

**Whittlesey
Mud Walls
Group**



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Minutes for 7th November

- 1 Present - Messrs: Shearing, R Phillips, Whitwell, Gerstner, Boddington, Hancock, Green.
Apologies: J Phillips, McAndrew, Barback.
- 2 Minutes for 3rd October - These were signed as a true record.
- 3 U3A update - It was good to have Robert's mud wall model on display at Childers with a few of our leaflets. The event fitted our 'awareness and education' criteria, even though we only had a few people interested. The main speaker at the event was Jonathan Digby, former principal at Sir Harry Smith school, now head of Aspire Learning Trust, which includes Sir Harry Smith, New Road and Park Lane schools. We are hoping to arrange to visit our local schools, as we did Alderman Payne school at Parson Drove. So we were able to talk to Mr Digby afterwards to explain our aims. He was very much in favour, and has promised to talk to the schools to see if the mud walls of Whittlesey can be fitted into their curriculum. We'll keep you informed if plans progress.
- 4 Funding update - We had our second meeting with Cllr Bob Wicks on 26th October. He advised Richard on a couple of points, and suggested we compile a portfolio of our achievements so far, as evidence to support our claim, which I've now done. He seemed happy enough with our efforts. The meeting with the Glassmore team is Scheduled for Thursday 8th November. We'll keep you informed.
- 5 Historic England - Richard was 'surfing the web' for mud wall-related articles, and was surprised to find that Whittlesey Mud Walls Group is mentioned on the Historic England page entitled 'Mud Walls - 5 Reasons Why You Should Love Them.' There are links to our Facebook page, our 'wall walk' leaflet, and Katie's new Whittlesey Conservation Area Appraisal. We initially wondered who may have arranged this for us, but a search through my records revealed that Ian Harper, a senior figure in SPAB, also plays an important role at Historic England. Ian was one of our SPAB guests at Whittlesey Festival 2016, and I'd also asked him to put together a letter of support for us which we'll be able to use for our funding applications. I haven't contacted him about this yet, but will be doing, as I can't stress enough how important their support is to us, because this is another avenue that people can use to find out about us, and it's very gratifying to find out that he's done this for us.

6 Events - I can confirm that we are booked in to display our Christmas tree at St Mary's on the 7th, 8th, 9th December. We will of course have Robert's mud wall model with the tree. Our other planned event is our display at March museum. This will now take place in January 2019, as the museum can't fit us in before then.

Next meeting -

Wednesday 5th December at 10.30am.

Mike.

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