



Wirksworth Civic Society

Townscape Working Party Meeting Tuesday 25th May 2010 *Draft Notes*

Present

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

Colin Pidgeon, Chair, CS
Kevin Mann

Apologies

Gerry Vaughan; Mike Ratcliffe

Main points of discussion

Welcome –to Kevin on joining the group

Units in Water Lane – concern that landscaping requirements & conditions to screen building have not been met; building not adding to quality of town

- retrospective permission to convert Units 4 & 5 into 1 building sought; would be used as distribution depot & over the counter sales for motor parts leading to increased traffic on road where pedestrians going to Health Centre are at risk

**Action – Janet to email Mike raising concern about traffic*

Church Walk & Community Square - CWG met with Peter Foley & Keith Postlethwaite, Garry Purdy attended; outcome –Peter to cost maintenance schedule for railings & plinth; surface likely to be patched; gullies to be cleaned within days; top soil & herbaceous plants to be put down in Community Square planted area; coping stones without lip to be explored

Slippery surfaces –concerns raised by elected member about slippery surface in Community Square & Memorial Gardens

**Action –raise with Mike*

Town Notice Board – DDDC schedule of work includes removal of surplus post & new updated board with parking information; EVRA agreed change to siting of their board; need new lockable board made for Civic Society & Town Council

**Action - Janet to remind Mike to order board from AGS*

Pavement resurfacing – DCC raised order for Yorkstone flag paving for repaired areas by Market Place, replacing temporary tarmac; flags need to be of certain thickness with sub-base to withstand weight of cars parking partly on pavement

**Action –Ian to take up with DCC*

Tarmac outside Memorial Hall – permeable asphalt laid to protect tree

Street cleaning - barrowman still off sick; team covering area not so effective; DDDC scores badly on street-cleaning; need to make an issue of clearing grit etc which leads to blocked drains

**Action – Ian to take photos & send to Robin Walsh, referring to cleaning schedule*

Wash Green –duplicate school sign removed

Fanny Shaw's Field – litter problem in hedge improved

Toll Bar Cottage – owner taken to court

Painting in town –Payne's, Weston's & Hope & Anchor painting frontages

Shop by crossing –new owner not moved in & building in bad state

**Action –Janet to ask Mike for update*

The Vaults – developer begun work

Haarlem Mill –Anton Shone raised future of site with Veolia as he feels town needs to expand; our response raised concern that he is conflating 2 separate issues –town & future of important listed building

Local Development Framework - to replace Local Plan; DDDC taking forward consultation process; event in June

Transition Town – next meeting Monday 7th June, 7.00pm

Civic Voice –AGM agreed to join new national body; initiative –Street Pride launched

**Action –discuss document at next meeting*

Remit of TWP – to keep an eye on fabric of town, particularly historic fabric & developments & to liaise with officers; to undertake Buildings at Risk Walks with conservation officer

.Next meeting: TBA 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive