

WHALEY
4wards

31st March 2014

MINUTES OF TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

1. Welcome: the following were present:

Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Chairing the meeting, WBTC
Cllr Martin Thomas	Secretary W4w/ Chair of WBTC / Amenity Soc
Phil Lomas	Resident
Cllr Susanne Lomas	WBTC
Cllr David Lomax	HPBC/WBTC
Mary Nother	Horwich End W.I.
Stephanie Raybould	Town Clerk WBTC
Cllr Barrie Taylor	WBTC

2. Apologies for absence:

Ezra Garside	Local resident / business
Amy Hubble	Architect
Barry Rudd	W3
Cllr Anne Winter	Chair W4w/ WBTC / Amenity Soc

3. Minutes of 27th meeting held 10th March 2014 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 and will clean it!
- 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 – as there has been no response from the curry house owner, it was agreed to install the unused new bench in front of the Bike Factory and to relocate the existing bench to the Start Lane / Whaley Lane junction, where a base is already in existence.
- i. It was agreed to purchase a short bench without back, perhaps in recycled plastic, 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 ('Bridge 42')– next version Action: Cllr Thomas.

5. Village Entrance Portals

- a. As previously actioned, Cllr Thomas obtained quotes from Malcom Lane Signs on 19th March 2014, based on the Newark and Cropwell styles.
- b. Cllr Goldfinch suggested modifications to these, and a larger width of 1250mm be used. A large oval shape to the main board.
- c. Separately Phil Lomas obtained a quotation from Leander on 25th March 2014. Their costs are lower and the process should make for a longer lasting design. A visit is planned to Leander to see the process, for Friday 11th April. (It was subsequently agreed, at Leander, that the posts would be in British Racing Green, with a ball top in Pantone Yellow, and a Pantone Yellow moulded band would be applied mid-height).

- d. Cllr Thomas was delegated to prepare a briefing paper to WBTC to obtain authority for this project. A budget of £7500, including planning permissions and installation was suggested.
- e. The Town Clerk to investigate highways permissions and licences.
- f. Locations proposed: i. Chapel Road before Elnor junction, ii. Whaley Ln iii. Top Macclesfield Rd, iv. Long Hill Layby and Bridgemont opposite old turning to hamlet.
- g. Cllrs Goldfinch & Thomas to survey the Macc Road site.
- h. The motif would be “Welcome to Whaley Bridge” (it was subsequently agreed that a strap line would be added “Twinned with Tymbark” and a Polish flag besides that).
- i. A fixed board underneath would be provided to advertise the next upcoming event.

6. Memorial Plaques

- a. This idea raised by Cllr Goldfinch was shared with HPBC. Helen Pakpahan recommends these be incorporated into a trail.
- b. The design must be in keeping with the Conservation Area guidelines, and permission from Jo Brooks obtained.
- c. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- d. David Brown has offered to support this project.

7. World War 1 Commemorations & Grants

- a. It was agreed that suggestions from the community was required and a way to get people involved identified.
- b. People who might participate (some of whom have already offered) are: Julian Thompson who is researching all the Whaley participants; Pat Williamson who has already given the Living History group a talk on parcels sent to soldiers at the front; Damien wild; Andy of Whaley Antiques; George Tomlinson; Library; Chris Simpson; Tony Beswick; Nye & Sue Rowlands and the Living History group etc.

- c. 28th June is the centenary of the assassination of Arch-duke Franz Ferdinand.

8. Other Future Projects (including ideas b/fwd):

- a. Continue the Waymarking through to Fernilee
- b. Chris Tetley to apply Linseed oil to benches maintained by us.
- c. Restore some old park bench salvaged by Cllr Goldfinch, and also a tree grill. Garie Bevan has offered to do this for free. He was thanked for this kind offer.
- d. The bench might be installed besides the interpretation board at base of Whaley Incline.
- e. Cllr Lomax suggested the tree grill could be used for a commemorative oak tree to mark the end of the war, or another key anniversary.
- f. Replace diseased trees besides the Canal Warehouse yard. Barry Rudd to get a quotation for 6-8 trees from David Ross nurseries.
- g. Bunting – to make more of a splash!

9. Next Meeting Monday, 12th May 19.30, Mechanics Institute.

10. AOB

- a. The muddy entrance to the bottom of the incline was raised. Cllr Thomas will write again about this to HPBC.
- b. Ownership of the land to the rear of the White Horse car park should be established.