

Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the 31st Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29th July 2014

at the Mechanics Institute

1. Welcome

The following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC (Chairman)
Cllr Martin Thomas	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Cllr John Pritchard	WBTC
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC
Cllr David Lomax	HPBC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC/COGS

2. Apologies for Absence

Dai Larner	HPBC
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Rodney Gilmour	WBTC

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th June 2014

The Minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record.

4. Finance

It was **AGREED**:

- 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.

It was reported that total expenditure in previous years (subject to confirmation) had been £14,634, made up as:

2011/12	£808
2012/13	£4,610

2013/14 £9,216

It is understood that a sum of £8,000 (£4,000 funding from both Whaley Bridge Town Council and High Peak Borough Council) is available for 2014/15. A statement of expenditure as at 28th July 2014 shows a 'committed' expenditure during 2014/15 of £888.70:

- 3 X New SS Litter Bin Liners	£408.00
- Interpretation Board: Installation	£100.00
- Refit New Bin Liners	£5.00
- Framing Artwork for W4W	£58.20
- Shallcross Trail Flyers	£125.00
- Planning Application Fee: Village Signs	£192.50.

It was **AGREED** that a sum of circa £6,600 (ie 4 x £1,650) should be allowed for the manufacture and installation of the four Village Entrance Signs.

5. Actions Roundup and Next Steps

A new seat has been installed in the agreed position (between the reconditioned BT Kiosk and Network Rail's existing notice board). (NB This seat was made by Leander; it has no back and is similar to the two new seats near the War Memorial in Memorial Park). It was **AGREED** that PL's co-ordination of this work should be acknowledged.

Mike Whelan of Elnor Lane has installed 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-installed the bench that was there to a site at the junction of Whaley Lane/Start Lane/Stoneheads (where the old wooden seat had rotted and disintegrated).

6. Village Entrance Signs

The outcome of the formal planning application (HPK/2014/0282) for Advertisement Consent, submitted to the Local Planning Authority (HPBC) on 11th June 2014 and 'validated' on 11th July, is awaited. (NB Conditional approval was subsequently granted on 1st September 2014.)

It was **AGREED** that 'Twinned With Tymbark, Poland' should go on the plate beneath the main board which will have the facility to display upcoming events.

PL **AGREED** to do work on the finials; (see:

<http://planning.highpeak.gov.uk/portal/servlets/AttachmentShowServlet?ImageName=244505>).

7. Linear Park Interpretation Panel

There was nothing to report.

8. Shallcross Incline Interpretation Panel

It was **AGREED** that JP will ask SR to liaise with Sue Stockdale (Clerk: Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council) about the 'mechanics' of charging the cost of any time spent on the research and preparation of the content of this Interpretation Panel to the HPBC Regeneration Grant.

9. Historic Plaques

There was a discussion about a walk or trail to promote the social history of Whaley Bridge. It was **NOTED** that, although this was desirable, this was not likely to meet the criteria for qualifying for any support from the HPBC Regeneration Grant; it was **AGREED** not to pursue the Historic Plaques project at this time. It was **AGREED** that JP liaise with Sue Rowlands over the matter of the waymarking of the Heritage Walk.

10. WW1 Commemorations

MT has provided a link on the Community website to the information on the HPBC website; see: <http://www.whaleybridge.com/?s=world&x=3&y=7> and

<http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/council-services/community-and-living/grants-for-world-war-one-community-projects>.

JG will invite Chris Simpson and Tony Beswick to the next meeting, and SL will invite Julian Thompson. It was **NOTED** that members of Furness Vale Local History Society (see: <http://furnesshistory.blogspot.co.uk/p/dates-for-diary.html>) may be contacted to find out if they wish to be involved.

11. Other Future Projects

The following suggestions were raised:

- repairs to the dangerous state of certain privately-owned sections of the pavement in Market Street
- the appearance of some shop fronts in Market Street could be improved through the availability of a grant scheme that would require the use of paint in 'heritage' colours sympathetic to the conservation area. High Peak BC currently operates a scheme that makes funds available to repair and restore historic buildings; please see: <http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/council-services/conservation/grants-and-heritage-led-regeneration>
- extension of Shallcross Incline Greenway to Shady Oak (in the first instance) and then on towards the Fernilee Reservoir (JP has asked SR about any follow-up to the meeting with DCC Greenways Officer Anna Chapman held on 10th September 2013. Periodically, the Greenways Officer reassures SR that she (AC) wishes to progress this matter 'when she has the time to do so'. Specifically on 3rd December 2013, AC said '*It would be very helpful if you could provide me a plan to show the Town Council's land ownership of the route between Shallcross Road and Fernilee Reservoir, and any details should you have them of the ownership of the field linking the track bed to Shallcross Road to assist in this matter.*' The next step will be to identify the landowners and obtain permissions).

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute. (NB Subsequently, this was postponed to a later date – to be advised)

13. AOB

None