

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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Company No : 02280683 Charity Commission No : 701050



MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 28Aug2018 at The Wheatsheaf, 19 Green End, Whitchurch SY13 1AD

Present:	Helen Brockman	(WWT Secretary)
	Chris Chambers	(WWT Trustee / Director and Chairman)
	Joan Crump	(WWT Trustee / Director and Membership Secretary)
	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)
	Steve Chapman	(for Blackberry Fair, present until Item 4)
	Gary Hepworth	(for Blackberry Fair, present until Item 4)

- 1) Apologies for Absence
Peggy Mullock
- 2) Matters Arising / Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman. The date of the meeting had been omitted in the copy circulated.
- 3) Blackberry Fair Sat 6Oct
2018 will be the 11th year of Blackberry Fair. It aims to reconnect the community with the High St, celebrate positive action and raise the town's profile. WWT are invited to participate. - the canals and Meres should be celebrated. SC felt that what works best is to bring interesting physical objects which people can talk about. A boat going up the High St would be great. We could have a presence in the WMIS' portable shed.
DA / HB / CC / JC / RH / BS to progress
- 4) Treasurer's Report
The accounts to date were circulated.
- 5) Arm Development and Maintenance
 - a) Piling round Winding Hole
Land&Water's quotation for re-piling the winding hole outside the existing piling was £37,502 (£45002 inc VAT).
The committee agreed that the winding hole is large enough to accommodate another line of piling say 0.5m outside the existing piling.
CC is arranging an onsite meeting with the CRT Contracts Manager to explore piling and dredging (date/time to be confirmed)
DS was to investigate ways of attaching tyres for use as fenders on the piling round the winding hole
 - b) Dredging
The Land&Water quotation for 3 days' dredging, if a dredger had to be brought to site just for us was :
if D1 disposal (along canal banks) £32109 (£38530 inc VAT)
if Landfill disposal (by lorry) £51601 (£61921 inc VAT)
Land&Water have said there would be a reduction in project costs of circa £16K (£19200 inc VAT) if our dredging can be tied in with the dredging CRT are doing. There are a LOT of issues to be thought about in their proposal, especially for the Landfill option.

Land&Water say CRT's dredging is due to commence on the 24th September and will be expected to be between 6 – 8 weeks in duration. The current scope includes works between Bridge 50 Hampton Bank Bridge and Frankton, with Bridge 50 being approximately 10km away from your area. Land&Water have asked if we want them to go ahead with the dredging.

A budget for dredging and piling was agreed (see confidential addendum to minutes for details). The priority areas for dredging are the head of navigation by the long term moorings and the offside of the winding hole.

To be progressed at the onsite meeting with CRT mentioned in the previous item.

It was decided to drop the idea of getting Narrowboats Limited to do dredging, as no quotation from them had been received.

DA and **BS** will assess the depth along the towpath side when it is lined with boats at the Rally
In future, we should ring fence money each year for a dredging / piling fund

c) Stop Plank Shelter

CRT had arrived to move it some days ago but it had not been moved due to a confusion about where it should be sited.

It is anticipated that CRT will move it in the next 2/3 days, temporarily siting it on the concrete bearers on the main line by the lift bridge, and will later move it to a site on the towpath of the Whitchurch Arm.

d) Volunteer Work

Areas for volunteer work are :

Levelling the ground between the 2 bridges

Laying a gravel path on the offside

General maintenance

6) Boat Rally 1 / 2 Sep

18 boats are booked in - 1 or 2 will be outside the Arm. At a meeting on 23Aug, all was in hand.

PR will try to recruit some volunteers at the Boat Rally

7) Basin Project

a) Picnic Area

Nobridge have finished their work on the picnic area and their revised invoice (excluding cost of a membrane) has been paid.

b) Bins

Shropshire Council (Victoria Doran) have asked for the capacity and make of the two bins at the picnic area. The inner bin capacity and photos of the locking mechanism have been provided (via Shaun Burkey). It is not yet clear whether these were acceptable.

HB to chase with SC Outdoor Recreation

RH to provide JMC invoice number to HB in case needed for trying to get bin details from JMC

8) Any Other Business

a) Hawk Housing Estate

Various activity had been noticed, some of which may have been on WWT land. Some householders had expressed an expectation that WWT would be managing the wildlife buffer zone.

HB to chase wildlife buffer zone status with Shropshire Council and Hawk

BS to get a quote for supply of fencing to replace broken fence behind the offside memorial garden

9) Outstanding Actions

CC has some maps and posters sorted out which he needs to deliver to the TSB . Done.

JC was to organise the library display. Done

HB to do a notice for the library display pointing out that WWT own and maintain the Whitchurch Arm. Done

DS was to adjust the picnic table levels

CC was to select some artefacts to be borrowed from the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum for a display in the Heritage Centre and liaise with the curator.

CC will set up WWT fundraising material at Grindley Brook Locks. Permission has been sought and an A-frame with a bucket underneath is proposed.

CC has organised some replacement bricks and **JC** has found a bricklayer to repair Chemistry Bridge for around £100 (more if more replacement bricks are needed)

RH was to investigate whether a local solicitor would be willing to act as our registered address (Not done - both had been away)

RH was to chase the issue of the 40% CRT levy on mooring fees. Now to be addressed as part of the onsite meeting with CRT.

DS was to put some mats round the shrubs to suppress grass / weeds from growing round them and retain moisture. The mats have been cut but not installed.

BS and **DS** were to work on a towpath improvement project for a Tesco Bags of Help application

10) Date(s) of next meeting(s)

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