

Wirksworth Civic Society
Townscape Working Party Meeting
Tuesday 6th September 2005

Draft Notes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair, CS
Ian Dare, Chair, Working Party
Janet Pidgeon, Minuting Secretary
Adam Lathbury

Key points from meeting:

Reports on actions:

- CP informed MR of drop at edge of car park in The Dale & of playground being locked
- CP informed Electricity Board of state of roof
- ID reported loose drain cover in Coldwell Street to County Council; repaired in 2 days
- AL produced impressive document recording Amenity Paving & Streetscape The Dale & Greenhill with a colour digital photo of each feature & sections for a brief description & notes on maintenance requirements

Next steps

- AL needs to return to take further photos & then record information; each task will take approximately half a day.
- On document, the word 'ownership' needs to be replaced by 'responsibility' to indicate who is responsible for repairs & maintenance.
- AL to move to Stage 2 & report back to next meeting when Group will act as editors.

Other issues

- Town Fabric checks are to continue; recurring themes are to be reported to MR.
- Some areas of poor maintenance reported by M&GV in their audit & responsibility for those has to be identified.
- Width of lines in & around car park; narrower lines in paler shade would be less intrusive
- Private properties under repair for long periods/ long term scaffolding to be raised in the meeting with Conservation Officers; CS could document lack of activity.

Action

- Discussion with Andy Link at next full Committee meeting on putting the document on website.
- Display to be produced for Christmas Party; pages to be laminated to that members can add comment & information with marker pens; opinions to be canvassed & members encouraged to participate by taking on other parts of the Town.
- Areas of original features need to be distinguished from replacements resulting from the Wirksworth Project.
- Channel of communication to be set up with District Conservation Officers, Tanya McBurnry & Dr Mark Askey initially by sending them copies of AL's document around time of the Christmas Party as a courtesy & to keep them informed.
- Possibility of a display in Library to be explored.
- Meeting to be requested with District Council in New Year after comments resulting from the display at Christmas Party have been received; they are to be asked to suggest a date & a time; Civic Society to indicate its willingness to offer positive support to Conservation Officers; they will be invited to a CS meeting at a later date.
- MR to be reminded to provide photos of sensitive views.
- Membership to be invited to participate via regular agenda item on building fabric at Committee meetings
- MR to be invited to 0next meeting to discuss maintenance issues.
- ID to take photos to illustrate issues.

Next meeting:

Group to meet Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm at 10 Summer Drive

Agenda

- AL's 'Phase 2' documenting The Dale & Greenhill
- Draft letter to Conservation Officers informing them of the survey
- Maintenance issues – discussion with MR