



**Wirksworth Civic Society
Townscape Working Party Meeting
Tuesday 11th 2008
Draft Notes**

Present

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

Colin Pidgeon, Chair, CS
Anna Williams

Main points of discussion

Actions from last meeting – Mike Ratcliffe was invited but could not attend this meeting; to be invited to next meeting

Haarlem Mill –no response to Ian's letter from owners

Street cleaning – response received to letter commenting on improvement; policy on litter bins under review so no decision on request for one on Harrison Drive; request to be kept on file

Bus stops - Bill Lear to examine on next visit; County Council Officer also to pass on concern re state of stops

North End – British Gas left equipment –removed before call made

Blocked gullies- response to letter said that gullies to be jetted clear & checked to for satisfactory working

West End – road markings to be checked & dealt with

Issues

- **Response to various letters**- letter re bollard repair, missing coping stones ,stretch linking The Causeway to Market Square –still no response received to date; Irene Ratcliffe has taken up some parts of it & responses forwarded
**Action- Janet to write to Chief Executive*
- **'Test issue' –signage in Market Place** –Colin & Gerry met Dick Hardy (DCC) & Keith Postlethwaite (DDDC) but need to meet with other officers; Dick was to contact Lee Wright; he was concerned that notices had not been removed; also need to check signage round Market Place, car park & phone box; not optimistic about boards outside Hope & Anchor but coming up with new car park boards; surprised that new boards with doors & locks have not been installed
**Action –Janet to email DH & KP re follow up*
- **Wirksworth in Bloom**-Ian invited to inaugural meeting; it is about presentation of town as well as floral displays & duplicates some of activities of TWP; could be umbrella group over-reaching other groups in town; Ian volunteered to sit on committee
- **Street cleaning** - Cromford Rd bad on Sunday mornings but better on week days; cleaning improved over all; leaf clearance better
- **The Vaults** - windows boarded, weeds outside
**Action –Ian to contact owners re maintenance*
- **Red Lion** –new owners; improved by painting
**Action –Janet to write to congratulate new owners on improvement*

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- **Proposed new puffin crossing** – concerns raised re siting
**Action – Janet to write to enquire why proposed site identified*

.Next meeting: TBA 7.30pm 10 Summer Drive