

**Whittlesey
Mud Walls
Group**



c/o The Town Hall
Market Street
Whittlesey
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Minutes for 5th June

1 Present - Mesdames: McAndrew.

Messrs: Shearing, Phillips, Gerstner, Boddington, Hancock, Lacey, Green,
Davies, Burton.

Apologies – Whitwell.

2 Minutes for 1st May - These were signed as a true record.

3 Wall repairs - There are repairs currently being carried out on 2 of our walls.

The first is at 87 Gracious St. Here, localised mud repair was required. We were fortunate to find two local enthusiasts who wished to learn the craft, and under Robert's tutelage are proving to be very competent. They did an excellent job, Mr & Mrs Kilburn were very happy, and they have agreed to do further work for us in future.

The second is at Grosvenor Rd, adjacent to the dog grooming building, (formerly Swift Taxi's). The first job was to remove an Elder tree and Holly bush. The brushwood was cleared by Ray, Robert and Alan, then Martin Whitwell cut down the trunk with his chainsaw at a later date. We've now been given quotes to replace the tiled coping and are currently applying for a grant to cover the cost of this. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can continue with this project.

4 Guest speaker - We invited Chris Burton, a local estate agent, to come and talk to us about how the property market views properties that include a mud boundary wall. We learned that the presence of a mud wall doesn't affect the value of the property. It would appear that people's main concern is the expected cost of repairs to the wall. Fortunately, with grants now available, it isn't such a burden. Compared with modern brick walls and wooden fences, mud walls are a far cheaper option, considering how long they've lasted. I feel that we need to produce a document for estate agents and conveyancers explaining the virtues and advantages of owning a property with a mud wall. It fits in with our 'education & awareness' criteria, so we could also use it at our displays and talks, and hopefully it may lead to a more positive feeling towards our mud walls.

5 AGM (see separate minutes)

Next meeting -

Wednesday 3rd July at 10.30am

Mike.

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