



## Wirksworth Civic Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006

### *Draft minutes*

#### **Present**

Colin Pidgeon, Chair	Ian Dare
Janet Pidgeon, Secretary	Mike Ratcliffe
Graham Barfield, Events Secretary	Marian Vaughan
Andy Link	Barry Joyce

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

Agreed

#### **Matters arising**

##### *Bollards by Top Ken's*

Half of the traders are happy to have the bollards moved; others have still to be consulted; possibility of alternative use of parking in front of shops for unloading suggested

*\*Action- CP & MR to visit remaining shopkeepers to consult them*

##### *The Meadows*

JP contacted Andy Pollack who recommended mowing in autumn & removal of mown grass

MR contacted owner who has refused to allow mowing; it appears that their intention is to resolve the use of The Meadows over the next year; MR understands that the owner prefers the whole area of land to be sold as a parcel. Consideration is to be given to persuading the Council to purchase the lane, however, there are still difficulties with access to the site

##### *Roman Wirksworth Project*

JP emailed Anton Shone as agreed, MV attended a meeting; investigations of links are underway, including possibility of existence of a ford, archaeologists are involved

#### **Agenda Items**

##### *Churchyard*

Item deferred

*\*Action- AL to prepare a general scheme & to contact Ralph Selby about his proposals*

##### *Waste management development document*

The background & process were discussed & an outline response prepared

*\*Action-JP to prepare CS response, circulate for comments & send to relevant parties*

##### *Townscape Working Party*

-audits continue; a survey of historic front doors is to be included; reports probably will be posted on the website

-input from Conservation Officers is needed to establish mapping of ownership & responsibility for areas of the Town  
-no response from letter re black bags left out in Town  
-concerns notes re former stables to Dale House & Rides Yard car park, windows in bad state above Top Ken's; 12-14 Coldwell Street-Section 12 notice; St Mary's Gate; scaffolding in West End; 9 The Causeway; Rogerson's Estate Agents, missing windows, paint, state of building  
*\*Action-JP to write re doors in St Mary's Gate*  
*- other areas to be passed on to Conservation officer with reports*

## **AOB**

### *Amenities site*

Lorry/skip service is being withdrawn with the possibility of an amenities' site replacing it; the bins in the Wheatsheaf car park may remain but are often full; they need more frequent emptying; a possible improvement may be to relocate them to the back of the fire station

*\*Action-JP to write to DCC expressing concern at state of site & to ask whether there is any move to resite it*

### *Daffodil planting*

Rotary to undertake in September

### *Conifers behind Almshouses*

Trees causing damage; MR is meeting with Conservation Officer to discuss  
*Town notice board*

Consideration given to additional space (board opposite Killer's bakery too out of the way); possibly a supplementary board at back of existing one which is currently misused with private adverts attached

*\*Action- GB to investigate options*

### *Tourism notice boards*

Heritage centre is happy to keep up to date but key is missing

*\*Action-GB to find one*

### *Planning applications*

-Ken's want to alter video shop to double front, remove steps, reduce flooring & put vegetables under cover; as it is a listed shop front, the Conservation Advisory Committee will deal with the application

-garage units on Derby Rd want change of use to static display for conservatories; refusal has been recommended

-application for third storey on cottage behind Heritage Centre to be opposed as is it not sympathetic to that part of the Conservation Area

-query raised on whether CS should have a view/policy on satellite dishes

### *Complaint*

Member complained about Ken's use of lychgate area; to be taken up by MR with Rector

### *Bins*

MR is carrying out survey of bins & results to go to waste management; District Council would pay for replacements.

## ***Date & time of next meeting:***

**Full Committee – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, 10 Summer Drive**

***Please confirm attendance***