

Minutes of meeting held at Crich on 18th. November 1984.

Present: A.W.Bond, J.B.Brooke, W.G.S.Hyde, M.C.Wright.

Town End hoarding - Since the last meeting the Bellis & Morcom engine, which was to be screened by the proposed hoarding, had been painted and as a result no progress had been made with progressing the hoarding scheme. After further discussion it was decided that the scheme should be progressed.

Derby station - JBB reported that British Rail had produced drawings of the building and had undertaken to produce copies of these so that drawings could be prepared for submission for planning permission. It was proposed that there be two entrances to the building, one at the back and one giving access from the ~~xxxx~~ public road, thus giving a facility to hold events in the station building without having to make use of the main visitor entrance. It was suggested that the covered area could be used to house overnight vintage road vehicles.

Grand Union/Car Park - The committee broadly agreed with the J.Soper proposals incorporated in his drawing d/d November 1984 showing the proposed levels for the car park, grand union site and bridge approach ramp, but not necessarily the tracks across the bridge.

Visitor circulation - Recommended that there be a sales outlet at the main visitor entrance. It was also recommended that the visitor flow on the crossing south of the bridge should be reversed on completion of the bridge, thus directing visitors to the east side path.

Operation of road vehicles - Although this would be a major attraction there was no possibility of this coming into being until alterations were made at Town End to permit turning of road vehicles and also on the approach ramp north of the bridge. Completion of the kerb line and street paving was also necessary south of the oil store.

Mathematical tiles - JBB produced samples of these hand made tiles and reported that the commercial price was £250 per 1,000 tiles. He was awaiting proposals from Butterley Brick as to whether the firm would supply us with tiles for use in a promotional scheme.

Services - Recommended that a new sub-station is a priority and that the cheapest method would be to incorporate one in the Derby station building. This to be discussed with Ian Ross. JBB agreed to take into account the upgrading of the various services when the plans for the Derby station building were prepared. He also undertook to investigate the purchase of a larger gas meter.

Track layout - It was recommended that a double track terminus be retained at Town End, ideally incorporating a facing crossover for south bound cars. Agreed with Board's decision that when the engine shed can be vacated a spur be laid from west side main line southwards into Town End square to facilitate loading and off-loading of vehicles. Recommended that no overhead be erected over this spur.

Adventure playground - This was still being progressed.

Next meeting - Saturday 15th. December at 1.30pm.

Cancelled.

Now 10th March 85.