

Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2005

Draft minutes

Present

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

Apologies

Ken Acons

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

No matters arising

Agenda items

Churchyard

Jenny Hoon & Ralph Selby unable to attend

**Action – BJ to invite them to next meeting*

Townscape Working Party Meeting

ID reported on meeting; key points

- Adam's format for recording Amenities & Paving was circulated & explained.
- Follow-up activities were agreed – see TWP notes (attached)
- Town Fabric audits continue but Greenhill, The Dale & the Market Square need to be covered
- MR said the Conservation Fund has money available for repairs, up to 40% of the cost.

Marker Charter –progress report

GB & CP reported on progress- key points

- Thursday evening - a talk organised by the WEA on the history of markets through the ages with refreshments
- Friday -an inaugural dinner in the Town Hall with a medieval theme & possibly The Dalesmen singing songs appropriate for the period
- Saturday & Sunday are main focus

- Markets –mixed market on Market Square to include crafts, pottery, charities; Continental Market possibly near Memorial Hall
- Saturday evening – all Wirksworth Theatre Groups to participate in Pageant, with 20/30 main events; children to be included; up to £10,000 funding needed
- Medieval activities - group from Chesterfield interested in participating, activities based around their tent
 - Towton Archers, long-bowmen, willing to demonstrate archery & medieval camp
- Church Service- multi-faith
- Early Medieval music concert
- Bronze plaque –Bar Master for Duchy of Lancaster contacted possible source of funding, all group to look at proposed site; Lord Lieutenant to unveil plaque
- copies of Charter to be translated from Latin & made in to facsimile for presentation to Mayor; possible funding from Duchy of Lancaster
- publicity in next issue of 'Community Fayre'; member of planning group responsible for publicity
- Rotary to provide hog roast
- Mr. Shields of Longcliffe quarry has offered piece of unhewn stone; could have plaque to commemorate 2000 years of quarrying & lead mining; site to be discussed
- Farmers' Market- under discussion with Neil McGregor from Bakewell; part of aim of celebration is to reinvigorate market
- *Action –CP &GB to continue working with planning group*
- *All Committee members to look at proposed placement of plaque on Toby's*

Town Planning update – key points

- MV reported on application for extended licence for Hope & Anchor
- MR reported that the salt store on Harrison Drive is likely to be moved to Rhyder Point; North End housing can progress; part of site may be landscaped and/or provide additional parking; rock face is an SSSI.
- Planning applications:
 - Rogerson –appearance in magistrate's court
 - 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
 - Miller's Green – wooden structure converted to brick; possible change of use
 - 2 The Dale –change of use to residential dwelling
 - Flat 2 Old British Shop, 13 Market Place, change back from residential to retail
- *Action: MR to prepare overview of Town development for November meeting*
- *Action: Town centre to be a focus of November meeting*

Christmas Party

Agenda item for next meeting

Website

Andy Link collected proformas returned so far.

**Members to return proformas to the Chair*

**AL to post information on website*

Any other business

- MR reported that, due to building development, the post box at Bolehill has been moved across the road as the Royal Mail will not allow post boxes to be sited on third party walls; it is now outside Bolehill; Council is pursuing; original post box offered to Wyvern Rail

- proposal to remove 'Matlock' from Wirksworth addresses; collective letter from CS proposed & agreed

**Action GB to draft letter*

- Review of seating in Town proposed by Town Council, looking at possible siting of additional seats, condition etc, possibility of sponsorship of seats' in memory'

Date & time of next meeting

Tuesday 1st November , 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive

Draft Agenda

- Churchyard – Ralph Selby & Jenny Hoon
- Market Charter
- Action Plan for year
- Christmas Party

Please confirm attendance