



Whittlesey Mud Walls Group
c/o The Old Town Hall
Market Street
Whittlesey
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Minutes for 7th December + update

- 1 Present – Mesdames: Glazier, McAndrew, Barback, Phillips, Farkas
Messrs: Shearing, Phillips, Hancock, Whitwell, Glazier
Apologies - Boddington, O'Donnell, Catterwell
- 2 Minutes from 2nd November - These were signed as a true record.
- 3 Treasurer & Surveyor - Richard was able to confirm the bank account was now open, and that thanks to donations remaining and further additions, we have a small sum to work with. For our legal financial requirements, he proposed that as March 2017 will be our first anniversary, it should also be the end of our financial year, and our AGM will then be held in June. This was approved. Both Richard and David confirmed that they would like to take a more active part in the groups decision making, which we're very pleased about, and means we now have a committee of 5.
- 4 Conservation area - As Katie has provided an updated map, I put our known walls onto it. Those which fell outside the areas are - Hallcroft Road, Willow Close, Windmill Street, Gracious Street, Grosvenor Road, Old Crown Lane. Katie told us that the owners outside the conservation area can apply to FDC for protection for their walls, but Ray suggested we should work towards getting our walls listed, after any repairs have been done, so they're properly protected. We agreed as it was our original intention to pursue this. There may be some owners who have reservations about this prospect, so I'll ask Katie to provide us with the legal documentation as to what that entails, so we can answer any of your questions.
- 5 Conservative Club - We're currently advising Cllr David Mason on repairs needed to this wall, and he gave us some information which verifies that the wall is owned along with the adjoining property, 36 Whitmore Street. We understand the owner's intention is to demolish the current building and replace it with 2 bungalows, and intends to have the wall repaired at the same time, which we think might be June. So far, there has been no planning application lodged, but we'll be keeping an eye on this, to ensure there are no 'accidents' with JCB's.
- 6 Surveying - There will be no further surveys until the New Year. We'll keep an eye on the weather to see when best to restart.
- 7 Survey report - Our surveying has found 2 walls of no known ownership, as the areas were developed whilst leaving the walls intact. One is at 6 Delph Street, (which was previously Whittlesey Urban District Council's offices up to the '80's), the other is at Finkle Court. We will be finding out how the repairs can be financed.

8 Katie – Katie sent us information telling us about Clayfest 2017. In early 2016 it was held in Cumbria, which was too far to go, but the 2017 event will be held at Lincoln Castle from 12th - 17th June. I'll get some literature as soon as I can for anyone interested.

9 Jo - Jo had given Annette the finished version of the 'hand out' leaflet she'd done for us. We're not too sure if it meets with our requirements yet, so we'll make a decision later. It was also pointed out that Jo's working hours have changed, and she's no longer able to come to our Wednesday meetings, so we'll wish her well with her endeavours.

10/11 My Contacts/Documents - As Secretary, although I'm responsible for these items, it's often the case where I require input from the committee as to content. Due to unfortunate illnesses restricting committee members, I'd fallen behind on some important issues. Now that we have the constitution, treasurer and bank account, I needed to get caught up with our plans for 2017, as the timing for some contacts are critical. Katie kindly offered to email Dawn Bainbridge (lottery) for me, and the committee remained after the meeting ended, and we agreed to meet on Thursday 15th at 11am at the George.

12 AOB - It would appear that we may not be seeing Annette, our Chairman, at all meetings next year, as she revealed she'll have some hospital appointments to deal with. To this end, she proposed Ray Whitwell to stand in for her as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded and Ray accepted, and I'm sure we'll all want to wish Annette well for the trials that await her.

Nikolett had some questions, but needs her husband to translate, so I arranged to go and see them on Monday 12th.

We wished all members a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I received a phone call from Helena Minton. She's a volunteer with Chatteris Museum. She's studying for a Masters Degree in Heritage Management, and she's chosen Whittlesey's mud walls as her subject. We agreed to meet on Friday 9th at the Museum, and David was present also. We answered her questions and offered copies of any documents she might need, and she asked to come to the Committee meeting on Thursday 15th, which we agreed to, and she'll also want to look at some walls.

I also received an email from Katie, with a reply from Dawn Bainbridge. We needed to know the following - If we applied for/received a Local Community Grant, would this go against us when we applied for Lottery funding? The answer was no it won't. If anything it reinforces our Lottery application. Dawn didn't know the dates of her 2017 surgeries in our area, but confirmed that if none were near us, she would make a special trip to come and see us, which was very reassuring.

Having got Dawn's answer, I contacted CCVS on Monday 12th, to find out their 2017 surgery dates. They said they'd get back to me.

I went and saw Nikolett and Robert. Nikolett would like to become more involved in our activities. I'm discussing with our committee and contacting people to see if we can find something for her to do.

On Tuesday 13th, I received a phone call from CCVS. The man we needed to see, Alan

Turner, was coming through Whittlesey on Thursday 15th, and was willing to come and talk to us. It was agreed to meet him at the George.

Next meeting - Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 10.30am

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