



## Wirksworth Civic Society

### Townscape Working Party Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 *Draft Notes*

#### **Present**

Ian Dare, Chair, Working TWP  
Janet Pidgeon, Minuting Secretary  
Mike Ratcliffe

Colin Pidgeon, Chair, CS  
Anna Williams

#### **Apologies**

Gerry Vaughan

#### ***Main points of discussion***

**Community Square** – Mike met with Keith Postlethwaite, Car Parks & Estates Management, which includes closed churchyards & proposed that they view the area together & consider strategic action but no action has been taken. Problems with lack of response from this officer continue.

Ian wrote to Rob Forsythe to ask that the area be improved for this year; a reminder was sent on 24<sup>th</sup> January

**\*Action** – *all future correspondence with this officer to be copied to Head of Commercial Services & Chief Executive*

- *Janet to take up with Peter Foley at meeting with Church Walk Group & ask that DDDC to fulfil its obligations*

- *Mike suggested that a group might take over the planted area; Peter Slack to be consulted re costs*

*If all else fails, set up a Guerrilla Gardening Group & get on with it*

**Pavement resurfacing** – gritstone surfaces have been damaged & repaired with asphalt; over 20 areas have been patched; this was first raised in May 08

**\*Action** – *Ian to writing asking for gritstone pavers to be replaced with copies to Adam & Tanya*

**Signage in Market Place** – Dave Brown has taken on issues, particularly relating to Heritage Centre & car parks & new signs have been installed; only slippery road sign removed; Wash Green has new school sign but old one still in situ; 3 authorities involved in various signage issues & department reorganisation put progress on hold; signs around Hope & Anchor remain cluttered

**\*Action** – *need to pursue removal of redundant & duplicate signs*

- *Ian to use Fix My Street re redundant school sign in Wash Green*

**Street signs** – several changed or replaced

**\*Action** – *inform Mike of any missing or inappropriate street signs – several have been changed*

**New Town Board- wanted on car park**

**\*Action** – *Mike to contact EVRA to discuss use of posts*

**Street cleaning** – decline in standards of cleaning in gutters since regular cleaner has been off sick; team replacing him looks at areas & decides whether or not they need cleaning; cigarette

ends outside Hope & Anchor; increase in fly-tipping; gutters filled again after action by Fix My Street; dog fouling still a problem; attempts to get police to issue on the spot fines but DDDC has no funds for administration & taking offenders to court; school to carry out poster campaign on litter bins; Sue Lester found funds to provide Wirksworth bags

**\*Action** – *Mike to replace issue of replacement cleaner if current one does not return to work*  
- *Mike to send letter to be sent to H&A on behalf of Town Council*  
- *Keth Hollinshead to be informed when fly-tipping discovered*  
- *Ian to contact Dave Green re gutters*

**Bollard painting** –pursuing DDDC fruitless

**Litter bin at Wash Green** – litter bin moved

**\*Action** – *Ian to email Dave Green with copy to Robin Walsh, Street Scenes Management Team*

**Fanny Shaw's Field** – hedge full of litter which cleaners don't remove; skate park cleaned every day; temporary fencing by bridge at bottom of Cemetery Lane –rubbish dumped there; toilets locked but lights still on; cemetery wall damaged by tree removal

**\*Action** –*Anna to contact Fix My Street re hedge;*  
-*Mike to follow up rubbish dumping*

**Toll Bar Cottage** – application for extension refused, wall removed & not replaced, mess around building, including scaffolding in hedge

**\*Action** –*Mike to contact Tanya*

**West End** – Severn-Trent removed limestone 7 setts & replaced them with asphalt; Ian wrote to Highways who acknowledged letter

**Rural Litter Group** –Ian held a meeting; group to undertake twice yearly clean up from edge of town to parish boundary on lanes etc. including Cemetery Lane to Bolehill, Old Lane to Stone Centre, may go into town, informal group, no committee

**.Next meeting:**        **TBA 7.30pm 10 Summer Drive**