



Church Walk Group

Draft Notes of meeting Thursday 6th March 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: Cllr Mike Racliffe

NOW: Ralph Selby

Apologies

Barry Joyce Andy Pollock

Notes of previous meeting/ Reports back from Action Sheet

- Improving landscape –dealing with wheelie bins – meeting with Keith Hollingshead – possibility of introducing flat-top bins, problem with moving bins to central area such as Town Hall area or a fenced area due to uneven surface which could lead to spillage of refuse, particularly food; also, issue of rubbish around Ken's
Andy to set up meeting with traders to discuss; also bring up lychgates at same time
- Railings & plinth – Tania in contact with Heritage Lottery fund & awaiting call-back; it appears Church Walk meets criteria. Grants are from £5k-£50k & have to be matched in either cash or kind.
Group meetings are 'worth' £30 per person per hour & would count towards matched funding.

Archdeacon confirmed that repairs & maintenance are responsibility of DDDC but ownership rests with incumbent.

Issue of responsibility for maintenance which caused problems with railings – DDDC has responsibility for maintenance; If failure to maintain caused deterioration, grants may not be forth-coming; it could be argued that they should be replaced; possibly church could apply for grant for restoration (as opposed to maintenance).

Replacement might be cheaper than repair as they are close to snapping but they are still repairable; look to repair first, but, if out of question, they could be replaced with like for like.

May have to prioritise most urgent sections but consistent quality & craftsmanship preferable; whole project might be more cost-effective

Need to put together a strategic plan including vision statement & all areas under discussion with costings & produce package for use in bidding for grants & arguing case.

Other possible sources of funding:

Derbyshire Committee Foundation

www.openforcommunities.info

- Information-sharing – notes & action sheets posted on CS website; item about group sent to Community Fayre; Mike Ratcliffe held meeting to discuss community space (Red Square) & introduction of seating with residents & people interested in area; Colin & Janet attended for CWG
- Lighting –small grants may be available, Irene Ratcliffe is investigating; could be linked with introduction of CCTV; security is an issue –church recently sustained £3/4000worth of damage & local resident has serious problems
- Interpretation boards –issue of clutter & lack of common style; excess signage discussed with Dick; concern re lack of ‘brown signs’ on A6 to draw people into town – DH to check who is responsible; new Town Map at printer’s
- Surface – Dick to explore replacement with safer & more attractive & sympathetic surface & dressing & work to drainage gulleys

Next steps/Action points

See Action Sheet for this meeting

Next meeting: Thursday May 15th, 2.00pm Club Room, Town Hall