

Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2005

Draft minutes

Present

Colin Pidgeon, Chair
Graham Barfield, Secretary
Janet Pidgeon, Minuting Secretary
Ian Dare
Barrie Joyce
Mike Ratcliffe
Adam Lathbury

Apologies

Andy Link
Marian Vaughan

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

No matters arising

Agenda items

Townscape Working Party Meeting

ID reported on meeting; key points

- AL's document recording Amenities & Paving is completed & will be ready for the Christmas Party.

-ID explained his random sampling of drains; MR had received a copy of photos & notes & reported that Irene Ratcliffe is taking the matter up in her capacity of County Councillor.

- Ian explained Christmas Party activity related to unattractive parts of the Town.

CP reported on his conversation with Anton Shone relating to his sub-group of NOW & proposed tree planting activities; CP suggested a coordinated approach; agreed that group would liaise with CS. MR suggested inviting Anton Shone to next meeting to discuss proposals re tree planting & Wheatsheaf car park.

**Action –CP to invite AS*

Marker Charter –progress report

GB & CP reported that progress is being made on areas reported at the last meeting; the group meets again next week.

Bronze plaque –Duchy of Lancaster has agreed to fund the plaque to be placed between the doors of ‘Toby’s’.

Some discussion on wording followed.

- *Action –1 .CP &GB to continue working with planning group*
- 2. CP & GB to review proposed wording*

Churchyard

Jenny Hoon & Ralph Selby did not attend

Christmas Party

Activities/quizzes agreed; £50 deposit needed; final numbers & balance by Dec 1st.

Town Centre

MR explained Town Council survey of amenity seating – condition/maintenance of current seating & possible sites for new ‘in memory’ seats; Council has some funding available.

MR proposed that CS takes an overview & suggest possible sites & locations.

- *Action – 1. ID &AL to include this in their Townscape work*
- 2. Christmas Party Activity –members to be asked to mark suggested locations on map*
- 3. Outcomes to be reported to Council in New Year*

Matter referred from D.D.D.C.:

‘Consultation exercise/Community Involvement
Planning for minerals & waste in Derbyshire’

As mineral extraction are rights still available for 40 years, it was agreed that the CS should be on the list of interested parties.

**CP to follow up*

Town Planning update – key points

- 15 West End, Janet Reager shop, planning to turn ground floor to residential use with work on frontage; negotiation on change of use with shop front & gallery space; owner willing to compromise by using front room as both sitting room & gallery to maintain retail usage; outcome awaited.

- wall at front of former George on Coldwell St –retrospective planning permission likely to be refused; if so’ will go to appeal; proposal that CS should write letter in support of retaining wall as it is in keeping with area

**Action – await outcome before drafting letter*

- proposed house on Steeple Grange – permission refused as ‘too grand for site’
- no progress on retaining post box for Bolehill – re-sited box out of area & across dangerous road

AOB

- Haarlem Mill- apparently unused since Vivendi moved out; JP to contact Vivendi on behalf of CS & enquire what plans Vivendi has for building & site
- boarded up house on Steeple Grange belongs to Tarmac & is to be sold
- ID asked MR to pursue placing of litter bin neat tree at trop of market carpark as it attracts litter
- bus shelter on Harrison Drive needs o be cleaned of graffiti; BJ to attend Town Council's Open Forum to propose zero tolerance of graffiti in Town
**Action – BJ to attend Open Forum*
- GB explained the Greenwatch Environmental Project

Outstanding items

1. Overview of Town development -MR
2. Churchyard
3. Stone from Longcliffe Quarry
- 4.. Proposal to remove 'Matlock 'from Wirksworth addresses; collective letter from CS proposed & agreed- GB
- 5.. Website - Members to return proformas to the Chair; AL to post information on website

Date & time of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th December , 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Please confirm attendance