

WHALEY  
**4wards**

**Wednesday 10th July 2013**

**MINUTES OF TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING**

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

Cllr Anne Winter	Chair W4w/ WBTC / Amenity Soc
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary W4w/ Chair of WBTC / Amenity Soc
Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC
Amy Hubble	High Peak Architects
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Barry Rudd	W3

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC / DCC

- a. The meeting congratulated Barry Rudd on the huge success of W3. He reported that 5000 people had attended.
- b. The Town Clerk reported that HPBC have nominated David Lomax as their representative on W4w. Check he gets the agenda (CONFIRMED).

**3. Minutes of 23rd meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2013 – Amy Hubble had not attended, but otherwise these were approved**

**4. Actions Round Up**

- a. The three Jubilee plaques for the foot of the Shallcross Incline are in transit. The Town Clerk to ask for the brushwood around the trees to be cleared so these may be installed.
- b. Cllr Goldfinch reported that he had been informed that a Container could not be installed at the garage sites at top of Elnor Lane. A steel garage would cost £2500, including concrete base

(£500?). The alternative of the Mechanics Institute stable/garage was considered a suitable alternative.

- c. Cllr Thomas will attend to the repair of the bench on Footpath 91. Action in course.
- d. The restoration of the 'heritage' cast iron litterbins is in course by Chris Tetley.
- e. Re disability access to the bottom of the Whaley Incline; this is delayed while HPBC seek approval from British Gas due to nearby pipeline.
- f. DCC have installed a sign opposite the Tesco exit saying "Whaley Bridge Canal Basin". Cllr Thomas has written to thank DCC and ask them to remove unauthorised signs nearby.
- g. The display board for the Whaley Incline has been delivered. Mary Nother was thanked for her work on this. Approval from Caroline Wheatley (HPBC) regarding position and authority to install was awaited.
- h. Mary will investigate the old flower tubs nearby which have collapsed.
- i. After his project is complete, Cllr Thomas will work on the board 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.

#### 5. Community Information Point (Red Tele Box)

- a. Barry Rudd has fitted a window lock to the base. However it was agreed to find a suitable second lock **Action** Cllr Thomas
- b. The Zinc Embossed Plaque had been taken to store due to minor vandalism.
- c. Network Rail requested that a conduit be provided for the heritage lamp cable, and the Town Clerk will engage Stanways to do this. **Action** c/fwd
- d. Steve Sharp is unhappy with the railway notice boards and is considering ways to get these replaced. Mike Whelan has

installed these so they can be easily removed (they slot on spigots). **Action O/S**

- e. Shrubs need pruning in the Autumn **Action O/S**
- f. The screw holes on the door need re-tapping also the glass panels fitting. **Action C/fwd**
- g. Regarding the laminated adverts in the windowpanes these would have to be printed by either Peartree or High Peak CVS as an A3 printer was required.
- h. A £5 admin fee was mooted. A scheme of charges needs to be drawn up once the feasibility of production is established.
- i. There will be 24 panels to be split between nominated (free) exhibits and those sold to local organisations / businesses (by invite). Recurring events will be included.
- j. These will be advertised in the Town Newsletter.
- k. Cllr Thomas agreed to act as administrator.
- l. The idea of turning over the telephone box to a local school for the display of pupil's artwork was agreed. Cllrs Winter & Lomas agreed to assist with this.
- m. The Town Clerk and WBTC Chair are meeting with a local artist Andrea Joseph for a sketch of a map to be installed on the rear of the phone box. This would be mounted on Perspex (or the modern equivalent). **Action Town Clerk / Cllr Thomas**
- n. It was agreed to engage Andrea Joseph and ask her to incorporate the following key features: Toddbrook Reservoir, Canal Basin, Brookfield Pond, Goyt Walk, War Memorial, Cricket Ground.
- o. WBTC should obtain copywrite or a licence to use the artwork on pamphlets, and on other town promotional materials.
- p. Regarding a bench to go besides the box, this was still considered desirable, subject to the available space and adjoining notice board. The Town Clerk has indications from Arthur Dewbury that he might construct a bench for around £500. It was agreed to get a quote & design for this.

6. Street Bench for possible installation by the phone box
  - a. The existing bench cannot be used and is in store. It was agreed that the triangle of land opposite the Telephone Box might be a suitable location, if the landowner agreed and was prepared to sign a lease. **Action** Town Clerk to investigate this further.
7. Next Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013 (subsequently postponed).
8. AOB – The contractor is investigating the possibility that puddles might form besides the phone box.