



Whittlesey Mud Walls Group
c/o The Town Hall
Market Street
Whittlesey
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Minutes for 2nd August

- 1 Present – Mesdames: Phillips, McAndrew, Barback.
Messrs: Shearing, Phillips, Whitwell, Boddington, Hancock.
Apologies - Prebble, Prebble, Glazier, Glazier, Mean, Green.
- 2 Minutes for 5th July - These were signed as a true record.
- 3 Funding application - Richard was able to confirm that we have been successful with our funding application to Glassmore, so much so that we don't think we'll need to progress with the Burnthouse application at this stage. We're told it will be a short while before we receive the money, but this will then pay for the printing of our survey document, the items we require for our powerpoint presentations, and other items. Richard also tells us that our own web page is almost up and running. I'm sure he'll tell us more next time.
- 4 Black Bull update - Katie was able to update us on all this work that's going on, so I'll explain wall by wall.
 - 1/ The wall behind the garages, which have been demolished, has been taken down to its lowest point, which was about 2ft. The footings are being uncovered and the wall is being rebuilt the traditional way, (not shuttered), to a height of about 6ft. It will be left as exposed mud and will receive a wooden capping. The contractors have sourced the correct subsoil from this area, which they've used on this wall and the listed wall.
 - 2/ The listed wall had its plastic paint removed, had some patching done, and received a lime render. The capping is being renewed and extended to improve the overhang. This will also happen on the other side,(Queen St car park), and will also include removal of vegetation and the sycamore tree that's too close to the wall.
 - 3/ The short wall attached to this will receive the same repairs. This wall borders 7c Queen St, as does the other short wall.
 - 4/ This is in good condition, but suffers from having the plastic paint and badly fitted capping. We're hopeful these problems will be put right. The contractors are also doing repairs to the Bull, and at this stage no one is sure if it will all be done before Whittlesey Festival. They've told Rose they should be done, but there's no guarantee.
- 5 Festival - As reported, we don't know if we'll be at the Black Bull. Chris & Rose have given permission if the work is finished and the contractors have gone. We felt we needed an alternative location in case. We asked the Festival committee for help, and they've told us we can use the old car sales site, next to Whittlesey Tyres in Eastgate. It's

actually owned by the funeral directors on the corner of Station Rd. We've given our list of requirements to the committee, who will talk to the funeral director. If he's happy with all of our plans, we may be able to use that site, but he could turn us down if he doesn't agree. If both sites end up being unavailable, we'll be unable to do the practical demonstrations with the children. If this happens, Jenny has now offered to let us put our display material on show, where we normally meet, at the museum. Unfortunately, this means we have to make our plans, not knowing if we'll be able to do it, but be ready if we get permission at short notice.

6 Festival volunteers - Those we know who are not available, who came last year - Annette & Roger Glazier, Katie McAndrew.

Our event last year was a huge success, and we'd like to do as well this year, (if we get a venue), so I'd like to ask for volunteers, as we'll be missing some key people. For those who can help, we hope you'll learn more about our walls and have an enjoyable day. I'll be asking our SPAB colleagues, but we know Anthony's been ill, so we hope he'll be ok. I've also asked the scouts, as they might be able to use this as part of their badge training. All of us who took part last year found it very rewarding, so we hope this may persuade some of you to help with our very valuable cause.

7 Meeting times - This was last discussed in October 2016, as to whether we would prefer evening meeting times, as we know some of you are at work when we currently hold them. Please feel free to give us your thoughts on this, as we'd like to be able to involve more of you in what we do. It was proposed to arrange an evening meeting after the Festival, so we'll see how it goes. Look out for the dates on the minutes.

8 Survey document - As reported last month, we've set a completion date, and so far I'm on target to complete my part, after which I'll get Robert and David to assist with the completion.

9 AOB - It was decided that as there are currently those undecided factors concerning the Festival, we would probably benefit from having an extra meeting to discuss any developments. This is shown in the listings below, and may also benefit Festival volunteers.

Next meetings -

Festival briefing - Wednesday 23rd July at 10.30am.

Regular meeting - Wednesday 6th September at 10.30am.

Whittlesey Festival - Sunday 10th September.

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