

## WHALEY **4wards**

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

### **MINUTES OF TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING**

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

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chairing the meeting, WBTC
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary W4w/ Chair of WBTC / Amenity Soc
Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Cllr Rodney Gilmour	WBTC
Phil Lomas	Resident
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Barry Rudd	W3

#### **2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Anne Winter	Chair W4w/ WBTC / Amenity Soc
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC

#### **3. Minutes of 26th meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved**

#### **4. Actions Round Up**

- a. Tele Box displays to be invoiced to commercial firms at £100 pa for FY 2014/15.
- b. Re disability access to the bottom of the Whaley Incline and the display board for the Whaley Incline; this is still delayed while HPBC seek approval from British Gas due to nearby pipeline.
- c. Stanways are restoring the Heritage Lamp. Cllr Lomas to ensure they clean it! **Action** Cllr Lomas
- d. Shrubs besides the phone box need pruning in the Autumn  
**Action** O/S

- e. It had previously been noted that RSA, Steve Sharp, is unhappy with the existing railway notice boards and is considering ways to get these replaced. These are currently installed so they can be easily removed (they slot on spigots). **Action** Cllr Winter will follow this up with Northern Rail.
- f. Any replacement boards would be in a heritage style and positioned so a bench could be located in front.
- g. The Town Clerk showed quotes of £1650 for heritage style display board from Leander. A grant of £250 offered by Hope Valley CRP towards this. Grants of up to 40% available from Railway Heritage Trust. Cllr Winter agreed to brief Cllr Pritchard and Robin Wignall.
- h. New Bench - it was still hoped that the existing in store might be used on the triangle of land opposite the Telephone Action: Town Clerk to investigate this further.
- i. It was agreed to purchase a short bench without back so that it may be installed in front of the notice board. The previously reported puddling can be sorted at the same time.
- j. Display Board for Linear Park – next version outstanding Action: Cllr Thomas.
- k. Mechanics Clock has been fixed.

## 5. Community Marque

- a. After much debate it was decided that the idea of a community owned marque was not viable primarily because a team of qualified marque erectors is required by insurers to make the marque safe in the event of storms.
- b. Also the uses by different groups vary so much that no common design would suit every need.
- c. The limited time of the small teams of volunteers is better spent on other things.

## 6. Village Entrance Portals

- a. The designs submitted by the Whaley Bridge art group were much admired. Marry Nother was asked to thank the group for submitting their work.

- b.** The meeting agreed to use the design submitted by Rosemary Wignall. Cllr Thomas and Mary Nother will meet with the Town Clerk to progress this.
- c.** Cllr Thomas will obtain a quotation from MLS Signs based on the Newark and Cropwell styles.
- d.** Phil Lomas agreed to see if could come up with a design and quote.
- e.** Locations discussed for the smaller type of sign are: i. Chapel Road before Elnor junction, ii. Whaley Ln / Start Ln junction, and iii. Top Macclesfield Rd.
- f.** A larger style of sign might be installed at the Long Hill Layby above Taxal footbridge and Bridgemont opposite old turning to hamlet, a design based on stone mounting was suggested similar to that previously tabled by Barry Rudd. An alternative might be the Footsteps or WBTC logos.
- g.** The motif would be “Welcome to Whaley Bridge”.
- h.** A fixed board underneath would be provided to advertise the next upcoming event.

**7. Other projects:**

- a.** Continue the Waymarking through to Fernilee
- b.** Chris Tetley to apply Linseed oil to benches maintained by us.
- c.** Restore some old park benches salvaged by Cllr Goldfinch, and also a tree grill.
- d.** Replace diseased trees besides the Canal Warehouse yard. Barry Rudd to get a quotation for 6-8 trees from David Ross nurseries.
- e.** Bunting – to make more of a splash!

**8. Next Meeting Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 19.30, Mechanics Institute.**