

Whaley4Wards

Minutes of the 36th Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11th February 2015 at the Mechanics Institute

1. Welcome

The following were present:

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

2. Apologies for Absence:

Ezra Garside	Businessman
Cllr Rodney Gilmour	WBTC
Cllr John Pritchard	WBTC
Stephanie Raybould	WBTC Town Clerk
Barry Rudd	W3

- 3. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2014** were **AGREED** as a correct record, subject to correction of DONM to 11th February 2015.

4. Regeneration Grant Financial Update

Cllr Goldfinch circulated a spreadsheet which shows a projected underspend of £1319.35 in HPBC grant, and a similar amount in WBTC budget. This had arisen mainly as a result of the cost of the four Welcome to Whaley Bridge signs had come in £1770 under budget, and the removal of one interpretation panel, not currently being worked on.

5. Actions Roundup and Next Steps – nothing not on agenda

- 6. Portal Entrance Signs** – These are being installed in the w/c 16th February. It was agreed to ask the Town Clerk to arrange an unveiling event for these, with the Chair & artist present. £60 will be allowed to produce event vinyls. Phil Lomas will report on this at the next meeting.

7. Linear Park Panel (Bridge 43) – a first draft has been produced by Arien Signs.. A number of corrections will be made and then Cllr Thomas will circulate the next draft for comments.

8. Shop front and pavement improvement scheme

Market Street Pavements: the Town Clerk has sent the photos to DCC, and a response is awaited.

Shop front Improvement scheme:

The panel comprising: Cllr Goldfinch, Phil Lomas, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr Thomas and Barry Rudd has met and approved three applications:

- 20 Old Road – new greengrocers store for £600 (subject to Planning)
- 2 Old Road – Babka for £450
- 6 Old Road Venus Accounting for £350

All have been discussed with the Conservation Officer.

There is also possible interest also from Guild Hairdressers.

It was agreed to increase the budget from £2000 to £2600.

9. Other Future Projects

Canal Basin Trees: BR has spoken to the Tree Conservation officer who has approved the trees to be felled. It was agreed to increase the budget to £1000. Expenditure should be approved by officers and the Town Clerk.

Benches for Canal Basin: It was agreed to purchase a further two benches for the other side of the TSW, and to increase the budget to £1400. This will cover four benches in total.

FV Village Notice Board: Cllr Wild is investigating the siting of these. Cllr Lomas will follow this up with him. The necessity or not of getting planning permission will be investigated. £300 will be budgeted for installation.

Replacement Flower Tubs: Cllr Goldfinch will follow-up the requirement with the Town Clerk, but it was agreed to include these under our budget.

Linear Park drainage: it was agreed to purchase two flag stones to go in front of our interpretation board and to add some chippings to enable walkers to avoid the mud, after contacting HPBC

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute.

11. AOB: None.