

WHALEY
4wards

Wednesday 5th September 2012

MINUTES OF FIFTEENTH MEETING

1. Welcome: the following were present:

Cllr Anne Winter	Vice Chair W4w/Chair of WBTC / Amenity Soc
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary W4w/ WBTC / Amenity Soc
Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Amy Hubble	High Peak Architects
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Stephanie Raybould	Clerk WBTC
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC / DCC

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chair W4w / WBTC
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Mike Morris	HPBC

3. Minutes of 14th meeting held 1st August were approved with the corrections supplied by Cllr Goldfinch re bids for the seat bases & spare goals

4. Actions Round Up

- a. Cllr Goldfinch has sent a reminder to David Forrester of Stockport College in order to fix a date for the painting of the Football Pavilion.
- b. Cllr Thomas will liaise with Cllr Lomas regarding sending sponsorship invitation to FV businesses. Action ongoing.
- c. Stephanie Raybould reported that she has three quotes to take to WBTC for providing & installing hard surfaces around the Shallcross Trail benches.

- d. Cllr Goldfinch to provide Barry Rudd with some paint for the door of the box. It was agreed to replace the Perspex panes in the door with suitable glass ones, and Barry will see to this. Action c/fwd
- e. The Town Clerk reported positive discussions with Network Rail regarding Option 1 for the site of the proposed community information point, and redesign of the area around it. Amy Hubble suggested we seek to reduce the width of the present information boards.
- f. The photo of the signs bought by British Waterways was passed to Cllr Thomas and he will scan this and save it on the website as an attachment to the minutes.
- g. Skate Park: The idea of a simple concrete slab to store their bikes on at the Skate Park was rejected by HPBC.
- h. Cllr Thomas to ask Jonathan Carnall for the preferred site for a basketball net. WBTC to pay for this if necessary (?).
- i. WBTC has chosen and ordered three specimen Sweet Gum trees (*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon') for installation at the foot of the Shallcross Incline in September. It was agreed to mark the species name as well as school in the memorial plaques. Cllr Winter will seek quotes for metal plaques on wood.
- j. Cllr Goldfinch has discussed the possible siting of a community storage container (20' x 10' x 8') at the Botany Industrial Estate, but reported that the proprietor, Roger Stevenson, was not keen on the idea. An alternative location at Bates yard was suggested. Other potential locations are the White Hart car park, the Football Club, and besides Walker & Howell's yard. Action c/fwd Cllr Goldfinch.
- k. Regarding the stalled project to provide disability access to the rear of the Mechanic Institute (presently unused), Ezra Garside has sent an email to Oliver Robinson, who is a client, and will follow this up for a response.
- l. Cllr Thomas reported that the bench on the linear park has been repaired (presumably by HPBC). Action c/fwd on him to document other repair work required.
- m. Regarding the restoration of the cast iron litterbins, which are depositing rust on the pavement around them. These were

donated by different organisations, so it was felt WBTC must pick up the liability to maintain them. Barry Rudd will survey them.

- n. Barry Rudd has discussed the idea of engaging a lengthsmen, with suitable insurance cover, with an established contact. It was agreed to invite him to quote for some work.
- o. It was agreed to ask WBTC to delegate a budget of £2k to cover such initiatives.
- p. Regarding the over-grown trees around the picnic benches besides the Transshipment Warehouse, Cllr Goldfinch will seek a meeting with Steve O'Sullivan of the Canal & River Trust (ex BW).
- q. Cllr Goldfinch reported that the towpath work is in progress.
- r. Cllr Lomas is still progressing permission for a bench to be sited on the walk from Furness Vale to Bridgemont.
- s. Cllr Thomas has written to Les Latham re disability access to Whaley Incline.
- t. Stephanie Raybould has the info to update HPBC regarding the budgetary figures.

5. Next Steps

- a. It was agreed Cllr Thomas will instruct David Corke to install the Shallcross Trail markers.
- b. Mary Nother will work up a concept / draft of an interpretation board for the base of the Whaley Incline, and Cllr Thomas for one at Bridge 43 (behind Cock).
- c. Cllr Thomas to amend the sponsorship letters taking account feedback received by Stephanie Raybould.
- d. Ezra Garside repeated his interest to quote for the new town guide.

6. Next Meeting: 3rd October 2012 at 7pm

7. AOB: a) Agreed to support COGS' grant application to DCC, b) Noted W3 will be 7-9 June 2013, and c) 150th Anniversary of Rail line to Buxton is in 2013 (the scheduled date is 15th June 2013).