



Whittlesey Mud Walls Group  
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### Minutes and Agenda.

Hello, my name is Mike Shearing, and I need to explain why I'm writing to you. I'm one of the volunteers that are attending the Whittlesey Mud Walls Group meetings. At the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Katie told us of a 'green spaces access' event held by Herige Lottery Fund. It was in Wisbech on 1<sup>st</sup> July. It was suggested we may be able to find out if we would qualify for any lottery funding for our project.

Roger & Annette Glazier and myself attended. We'd looked at the HLF website the night before, and during the drive to Wisbech, we weren't that confident of our chances. But we received very positive feedback that we had a really good project, and would definitely qualify for lottery funding, which made us more determined to continue. However, to get it there are several legal areas which we will have to satisfy.

The end result was that at the moment, we've had to accept that we're not yet ready to apply for funding. At the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting I gave a detailed account of the findings and the issues we had to deal with so we could apply.

The first issue was that we had to have officers. From those present the following officers were elected -

Chairman – Annette Glazier

Secretary – Mike Shearing

Treasurer – (to be confirmed)

Head of Surveying – David Hancock

The second issue is poor communication amongst ourselves. As I'm now secretary I'm trying to get up to date with the meetings minutes,(hence this letter), but I don't yet have full contact details for all our members. Also, as some people have dropped away from the first meeting, we don't really know how many interested parties we currently have.

The third issue relates to the surveying of the walls. Because of the poor communication it's difficult to plan who can/wants to do this, where they want to go and when.

We also made plans for Whittlesey Festival, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We've invited SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), who will be on the carpark of The Black Bull public house, where they will be demonstrating by making a section of mud wall. The public can join in as we'll have troughs which they can tread in and mix the mud/straw/water mixture in the traditional way. The members of WMWG will also be there with displays of photos and literature, and to answer questions. Our aim is to get people interested in, and talking about, our project. We may also be able to attract new

members. So we are going to need the help of all of our members, because there's going to be lots to do beforehand, and on the day. Please let us know if you can help.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July we had a further meeting with HLF and CCVS (a support group for voluntary groups). We've been able to get further detail regarding funding applications, and advice how to get to that point.

Our initial emphasis therefore, has to be our planned displays and demonstrations at the Festival. We need to make people aware of us and our project, so our next WMWG meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.30am, and will concentrate on what we want to do and the help we'll need. We hope as many members as possible will be able to offer their help.

I'll endeavour to keep on top of sending out the minutes in future.

#### Agenda for 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

1. Organise Festival – gazebo/ table/chairs/cloth/display boards/pens/box
2. Leaflets – 'Have you got...', what's on it
3. Roy Gerstner to put minutes on his blog – approve/disapprove
4. Public Liability Insurance
5. Festival Vehicle Movements
6. SPAB details
7. WMWG email & WMWG Facebook details
8. Festival Programme & newspaper articles
9. Black Bull gardening
10. Photographs needed for Festival
11. Members contact details
12. Festival Partners Meeting
13. Any Other Business