

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 24Apr2018 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:

Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
Chris Chambers	(WWT Trustee / Director and Chairman)
Ray Hatton	(WWT Trustee / Director and Treasurer)
Paul Radcliffe	(WWT Trustee / Director)
Dave Smith	(WWT Trustee / Director)
Bob Sumner	(WWT Trustee / Director and Grounds Maintenance)
David Torrens	(WWT Trustee / Director and Webmaster)
David Aylwin	(Inland Waterways Association Representative)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Joan Crump, Roger Birch
- 2) Outstanding Actions
- 3) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) Arm Maintenance
 - a) Towpath Improvements
BS has removed encroaching vegetation along the eastern end of the Arm to widen the path as preparatory work for towpath improvements. Pictures have been posted on Facebook and have had over 2000 hits. Whitchurch Town Council have awarded a grant of £350 towards towpath improvements following CC's application.
 - b) Dredging / Piling
DS and PR had attended a Dredging seminar at the recent IWA / CRT Restoration Workshop. They had learnt that an EA permit is needed for disposing of dredgings anywhere except land accessible in a "single scoop" operation and that benefit to the land has to be demonstrated if dredgings are to be disposed of on a farmer's land. Our Connection Agreement with CRT states that CRT's permission is needed for dredging and which contractor is used as they wish to be assured that leaks will not be caused. The idea of getting the stretch below the Hawk housing development piled and then putting the dredgings behind the piling was discussed. BS noted that dredging would have to wait until any frogspawn had hatched.
PR will explore the possibility of getting Park Farm Marina (who have a dredger) to do the dredging
HB to send Land & Water's piling estimate for piling around the winding hole
 - c) Chemistry Bridge Repair
Joan Crump sent a report to the meeting that finding a contractor to do the repair has not been easy, but she is still trying.
 - d) Stop Plank Shelter - DT reported "the main component part are all cleaned and painted and large hinges purchased. Roof made from 10 12foot lengths of treated feather board painted with fence paint. Should get assembled in next few weeks. As nothing heard from CRT we are assuming 4" x 4" metal post holders on feet and have purchased one to aid checking. Expenditure so far a little over £100."
DA advised that the IWA funding procedures are about to change, so it would be easier if invoices can be sent sooner rather than later.
 - e) Joan Crump sent a report to the meeting that she has planted some trees on the bank of the winding hole
 - f) Junction - Coping stones which could present an obstruction and protruding bolt and angle iron

(the latter below water level)

Roger Birch sent a report to the meeting that the metal protrusion had been removed, and also reported that there is a small leak on the embankment (believed to be a top leak), which CRT will do their best to resolve. Matter to be considered concluded.

- g) DT has ordered 2 x 3mm thick panels to replace the cracked 2mm perspex panels on the noticeboard, expected to be delivered 27Apr
DT to replace panels in noticeboard
 - h) Skip for disposal of matter removed from the canal
There is a choice between a skip which can be closed (thus preventing other people dumping stuff in it) and a walk-in skip which would be easier to use, but cannot be closed off. The latter could be protected by erecting builders' type fencing round it.
It was decided to try the walk-in type without any fencing round it and see whether there is a problem in practice. DS needs to wait for a day when he can be available to unlock the height barrier on the car park for delivery of the skip.
BS and **DS** to meet to decide placement of the skip.
- 5) Basin Project
- a) Timescales for what by when for Basin design and project development
Given the prohibitive cost of disposing of soil offsite, DT wants to explore some what-if scenarios for where soil could be put using CAD. DS raised the idea of designing in some kind of vehicular access to make removal of silt easier. Further discussion is needed at a future meeting where time is available to do it justice.
CC and **HB** to work on a stripped down agenda for the next meeting
 - b) Gateway Project
Further discussion is needed at a future meeting.
 - c) Land Transfer from Shropshire Council
HB reported that Peggy Mullock was hoping to meet with Council Estates in the coming week.
 - d) Landscaping
It was confirmed that all the work quoted for should be done, ie bark chippings in the picnic area, wildflower area, selective weed killing and strimming and (in the autumn) planting 4 trees.
HB reported that she was waiting for permission from the Country Parks and Sites Officer for North Shropshire before asking contractors to start. The cost of the bark chippings work may increase a bit if a solution to deter the chippings from migrating on to the path is implemented.
HB to get work started when permission is received.
 - e) **RH** to chase getting SC to empty the litter bins with Peggy Mullock
 - f) **DS** to adjust the picnic table levels
- 6) Schedule of works to be undertaken by volunteers in next 12 months
To be discussed at next meeting.
- 7) Basin and/or what ? Future Options / Gasworks site
To be discussed at next meeting.
- 8) GDPR (implementation date is 25May2018)
Given the choice of having to elicit and record explicit consent from all members to receive newsletters or relying on "legitimate interests" for sending newsletters to members, it was decided to adopt the latter approach, as members of a canal society may reasonably expect to receive newsletters.
HB to work on a GDPR implementation with RH, JC, LG and PR
- 9) We have received the sad news that Peter Wagstaffe (who was instrumental in the first phase of the restoration of the Whitchurch Arm) has died.
HB to send a card and flowers / donation of up to £50
- 10) Boat Rally
- a) **DA, DT, DS** and **PR** will attend the Boat Rally meeting on 25Apr
 - b) **PR** is awaiting a cost for the Salop Wheelers to provide a shuttle bus for the Rally - there is the option of having it for Sat only if the cost is too high
- 11) **CC** to provide the TSB with a map of the Llangollen Canal for their bike-peddalling fundraising event
- 12) CRT's Percentage of Mooring Fees
No progress
- 1) Transfer of Hawk housing estate buffer zone
HB had contacted Hawk, who said they would respond after a meeting they are having on 26Apr.

HB to arrange for a site visit to see the land.

2) Treasurer's Report

RH had not had time yet to digest a huge bank statement which arrived yesterday. There were a number of cheques for approval.

a) New Treasurer

RH is meeting a potential new Treasurer this week.

3) Any Other Business

a) Round Table Funding

HB reported that WWT had not been chosen to present to the Round Table in their current round of funding, but further rounds of funding in Jun and Sep are planned.

4) Date(s) of next meeting(s)

1100 Tue 22May2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

1100 Tue 26Jun2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

1100 Tue 24Jul2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

1100 Tue 28Aug2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

1100 Tue 25Sep2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

1100 Tue 23Oct2018 Private room at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD