

# Wirksworth Civic Society

## Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 2005

### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair  
Graham Barfield, Secretary  
Janet Pidgeon, Minuting Secretary  
Ian Dare  
Adam Lathbury (AdL)  
Andy Link (AnL)

#### **Apologies**

Ken Acons  
Barrie Joyce  
Mike Ratcliffe

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

- Wirksworth Care Centre – BJ is concerned it remains on agenda; DCC wish to retain rights for road access to The Meadows in case of Primary School being built in future; CP anxious to ascertain position with DCC re Tarmac's proposed housing development on redundant quarry site – a logical site for school given that housing will generate demand for places  
*Action: Irene & Mike Ratcliffe to be invited by CP & GB to next meeting to present proposals for Town development*
- Market Celebrations 2006 – Chair & Secretary attended last meeting; Diane Shepherd to circulate information to interested groups to update them next meeting of Steering Group 9th June  
*Action: Chair & Secretary to attend*
- GB reported that broken paving stone outside Peak House replaced by asphalt
- Town Map showing responsibilities of District & County Councils.  
*Action: BJ & AdL to investigate*
  - a) *mechanism for liaising with Town Council re audit issues*
  - b) *Ordnance Survey maps with a view to mapping responsibilities*
  - c) *AdL to obtain copy of Ordnance Survey map of Town*
- Insurance – GB reported that The British Association of Local History Societies provided insurance cover for meetings & visits at a cost of £50 for £5 million – a considerable saving with greater indemnity  
*Action: GB to take up insurance with BALHS*  
AdL raised suggestion of planting in churchyard paved area & insurance cover for volunteers; CP suggested involvement of local school; schools

should be covered through the LA; JP suggested longer term project of involvement of local schools in Civic Society

*Action - CP to approach schools re planting*

- Constitution – GB indicated there are anomalies in current constitution & further consideration is needed; CP proposed a small group undertakes this & brings proposals back to Committee, including increase in subscription next year

*Action – CP & GB to prepare proposals*

- Baptist Church opening of newly refurbished hall attended by CP & JP; given tour of building; great improvements made; hire cost likely to increase; insurance queried - groups advised to have their own insurance

- Survey of retail & commercial properties in Town Centre

*Action: KA is drafting a letter of thanks with a request for an early assessment & will follow up with a reminder; GB will send the letter; to be completed by next meeting*

- ID has tried to contact Marion & Gerry Vaughan & Roger Green who have volunteered to take on areas

*Action: ID to continue to try to contact & follow up; project to monitor excessive signage & to take issues up with DCC*

CP, JP & AdL volunteered to take on areas

Suggestion of sub-committee to be set up to forward this project – ID, AdL, CP, JP

*Action – **Sub committee to meet June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive***

- Financial situation – GB reported financial status:

Balance- £1684.65 following sale of Town maps & postcards to newsagent  
Sculpture account -£1171.31

*Action – bank mandate form to be completed by JP & BJ as signatories*

*Action – GB to ask church & Peak House if they are willing to wish to sell postcards & Town maps*

- Event at Alton Manor – local charities invited to take tables to promote their activities on 18<sup>th</sup> June

*Action – CP & JP to attend on behalf of Civic Society, taking display, print-outs of website information & membership forms*

- Photos of paved area – ID took photos, as agreed at previous meeting & passed them onto AdL for BJ.

*Action - BJ to send on*

### **Agenda item**

BJ unable to attend

- Environmental improvement on edge of churchyard- AdL reported that he & BJ are preparing a bid to English Heritage for funding through the Aggregates' Levy Sustainability Fund Scheme to refurbish railings & plinth as original furniture; specification is in place & estimated cost is £300,000; it may be possible to include other improvements; CP emphasised that pace needs focus to encourage use

*Action – AdL & BJ to meet with English heritage representative*

*Action: BJ to invite Jenny Hoon & Ralph Selby to Committee meeting in September*

### **Any other business**

- Website – AL has checked email addresses; 14 out of 55 did not work; While checking, AL invited comments from members on the website; responses were positive; AL shared hard copy of updated website material to be kept on file; AL suggested setting up contacts for people wanting further information.

AL will put history of Civic Society written by GB onto website after consultation with relevant parties CP suggested putting details of difficulties facing Heritage Centre on website & inviting comments/suggestions etc; this could provide a forum for dialogue with membership & interested parties AL proposed that email address be put on Civic Society documents Proposal that posters are put in the Town to encourage people to visit the website agreed

*Action –a) GB to send draft programme to AL to be posted on website*

*b) Committee members to be asked to complete proforma with their contact details & areas of interest/responsibility – a positive statement of commitment - before next meeting– AL to design proforma*

*c) AL to investigate setting up Forum page*

*d)GB to action email address on CS documents*

*e) GB to action posters*

- Town Planning information – CP reported that he is on the mailing list & will give a resume at future meetings

*Action –CP to report at Committee meetings*

- Concern was expressed at the state of the field by the entrance to Callow Park –Alderwasley School

*Action – GB to discover who is responsible for the area & take it up with them*

- Drains – it appear that many drains have been blocked by silt, probably due to heavy & persistent rain

*Action – GB to send letter to Highways Authority*

Agendas for next meeting to include:

- the constitution
- response for Irene & Mike Ratcliffe
- Town Planning update
- Information for the website
- Action Planning for the year

*Action: Chair & Secretary to action*

***Next meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm  
10 Summer Drive***

***Please confirm attendance***