

## WHALEY **4wards**

**Wednesday 3rd April 2013**

### **MINUTES OF TWENTY-FIRST MEETING**

**1. Welcome: the following were present:**

Cllr Anne Winter	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
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Barry Rudd	W3

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Rodney Gilmour	WBTC
Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC
Mike Morris	HPBC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC / DCC

**3. Minutes of 20th meeting held 13th February were approved with correction to page 5g (insert 'he').**

**4. 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. Robinson's have now offered a 25-year lease at £2k pa for both the toilet area and the garage.
- d. Cllr Thomas will attend to the repair of the bench on Footpath 91.
- e. The restoration of the 'heritage' cast iron litterbins, the work will commence when the weather allows.
- f. The bench at the top of Yeadsley Lane has been installed.
- g. Re disability access to the bottom of the Whaley Incline; Les Latham has asked Phil Wiggins to look at this. He replied on 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Awaiting installation.
- 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
- j. Aldrich Estates indicated a cost of £3k for a stone bridge entrance portal.
- k. Press release re Cllr Goldfinch / Tele Box project published in Buxton Advertiser.

## 5. Project Progression

- a. Community Information Point (Red Tele Box)
  - I. WBTC awarded the contract to M J Whelan. A site meeting took place 7<sup>th</sup> March.
  - II. Phil Lomas provided a revised bid from the contractor, a method statement and a risk assessment. A third party insurance certificate has been received.
  - III. Work to commence in early May 2013.
  - IV. It was agreed to use Indian Stone Saga Black in place of York Stone.

- V. A discussion took place regarding the positioning of the bench, as it is too long to go in the original position. It was agreed to put this in a slanted position with the Network Rail Totem behind. Phil Lomas will provide a revised plan.
  - VI. Barry Rudd will order some paint for the Tele Box door.
  - VII. WBTC approved a budget of £7000 for the project, including the bench and an information board for the rear of the box.
  - VIII. It was agreed to look at notice board upgrade at a later date, and to install existing ones in mortar to facilitate removal if necessary. Railway Herritage Trust has grants for this kind of work.
  - IX. A display system now needs to be identified.
  - X. A lock will be required and a method of mounting it found, as the frame does not fall flush with the door.
  - XI. The bid from the contractor assumes material of £600 will be purchased through Drinkwaters to save VAT. However, the contractor will source the stone.
6. Next Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
7. AOB
- a. A budget of £8k now exists for W4w for 2013/14 thanks to a grant from HPBC.
  - b. The Friends Group has planted bulbs at the station.
  - c. Difficulty of accessing the park from Reservoir Road was noted due to the absence of a pavement on the south side under the bridge.
  - d. The access from Wharf Road was reported as problematic and needs to be inspected.