not taken any further; no one willing to take project on*

#### **Agenda items**

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

See attached notes of meeting

*Church Walk planting –Keith Postlethwaite assured by email it will be undertaken by end of March; CS to organise maintenance*

*Town Notice Board –to be maintained by CS*

*Plane tree – Adam Lathbury pointed out that cracks causing trip hazard appear to be due to laying of flexible tarmac in 4 sections, creating break line; should have been laid in one piece; may look at relaying tarmac*

*\*Action –Janet to include information in letter*

*End of Warmbrook ( in front of Wheatsheaf land –concrete barriers installed as wall is in danger of collapse*

**Town Map** –Town Council contributed £600; Civic Society to match; Cllr Purdy contributed £250; Graham to contribute balance as memorial to his late wife, Pauline; 30,000 to be printed; to be distributed to schools & tourist bases & attractions; possibly a large one to be displayed in town; Tourist Newsletter to insert; maps in Town Hall to be moved to better position

## **Planning Applications**

*Kingsfield site – work to begin this week*

*Tarmac House –by Ravenstor, bought by Colin Thompson, tree maintenance company*

*Water Lane –length of footpath completed*

*Heritage Centre –proposed on site of brickworks in Middleton*

## **Heritage Centre- key points**

- Opening this year
- Kitchen closed for foreseeable future; tenant left taking equipment
- Consultant looking at site for development; café one option; would like catering outlet but no funds for development; seasonal catering a possibility
- Possibility of reorganising ground floor for wheelchair access with space for schools
- Need for sustainable plan for funding
- Museum of the Mind successful, young & old listening to each other; to form exhibition
- County Council approached re roadway & access, particularly in winter
- Intend to clean up & develop outdoor areas
- Smith empty; now water-tight; offers received to but, rent, convert to offices
- Building housing Spencer's left to Heritage Centre In bequest; difficult building & accessibility a problem
- Heritage Centre to invite individuals to become board members
- Trying to involve community with displays & artists' work

## **Town Development Plan –key points**

- Ian to represent CS at meeting of group set up by Ken Acons as sub-group of Transition Wirksworth; bringing together groups
- Derwent Valley site HLF application has to in bring groups & villages –needs to be a link
- Town needs a coordinator to bring groups & plans together
- Town has capital assets whose incomes could contribute to pay salary
- Proposal that small group be set up under aegis of Town Council to consider creating a Town Development Trust employing a coordinator

*\*Action – Mike to propose*

## **AGM**

CS needs new blood; no one stepping forward; publicity needed

*\*Action –Janet to write article for Community Fayre*

## **AOB**

*Proposes development –The Gate House –dissent amongst committee members; some strong support for proposals, some strong opposition to building in arboretum area*  
*EVRA – CS to congratulate EVRA on opening of line through to Duffield*

***Date & time of next meeting: Monday 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive***