



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2008

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary

Ian Dare

Mike Ratcliffe

Marian Vaughan

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

- *Town Map* –proof copy circulated with positive feedback; a copy to go to each household in Wirksworth & Bolehill; number of copies to be laminated & covered by plastic for outside display, possibly including in Market Place; District could be approached to provide housing –link to excess signage & meeting with Officer

**Action – Colin & Gerry to raise at meeting*

- *Town Trail*- now out of stock following recent demand; (Town Map does not replace Town trail & cannot be sold); quotation obtained via Tourist Office was £2000 for 2000 copies which is too many; CS could advance £500 towards smaller print run, to be recouped from sales

**Action – Marian to seek costing for 500 copies & to seek funding from -- Derbyshire Community Fund & Town Council*

- *Planning applications –outcomes*

- 60 Cromford Rd –application from Vets turned down

- Water Lane –houses have to abide by original usage requirements

- tree by Memorial hall –to remain in place, slabs to be removed, membrane & flexible tarmac to be put down

Townscape Working Party report

-*buildings at risk*

-Paul Clarke's excellent report as a university assignment on The Old Coach House in Rydes Yard has been sent to the Conservation Officer, Tania Shaw

-walk around Tania to look at buildings at risk & of concern had to be postponed & has been rescheduled for 13th February (builders are about to start work on roof & windows of 9 The Causeway)

-issues of pavement & road maintenance –little action resulting from list sent to County but West End is marked for repair; asphalt replacing flags in Market Place –County needs to have viable amount of work before replacing flags
-street cleaning-schedule lacks information on frequency so Ian responded with suggestions for new schedule but it had been finalised, specification can't be sent out but we can request information on priorities & also refer to Code of Practice; requests for additional cleaning have been met. New contract to be monitored after April

-concerns re gulley on Harrison Drive- sweeper to be asked to clear it to aid drainage

- Paul is an asset to the TWP with the work for his degree, including proposed survey in summer

**Action- Mike to obtain copy of Conservation Appraisal document*

-Chair said that credit is due to Ian for driving matters forward

Agenda items

-*Town Map*-on point of taking it to printer; 30,000 to be produced with translations into French & German for Twinning Visits; to be launched with evening event at Town Hall around Easter; to be delivered to homes in envelope with publicity on front as opportunity to recruit members for CS, possibly number them with prize draw to encourage recipients to open envelopes

-*Church Walk Group* –second meeting taken place & progress being made; supported by 3 Councils; main areas of thrust currently: lighting, surface, wheelie bins; main entrance via lychgates, railings & plinths, working with traders (meeting to be set up); later, 'Red Square' to be considered; notes & Action Sheets posted on CS website

**Action –Mike to find out about ownership of land leading to lychgates, & gates & pillars*

-AGM & Officers

-AGM to be held after meeting on Thursday 17th April

-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer are due to step down as Constitution states that Officers can serve for a maximum of 3 years; current holders are willing to continue for a probable maximum of 2 year for continuity & to give others an opportunity to prepare to take over; change in Constitution would be necessary, as follows:

paragraph headed 'Officers':

Delete 'Officers shall not, however, serve for more than three consecutive terms'

Each post would still be up for re-election annually.

Advance notice will be given in Newsletter with information on AGM.

Need to elect Treasurer/Membership Secretary to relieve pressure on Secretary.

Subscription to remain at £8 for 2008/09.

-Planning applications

-Canterbury terrace-new house approved

-Malt House Close-Dales Housing won appeal & houses are going ahead

-Access path-Little Bolehill –permission to retain hard-core path

AOB

-*Wirksworth sign on Derby Road*- has been knocked down & cannot be repaired by County; replacement needed at cost of £500, possibly with redesign to include Fairtrade status, assuming it is awarded; could be linked to signage issues, using photos of others as model

-*archway to Heritage Centre* – needs light, to be included on walk-round

-*Webmaster*-Paul is to take over from Andy as webmaster

-*Additional-Committee members*- Adam Lathbury to rejoin & Rebecca Waddington to join

-*Festival-Arts Council grant awarded*-£180,000 over 3 years

-*Signs*-on outskirts of Town to be adopted by individuals who will keep them tidy

-*Heritage Centre*-additional volunteers recruited for specific tasks; collection being organised; gallery to be run as discrete operation; 30th Anniversary of Wirksworth project to be marked; grant from Regional Museum fund for software for cataloguing; Museum accreditation expected next year; Georgian clothes to be assessed in preparation for bid for funding for conservation; Jennifer Hammond Acting Chair

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 1st April, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Please confirm attendance