

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST  
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Charity Commission No : 701050

Minutes of meeting held at The Dodington Lodge, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Present:

B Young,  
D Smith,  
B Sumner,  
J Crump,  
D Torrens,  
P Radcliffe,  
R Hatton

(1) Apologies - Wendy Capelle and Peggy Mullock

(2) To sign as a true record Minutes of previous meeting - proposed B Sumner, seconded D Smith, accepted and signed as a true record

(3) Vote of Thanks to Helen Brockman - Chairman had sent flowers with best wishes which seemed to please her

(4) Discuss position of secretary - Helen Brockman has asked that she be removed with immediate effect from the Companies House Register, David Torrens agreed to be the Companies House Secretary for removal of Helen and Annual Return

(5) Aldi Store Discussion - official line we are to remain neutral

(6) Stage 1 project and finance - Ray Hatton has spoken with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) and, because it is not a fault of our making, they have provisionally agreed to revise the grant deadlines to dates yet to be agreed. Dave Lamb to recommend a realistic series of invoice dates linked to work completed for submission to the RPA. Proposed D Torrens, seconded B Sumner that Geotech and Dave Lamb be given order to proceed, all agreed

(7) AGM - Lindsay has sorted out the AGM and a thank you should be sent to Lindsay, B Young to action. Ray Hatton to confirm the guest speaker: Mr Peter McKeon of the Whitchurch Wildlife Trust has agreed to give a talk on the work of the Trust at the Greenfields Nature Reserve and Whixall Moss.

(8) New email setup - David Torrens has set up a new gmail account whereby all the previous email addresses have been amalgamated

(9) Any Other Business - email from Jane Osman of Oakhurst, Chemistry enquiring if we were prepared to sell the land at the back of the winding hole, Secretary to respond, the area is not for sale at this time, proposed B Sumner seconded J Crump

P Radcliffe had spoken with Howard Griffiths of the Canal and River Trust who will visit in the near future and will advise on how to repair the towpath.

Worldwide-Whitchurch, Whitchurch, Shropshire are organising this year's event for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June, which will include boat trips to Grindley Brook, maybe a heritage boat for the return and other interesting items for visitors. Lindsay may open the cafe and the bric-a-brac stalls.

D Torrens is working on an interpretation panel (or sign) showing the history of the town including interesting places to visit.

J Crump, has anyone written or done anything about the offer from Hawk to sell the land bordering the canal arm for £1 plus legal fees. To be held over until after the AGM.

J Crump had visited Barclays to see if she could get a contribution from their charity aid and received the same answer as in previous years, their charity contributions have already been allocated.

Also J Crump to check Civic Centre for dates for a coffee morning, apparently it is a good earner but help will be required.

Mike Johnson Memorial Garden, D Torrens to arrange for Tim Glover to meet Bob Sumner on the Arm.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.