



## Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007

### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair	Ian Dare
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary	Andy Link
Graham Barfield, Events Secretary	Barry Joyce

#### **Apologies**

Marian Vaughan, Adam Lathbury, Mike Ratcliffe

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

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

*Article 4 Directions review* –Janet has contacted Tania Shaw, Conservation Officer to offer support from the CS

*Wheatsheaf*- improvement in car park noted

*St Mary's Gate* –letter to be sent to JRT home address

*Christmas Party*- was successful

#### **Agenda Items**

##### *Townscape Working Party*

-Amenity Paving & Streetscape sent to Derbyshire County Council Environmental Services with drain audit & covering letter, establishing a channel of communication; letter received in response requesting 3 more copies; these were sent with a list of issues arising from audits; copies are to be distributed to managers with direct responsibility for works so our queries can be answered

-Setts behind Hope& Anchor –ownership of land unclear, although there could be a presumption that District Council is responsible

*\*Action- Ian to follow up with Dales Council*

-wheelie bins & black bags left out-St Mary's Gate was checked but whole Town centre affected by problem; some residents unable to use green bins so card is a problem;

*\*Action- Ian to pursue with Keith Hollinshead*

-Audits –information to be sent to Tania Shaw, Conservation officer

*\*Action- Janet to put pack together & deliver*

-sharing information-TWP's activities to be included in next Newsletter & presentation to be made by Ian at a meeting next season

*\*Action-Janet to put information into next Newsletter*

*\*Action-Ian to prepare presentation*

### *Town Trail & Town Map*

- individuals were invited to participate
  - some were keen to update Trail, others to produce map of Town with industrial information on reverse
  - Colin & Graham met representative from Winster re their project
  - decision taken to go ahead with both as a joint venture
  - 2 groups to work in parallel
  - Civic Society to coordinate joint application to be made to Awards for All & Derbyshire Community Fund for funding
  - indication from Mike that Town Council would give some funding
  - Group membership:
    - Town Trail- Barry Joyce\* ,Marian & Gerry Vaughan, Michael Hanley  
\*to liaise with other members of group),
    - Town Map- Colin Pidgeon, Graham Barfield, Tony Holmes
- \*ACTION-each group to explore costings & bring to next committee meeting**

### *Red Lion*

- Outline application for new housing behind Red Lion would be very high & prominent & have disastrous impact on Conservation Area; CS to vigorously oppose
- \*Action –Janet to respond*

### *Salt store*

- Store has now been moved
- Councils promotion of development of low cost housing
- query on use for parking
- rock face triple SSSI

### *Churchyard*

- Item deferred till next meeting as Adam has been on Paternity leave
- \*Action-Adam to follow up (see minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov)*

### *Foggs Entry*

- arrangements for blocking off are acceptable as alternative access is indicated on fencing; H&S issues
- residents requested removal of stone squeeze posts as that route only access to homes; no objection lodged against temporary removal of they re reinstated within 4 weeks of completion

### **AOB**

#### *-Clean up*

Mike requested group to clean up area between Hammond Court & The Meadows –agree-Outside Bodies –to explore strengthening links with other groups

*\*Action-Mike to organise details*

*Draft Rights of Way document*

*\*Action –Ian to read & report back*

*-Landscape document*

*\*Action –Colin to read & report back*

*-Beechwood's*

Member expressed concern re people standing on pavement in narrowest part of road to view window

*\*Action-Janet to write to Mike & Traffic Group to express concern  
Now Study Report*

*-Creative Industries Corridor from Harleem Mill to Cromford proposed*

*\*Action- Barry to request copy for Civic Society  
to be discussed at next meeting*

*Red Square*

*-Restoration of railing urgent; plinth needs repair*

*-possible cost of £250,000*

*-could be carried out piecemeal over several years*

*-closed Anglican churchyards responsibility of District Council but definition of what constitutes maintenance is unclear*

*-proposal to consider 'Adopt a railing' project*

*\*Action-Janet to speak to David Truby to float idea*

*Site of market*

*-Graham questioned published figures relating to loss of parking revenue on market days; figure were inaccurately reported*

*-suggestion of use of old market site & outside Memorial hall as alternative sites for market*

*-greater impact of market if colourful awnings were to be introduced*

*-suggestion that occasional farmers' & continental markets would ring changes & make an economic contribution to Town*

*\*Action –Janet to write to relevant body with suggestions*

***Date & time of next meeting:***

**Full Committee – Tuesday 13 th March, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive**

***Please confirm attendance***