



Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2007

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary
Graham Barfield, Programme Secretary
Ian Dare

Barry Joyce
Andy Link

Apologies

Mike Ratcliffe, Marian Vaughan

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

-audit/monitoring pack sent to Conservation Officer – Officer using information
-St Mary's Gate-response to be sent to owner; owner requested information regarding grants; small budget available for repairs to listed buildings & conservation areas but not for maintenance which should come from rental of properties

**Janet to write to owner with information*

-Red Lion-objections lodged, planning application withdrawn

-planning applications-Janet wrote response

- end of Summer Drive-access-Janet wrote to owner of central strip with gate-no response yet

-TWP-black bags-Inspector form DDDC confirmed extent of problem; to contact people responsible & to carry out further inspections

- notice boards in Town-Mike has written article for Community Fayre seeking ideas for provision, particularly in old Market Place; Barry has concerns regarding clutter-

-meeting re future of market –article to appear in Community Fayre regarding meeting Colin & Graham had with John Morris, Head of Commercial Services, with DDDC; market fulfils socio-economic need in Town & will endeavour to keep it going as long as possible; to be advertised

-wall abutting The Meadows-Janet written to owner but no response received; possibly funding available for DDDC repair grant budget

**Action –Janet to advise owner*

- Foggs Entry-- stone squeeze posts removed & to be replaced when work completed; residents want posts returned to prevent access for motor bikes

-street cleaning-awaiting confirmation of work schedule & extent of peripheral areas

Agenda Items

Correspondence

-when writing to property owners, letters should contain standard paragraph explaining role of Civic Society (as in second letter re St Mary's Gate properties) in line with Constitution

Town Trail & Town Map

- costings prepared; close to sending in application for funding from 'Awards for All'

-cannot be undertaken without funding grant; precedents set in other villages (but pre-Olympics)

-rewriting for Town Trail to be pursued with Marian; costings included amount for revision

Churchyard-main points of discussion

- CS to focus on churchyard & NOW & Creative Futures also sees it as a focus
- Adam has produced design for Red Square as starting point for discussion; Ralph Selby reflected on designs he shared last July & decided they were not appropriate & there is a need to consult more widely
- Colin has written to Chair of PC regarding whole area of churchyard & now proposes to write to NOW & Creative Futures through Claire Robinson; also an article could be placed in Community Fayre thoughts can be pulled together;
- number of people miss seating but problematical due to slopes, would need to be specially deigned for area; some want to see space free for community activities
- cost of repair of railings would be high, report from Quinquennial Inspection available, other opinions sought

**Action-Colin to write to Chair of PC & NOW & to set up meeting*

Clean-up

-Mike suggested clean-up pre well-dressing & carnival –agreed

Janet to confirm date & time & put in Newsletter & on websites

AOB

-Committee

additional members needed

-postcards

originally introduced to interpret & represent Town; no longer considered necessary

-Red Lion

-Dales Forum visited to asses owner's application for internal alterations; renovations planned

-Tarmac owned buildings

-Tarmac own Broxendale Farm & building on Steeple Grange, both of which are boarded up; apparently protecting quarrying interests & leaving options open

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 26th June , 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Please confirm attendance