



Church Walk Group

Draft Notes of meeting Thursday 17th January 2008

Present

Civic Society: Colin Pidgeon, Chair
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary

Church: David Truby, Rector, Team Ministry Representative

DDDC: Tania Shaw, Conservation Officer
Cllr Andrew Lewer, Community & Environment Policy
Committee

DCC: Adam Lathbury, Conservation & Design Officer
Dick Hardy, Highways Maintenance, NW Derbyshire

Town Council: Andy Pollock, Mayor

NOW:

Apologies

Barry Joyce

Notes of previous meeting

Notes accepted; to be published on Civic Society website

Reports back from Action Sheet & matters arising

- Improving landscape –dealing with wheelie bins - Keith Hollingshead willing to meet group members & discuss issue
- Improving access-no response to letter –AL & CP to follow up
- Bringing shopkeepers on board –Andy & Colin walked round area & decided to consider options before inviting them to a meeting; follow up after meeting with Keith Hollingshead; letter re lychgates to be followed up at same time

- Railings & plinth – each separately listed;- no funding available from DDDC but offer of assistance in providing supporting documents & in seeking funding; all to make others aware of possible funding schemes; to work through Tania;Tania also to explore funding from Peak Park and also Heritage Lottery Funding, with Adam; Adele Metcalfe to be contacted; also –grey area between maintenance & repair/restoration –issues over definition of maintenance; information to be sought from Estates & Legal Dept (Tania/Adam) and Diocesan Registrar –David to contact Archdeacon of Chesterfield; Conservation Grants Scheme may be relevant; **issue of ownership urgent as emergency work needed due to state of railings**
- Information-sharing – notes to be posted on CS website; item about group to be sent to Community Fayre; Mike Ratcliffe is holding meeting to discuss community space (Red Square) & introduction of seating with residents & people interested in area; Colin & Andy to attend for CWG
- Lighting –response from engineer received & discussed; lighting to become part of overall development plan as improved quality of lighting would enhance security etc (mention at Mike Ratcliffe’s meeting); need to pressure for funding & involve Community Safety Partnership on issue of H&S; Tania to investigate English Heritage advice; all to have a look at recommended light 81054 –let Dick know response & he will report back to engineer
- Interpretation boards –need to bring peoples onto CW with discrete signing, possible involve other groups using our designs as a model for other signs in town –Tania to pursue; concern re lack of ‘brown signs’ on A6 to draw people into town –DH to check who is responsible
- Surface –long term aim to remove tarmac & replace flagging – funding to be explored with railings & plinth as major project-AL,TS & DH to explore; medium term –current surface reaching end of life; Dick to explore replacement with safer & more attractive & sympathetic surface & dressing
‘Best Town’ up to £10,000 for small scale initiatives targeted at towns working with partnerships – view from NOW needed
- Vision – we are using process of considering different areas of CW to create vision for whole area; ‘Red Square should become part of this

Next steps/Action points

See Action Sheet for this meeting

Next meeting: Thursday March 6th, 2.00pm Club Room, Town Hall