

Wirksworth Civic Society
Townscape Working Party Meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2006

Draft Notes

Present

Colin Pidgeon. Chair, CS
Ian Dare, Chair, Working Party
Janet Pidgeon, Minuting Secretary
Adam Lathbury

Key points from meeting:

Reports on actions:

From meeting of 10th January

- Signage – ID & CP have begun survey of excess signage N/S through Town; variety of signs between Lloyds bank & market, 2 new surfacing signs in Market ; some long term obtrusive For sale & To Let signs, including one ID had to duck under, detracting form appearance of Town.
- AL reported bright blue plastic tactiles installed at crossing in error removed & replaced in response to phone call.
- CP suggested CS invites Estate Agents to sponsor Town maps, similar to Bonsall one.
- ID reported good reinstatement of pavements etc after gas repairs.
- Townscape Audits –IC contacted GV & RG but no response so far; blocked gullies & drains still a concern, could lead to flooding Audits to be shared with Local Authority; County has responsibility to 'preserve & enhance the historic environment'.
- Appalling condition of Rogerson's Estate Agent's Building noted.

- *Actions:*
- *CP to survey signs in Market Place & put different types onto a map*
 - *ID to survey E/W through Town*
 - *CP to raise sponsorship of map with CS Committee*
 - *CP to invite GV to meetings*
 - *ID to draft letter combining 2 issues of Townscape Audit, AL's document, & gullies & drain with photos requesting a meeting with Dick Hardy , Area Highways Maintenance.*

From meeting with Conservation Officers:

- AL reported that COs are in process of producing documents for TWP as requested & agreed at meeting
- Copies of TWP notes sent to COs
- Contact with Public Utilities to be made with support from COs
- Local Plan is available in Library; ID & JP accessed it on web; TWP can key into planning processes via document
- Haarlem Mill – COs need comprehensive site history; GB has written to Pat Savage; CP has spoken to TH

**Actions:*

- AL to produce preamble to document for next meeting
- ID to research Local Plan & copy relevant sections
- CP to follow up with TH

.Next meeting:

Tuesday 28th March, 7.30pm., 10 Summer Drive