

## High St Gt Malvern Design group meeting minutes 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007

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Present: Anthony Collis, Peter Smith, Ray Roberts, Christopher Turner, Christine Turner, David Habershon, Ted Fahey, Bridget Orr

Apologies: Sheila Young, Dudley Brook

### Items for discussion

- Ray Roberts showed copies of a Council report from March 1998, and another from 1999, written by the Civic Trust, on the future for Great Malvern, and pointed out that we are still talking about the same issues. He wanted reassurance that High St Great Malvern would have some tangible results for our work.
- Christopher Turner expressed concerns that the Co-ordination Group was moving ahead on procedure without sufficient consultation.
- The meeting suggested a joint meeting of HSUK and TCP. There was a need for the “steering group” to have a way to make the views of HSUK known to TCP. Next TCP mtg 24.8.07.
- Anthony Collis asked the group for feedback on “street clutter”, and Peter Smith referred to an ugly lamp standard outside Barclays Bank, and an obstructive road sign on Mt Pleasant. The group should look out for further “clutter”.
- Anthony tabled an RAC copy of a document on Parking, Shopping and Transport policy. (It ignores the subject of coaches.) David Habershon agreed to look at it and refer back at next meeting. Civic Trust also agreed to send David a copy of a Parking Manual from Main Street US programme.
- Belle Vue Terrace – plane trees need to come down as are inappropriate to garden/rockery.
- Charity collectors collecting on High St by Direct Debit (without permit; permits only required for collection of cash). AC to research council responsibilities, BO to research national precedents.
- Discussion on Church St traffic movement. Options: one way up, one way down, pedestrianise town square and integrate with church yard. Peter Smith agreed to produce paper on his concept “Cresta Run”.
- Malvern in Bloom – Anthony suggested HSUK have input for next year. Involve Rosebank Gardens.
- Civic Society interpretation panels for Belle Vue Terrace and Rosebank Gardens
- Blue Plaques
- Progress in Rosebank Gardens – Probation service has workers in gardens. Friends of Wells Society are looking to introduce labyrinth. Too many benches in gardens.
- Library Forecourt – improvement of frontage, plans and elevation up in Library. Area should be used as public space – HS Great Malvern could make input.
- Ted Fahey expressed concern that group needed to define its short/medium/long term goals. Felt tackling street clutter, for example, was an achievable goal.

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> August 5.30pm