

Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the 30th Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th June 2014

at the Mechanics Institute

1. Welcome

The following were present:

Cllr Martin Thomas	WBTC / WB Amenity Society
Cllr John Pritchard	WBTC
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC / WB Amenity Society
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Susanne Lomas	COGS

In the absence of Cllr Jon Goldfinch, it was **AGREED** that Cllr take the Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC
Mike Morris	HPBC
Cllr David Lomax	HPBC
Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Amy Hubble	High Peak Architects

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2014

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

4. Correspondence from HPBC regarding grant

It was **AGREED**:

- to notify WBTC that the W4W group supports the proposals in the letter from Helen Pakpahan (HPBC) to WBTC regarding revised criteria covering the use of the HPBC regeneration grant

- to request the Town Clerk to provide for each meeting of the W4W group additional financial information so that the group may better monitor how much expenditure has been 'committed' and how much has been spent.

5. Actions Roundup and Next Steps

WBTC has obtained 'landlord's consent' from Northern Rail for a seat (which is being made by Leander) to be erected on site (by Leander) in an agreed position between the reconditioned BT Kiosk and NR's existing notice board. (NB This seat will have no back, similar to the two new seats near the War Memorial in Memorial Park). PL will co-ordinate this work.

Mike Whelan of Elnor Lane will install the new bench (that had been intended for the space beside the BT Kiosk, but was too long) to be fixed on land in front of the Bicycle Shop (between the lower end of Old Road and the White Hart Public House), and re-install the bench that was there to a site at the junction of Whaley Lane/Start Lane/Stoneheads where the old wooden seat at that site had rotted and disintegrated.

6. Village Entrance Signs

SR, JP and MT met with Steve Alcock (DCC) on Thursday, 15th May. Four locations were agreed at: Long Hill, Chapel Road, Bridgemont and at junction of Start Lane/Stoneheads/Whaley Lane. (NB Subsequently, a formal planning application (HPK/2014/0282) for Advertisement Consent was submitted to the Local Planning Authority (HPBC) on 11th June 2014 and 'validated' on 11th July. The dimensions of the four signs are 900mm by 1,250mm. Each sign will include a picture of Whaley Bridge and a strap board below to advertise local events).

No sign is planned for Furness Vale at the present time. It was **AGREED** that Harold Lomas (DCC) should be requested to clean a sign near Bank End, and to replace one near Crescent Drive.

7. Linear Park Interpretation Panel

An Interpretation Panel has been prepared by MN and installed at the Bridge Street entrance to the section of the Linear Park that runs from Bridge Street uphill to Old Road.

Another Interpretation Panel is being prepared to be installed on the section of the Linear Park that runs from the top of the Cock 'easement' to Cromford Court. MT will discuss the draft content with Mr Jerry Jarvis. It will be necessary for the cost to be estimated and 'committed'; refer to Minute 4 above.

8. Shallcross Incline Interpretation Panel

It was **AGREED** that JP will speak with SR about whether the cost of any time spent on the research and preparation of the content of this Interpretation Panel could be a charge on the HPBC Regeneration Grant.

9. Memorial Plaques

Nothing to report. SL will draft some news for the next WBTC Newsletter.

10. WW1 Commemorations

MT will provide a link on the Community website to the information on the HPBC website. SL will contact a Mr Julian Thompson.

(NB JP is a member of the HPBC WW1 Centenary Grants Panel appointed by the HPBC Leader to evaluate the bids, and will not be involved in any public meeting. For details, please see: <http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/council-services/community-and-living/grants-for-world-war-one-community-projects>. To date, over 25 bids have already been submitted. Four bids have been submitted by Whaley Bridge groups. Just over a quarter of the £20,000 that is available has been paid out to approved community projects, so a significant amount is still available for qualifying projects).

11. Other Future Projects

In view of the new HPBC policy regarding loss of grant where 'take-up' is insufficient to absorb the annual Regeneration Grant allocated to a Town/Parish Council, it will be necessary to revisit the letter from AH regarding:

- Revive WB Traders Association
- Use of DCC's MMA fund for PROWs
- Reinvigorate the WB Community Website
- A Bicycle Race
- Etc.

and:

- Extension of Shallcross Incline Greenway to Shady Oak (in the first instance) and then on towards the Fernilee Reservoir (JP to ask SR about any follow-up to meeting with DCC Greenways officer).

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 29th July 2014 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute.

13. AOB

Links to pages on the DCC website (as requested by BR):

- Mapping Portal (eg locations and reference numbers of Public Rights of Way, locations of adopted highways, and locations of many more facilities, etc.):
http://derbyshiremaps.derbyshire.gov.uk/launch_portal.asp?&eastings=429827&northings=360217&back=mono&layers=Rights%20of%20Way&sl=true
- Countryside (eg Country parks, Visitor centres, Wildlife and amenity sites, Waterways and wetlands, Woodland sites, Rights of way (RoW), Trails and greenways).