



**Wirksworth Civic Society**  
**Townscape Working Party Meeting**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009**  
**Draft Notes**

**Present**

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

Colin Pidgeon, Chair, CS  
Anna Williams

**Apologies**

Gerry Vaughan, Mike Ratcliffe

**Main points of discussion**

***Actions from last meeting –***

**Outstanding items** – Irene Ratcliffe followed up some items & is awaiting responses

**'Test issue' –signage in Market Place** –tariff board in car park to be changed & will include lockable notice board for use of DDDC; Colin to pursue with Graham new Town notice board to be placed alongside it; other surplus signs –some doubt as to who placed some of them so DCC considering them; others to be removed by DDDC; clutter on old CCTV post raise – DDDC to investigate who is responsible for the post; Vaults car park sign can't be seen when tree is in bloom; slow progress but moving forward

*\*Action – Colin to liaise with Graham*

**Bus stops** - poles replaced at Market Place & Memorial Gardens; Symmonds House shelter to be removed from house & replaced with free-standing one

**The Vaults** - area cleaned up but weeds regrowing

**Red Lion** –Janet wrote to congratulate new owners on improvement

**Proposed new puffin crossing** – Janet wrote to enquire why new position had been identified; holding letter received

**Issues**

**Wirksworth in Bloom-** Mike unable to contact chair & has said he will reconstitute group if necessary; Ian attended last meeting on 4.12; it was well-attended but unstructured; Matlock in bloom representatives shared useful information; Ian's points re conservation issues & duplication of activities of TWP taken on board following meeting with DDDC officer, W in B & Mike Ratcliffe attended by Colin which covered issues already taken up by TWP; Ian offered to send notes of TWP meetings; no firm projects or future actions

*\*Action –TWP will support & cooperate with new organisation of W in B*

**Street cleaning** - improvement maintained but perimeter of Hannages still bad; to be monitored again in a few weeks & contact made with school if necessary; Cromford Rd – Fanny Shaw field cleared up but litter collecting in hedge; request for bin on file; resident to write

*\*Action –Ian to monitor*

**Buildings at Risk** – report circulated; 6 monthly review working well

**Black bags** – need list of holiday lets from Mike so that we can contact owners to ask that bags be put out at right time; Council have said there is nothing more they can do as they can't find out who is putting them out early but officer will write to offending households

*\*Action - continue to monitor & use Health & Safety angle if necessary*

**AOB**

**Board by Bakehouse** –emptied & in bad state; new board –see above; possibly approach newsagent about using window space

**Trees by Foggs Entry** – concern expressed but see no reason to cut them down

**Miners' Standards** – concerns raised about condition; to be raised at next full committee meeting

*\*Action- Janet to email Tanya Shaw*

**Gap in Gatehouse Wall** – to be referred to full committee

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