

WHALEY
4wards

Wednesday 12th October 2011

MINUTES OF FIFTH MEETING

1. Welcome: the following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chair/WBTC
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary/ WBTC / Amenity Soc
Paul Evans	HPBC – Park Liaison Officer
Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Cllr Suzanne Lomas	FV COGS / WBTC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Stephanie Raybould	Clerk WBTC
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC / Amenity Soc

2. Apologies for absence: these were received from:

Mike Morris	HPBC Regeneration Officer
Amy Hubble	High Peak Architects
Maureen Roberts	Whaley Bridge Rose Queen Festival Committee
Sandy Schofield	FV COGS
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC DCC

3. Minutes of 4th meeting held 6th September were approved, with correction of minute 7 i) to say Football Pavilion.

4. Actions Round Up

- a. **Action c/fwd** on Cllr Goldfinch to seek quotes to fill potholes on New Road. A brief discussion took place over the possibility of restricting access to through vehicles over 7.5T.
- b. **WBTC to be asked** at the meeting on 13th October **to approve** the idea of **sponsorship of tubs & baskets**, and community involvement in selecting from available designs so long as the supply, design & maintenance is professionally managed through a contract chosen by competitive tender, and that any cost savings are used to supplement the regeneration budget granted to Whaley4Wards.

- c. Assuming WBTC agrees, Cllr Thomas to **contact local firms** & establish the level of interest in sponsoring the floral displays
- d. Cllr Thomas has circulated the draft constitution and comments were received from HPCVS.
- e. In respect of the Red Telephone Box, Stephanie Raybould has registered an expression of interest with the leader fund.
- f. **Action c/fwd:** Cllr Jon Goldfinch to write to Alan Harrison regarding painting and decorating projects: Football Pavilion, Mechanics Institute, Street Furniture, Swings on Orchard Close and Bridgemont Children's Play Area Equipment.
- g. The names of sculptors who made the New Mills High Lea Park sculptures have been obtained (Lorraine Botterill), and also the sculptor of the flying fish at Torrs Hydro (Simon O'Rourke). The Park Ranger has expressed support to the idea of such sculptures being installed in the Memorial Park as and when suitable tree trunks become available.
- h. With regard to uncleared dead poisoned weeds along the ginnel in Furness Vale (footpath 7), Cllr Lomas has been informed that DCC was not responsible for that spraying, but suspects it may be HPBC. To be followed up by WBTC.
- i. c/fwd action to request the TSW/2nd Bridge project group to have the galvanised railings by the canal basin attended to.
- j. Regarding the damage to the pathway on the linear park, Cllr Goldfinch reported that Les Latham has the work in hand.

5. **Correspondence:** None except as noted.

6. **Project Roundup and Reprioritisation**

- a. Regarding the hanging baskets and tubs project, it was agreed to maintain a uniformity of planting of the hanging baskets, and look for some variety perhaps with the tubs.
- b. Re-use of the Red Telephone Box ex Bings Road as a tourist information point. W3 does incorporate the promotion of tourism in its remit, and Whaley Bridge Amenity Society aims to secure the development of features of historic or public interest in the area. The latter group meets 18th October and Cllr Thomas and Cllr Winter will seek its formal involvement in the project, on the basis said group attracts no liability for ongoing maintenance of the box,

or otherwise. It was furthermore agreed to attempt to obtain such funding as is available from the Whaley Way programme.

Many similar projects have been carried out before (Ezra Garside subsequently circulated links to such examples).

As to location, the preferred site was either at the bottom of the station approach, across the road in front of the pet supply shop / fruit & vegetable shop or besides the existing BT box outside the Railway. Planning approval was likely to be necessary, and DCC Highways approval (that would not be necessary if situated on the council car park). Stephanie Raybould will seek advice from HPBC about the viability of these locations.

It was agreed to seek to mount displays in the windows, with the box kept locked. One side would be reserved for community groups (a Whaley Way requirement), and others for places of interest, local map, local businesses etc.

Costs would be incurred for these stages: Concept Design, Planning & Approvals, Extraction, Transport, Making Good, Restoration, Installation, Fitting Out (if any), Power and Maintenance.

Parties interested in involvement were: Cllr Goldfinch, Mary Nother, Barry Rudd, Stephanie Raybould, Cllr Lomas, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Winter.

Barry Rudd will investigate the cost of extraction & transport.

A possible contractor / partner in the restoration is Garie Bevan Coatings. Garie has restored the chains for Furness Vale War Memorial and will replace them week commencing 24/11/11. Cllr Lomas will approach Garie to check viability and for a quote (he has since indicated that he is able to execute the removal, restoration and relocation of the telephone box and will send a written estimate to Stephanie).

Cllr Lomas will also approach David Hodgson.

Cllr Thomas will submit the Whaley Way application form, if the Whaley Bridge Amenity Society agree to this.

- c. Brookfield Pond – Paul Evans will get his disability team to undertake the litter picking and removal of any low hanging branches.

- d. A second litter-picking event was provisionally agreed for 26th – 27th November.
 - e. Coronation Rowans at Canal Basin – agreed to add a project for the lopping of low branches, with permission of British Waterways.
 - f. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Goldfinch to share the photographing of street furniture. Cllr Goldfinch to submit a list of items.
 - g. Cleaning of the filthy galvanised barriers going towards Furness Vale to be added.
 - h. Following this year's fun day in Memorial Park, idea for 2012 were mooted: Masked Walk, Torchlight Walk, Fancy dress
 - i. Agreed to add sculptures in Memorial Park to the Project List (as above).
 - j. The idea of a best kept garden competition has been put to WBAGs who have agreed to promote, but Cllr Thomas is still looking for a group to organise it. He will speak to the Show Committee. Further ideas suggested were of a 'Most intense and varied vegetable patch 1mx 1m' or 'Best front border display of spring bulbs'.
- 7. Constitution:** After a brief discussion, it was agreed to keep Whaley4wards as a forum for community action between WBTC and local community groups. Each project will be carried out by either WBTC itself or a coalition of community groups, or both in conjunction. So no constitution was necessary at this stage, no new group will be formed and no separate bank account will be opened. This will be reviewed if needed.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday 9th November 2011, 7pm Mechanics Institute
- 9. AOB:** None