

WHALEY **4wards**

Wednesday 13th February 2013

MINUTES OF TWENTIETH 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
Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chair W4w / WBTC
Amy Hubble	High Peak Architects
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC

2. Apologies for absence:

Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Mike Morris	HPBC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC / DCC

3. Election of Officers

- a. Cllr Goldfinch explained that due to shortage of time and work commitments he wished to step down as Chair. Cllr Winter offered to Chair the meetings until May, and this was agreed. Cllr Goldfinch was thanked for his work on behalf of W4w. It was agreed to draft a Press Release to record this change and announce the Community Information Point project. Action: Cllrs Lomas & Thomas
- b. Cllr Thomas reminded the meeting that he wished to step down as Secretary in May, and it was agreed to seek a replacement.
- c. The Town Clerk suggested we might consider making W4w a sub group of the Neighbourhood Plan.

4. Minutes of 19th meeting held 16th January were approved with corrections to page 4 (indents & 'linear').

5. Actions Round Up

- a. It was agreed to purchase three plaques to mark the planting of the three Sweet Gum trees (*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon') at the foot of the Shallcross Incline took place on the 29th November. It was agreed to mark the species name as well as school on small stainless steel memorial plaques. Cllrs Thomas & Winter to progress this. Action c/fwd.
- b. Cllr Goldfinch is seeking an indication of the cost of a lock-up for use as a community storage container. Action c/fwd.
- c. Discussions with Robinson's continue, but at time of the meeting they were not prepared to include the garage area. A 25 year lease has been offered for the toilet area.
- d. Cllr Thomas will seek to bring the state of the bench on Footpath 91 to the attention of the Amenity Society that had donated it.
- e. The restoration of the 'heritage' cast iron litterbins, the work is under-way.
- f. The Diglee bench is installed, and the one for the top of Yeadsley Lane will be installed shortly.
- g. Re disability access to the bottom of the Whaley Incline; Les Latham has asked Phil Wiggins to look at this. He replied on 6th December to say he has in mind to simply move the bar further forward to enable a motorised buggy to pass through. Cllr Thomas to chase up.
- h. DCC have designed a sign to be installed opposite the Tesco exit.
- i. Regarding interpretation boards: Mary Nother is working on a design for one at the base of the Whaley Incline, Cllr Thomas on one for the Linear Park (Bridge 43) and The Town Clerk on that for the base of Shallcross Incline. Mary Nother has obtained new photos from John Morten. Actions c/fwd

6. Project Progression

- a. Community Information Point (Red Tele Box)

- I. Phil Lomas has obtained three estimates. The lowest was from M J Whelan, the next from B&C Builders and the highest Aldrich.
 - II. It was agreed to seek to get further information from the lowest two bidders to enable the two bids to be compared.
 - III. Phil Lomas will arrange a meeting with the preferred bidder in order to discuss the way of working, choice of stone, inspect insurance certificate, get a method statement and a risk assessment.
 - IV. It was agreed to purchase a “Stanford” bench in black from Glasden’s at a cost of £827.
 - V. Barry Rudd will collect the paint for the Tele Box door.
 - VI. The tenders will be put to WBTC for authorisation. A total authority of £7000 will be requested, including the bench and an information board for the rear of the box.
- b. Village Entrance Signs (‘Portals’)
- I. It was agreed to seek an estimate of the cost of a stone bridge as designed by Aldrich Estates.
7. Next Meeting: 3rd April 2013.
8. AOB: None