

Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the 33rd Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4th November 2014

at the Mechanics Institute

1. Welcome

The following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	WBTC (Chairman)
Cllr John Pritchard	WBTC (Secretary)
Cllr Anne Winter	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Cllr Martin Thomas	WBTC/WB Amenity Society
Cllr David Lomax	DCC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC/COGS

The following left the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion on Agenda Item 9 (WW1 Commemorations):

Chris Simpson	
Paul Evans	HPBC Park Ranger
David Oldbury	
Louise Pattison	Buxworth Primary School
Claire Laybourne	Yarnbirds

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC
Phil Lomas	Self Employed Engineer (ex Dorothea)
Stephanie Raybould	WBTC Town Clerk
Barry Rudd	W3
Mike Morris	High Peak Borough Council
Julian Thompson	
Sue Rowlands	Uniting Church
Amy Hubble	Local Architect

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 21st October 2014

The Minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record, notwithstanding that clarification is awaited about how much the 'unspent carry-over' from previous years is, and whether any restriction applies to the HPBC element of this carry-over.

4. WW1 Commemorations

It was **NOTED** that HPBC had agreed a grant of £500. It was reported that offers of help, display boards and a variety of documents, materials, etc were being provided, and that

publicity was being organised. Interested parties would hold further meetings to plan details and to progress everything. Materials, display boards, etc would be assembled at the Uniting Church from 4pm on Thursday, 20th November.

5. Regeneration Grant Financial Update

Members were reminded that the grant should be spent **BEFORE** the end of March 2015, and that HPBC has asked for early notification if this does not appear to be achieved to allow re-allocation budget to support business and regeneration within the district. In a letter of 01/05/2014, HPBC states that 'we are not proposing to allow 'roll-forward' of any underspent grant unless there are exceptional circumstances'.

6. Actions Roundup and Next Steps

Christmas Trees: It was **AGREED** that:

- each shop with an existing bracket should be provided with a small Christmas tree and lights for the 'shop front Christmas Tree display'. The approximate total cost would be £1,980 (ie 60 trees at £33 each) and £360 (36 lights at £10 each) plus the cost of erection and dismantling
- a new set of lights should be purchased for the main Christmas tree, which was to be erected adjacent to the Jodrell Arms, but if there was insufficient time to do this for Christmas 2014 then a new set should be purchased in January for use in 2015.

7. Village Entrance Signs

Whaley Bridge area: It was REPORTED that Phil Lomas issued Leander a 'For Construction' drawing on 28th October for the four signs, for which Conditional Approval was granted by HPBC on 1st September 2014 for the planning application (**HPK/2014/0282**) for Advertisement Consent.

Bridgemont and Furness Vale Area: It was **AGREED** the cost of signs be approved in principle, that Cllr Lomas would take photographs, and that the Town Clerk would be asked to submit a Planning Application.

8. Linear Park and Shallcross Incline Interpretation Panels

Cllr Thomas reported that he had spoken with a Paul Barton (a graphic designer in Chinley) concerning the cost of Interpretation Boards.

9. Other Future Projects

Old Railway Bridge at Tom Brad's Croft: Cllr Lomax has arranged a site meeting on 11th November with Mr Andrew Stokes, (an Executive Director at High Peak Borough Council, who has overall responsibility for issues within Whaley Bridge ward) and with Cllr Pritchard. The tour of the ward will look at a dangerous hole on this footway and other matters across the ward.

Damaged Interpretation Board at Toddbrook Reservoir Dam: Cllr Thomas reported that the Town Clerk has the original artwork. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Thomas should obtain a quote, and check with Helen Pakpahan (HPBC Regeneration Officer) whether this work is eligible for support from HPBC's 'regeneration' grant.

Canal Basin Area: Nothing to report.

Market Street Shop Fronts and Pavement: It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Thomas and Pritchard will survey the state of the pavements on either side of Market Street, and submit a report to the Town Clerk. It was further **AGREED** that a budget would be assigned for work under this heading (ie Shop Fronts and Pavement), and that a letter should be prepared and sent to traders asking them to reply by 31st January 2015 with works which they wished to carry out on their assets and which would be completed by 31st March 2015 with the payment of grants made at the invoice stage.

Extension of Shallcross Incline Greenway: Nothing to report.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th December 2014 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute.

11. AOB: None.