

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on 28th April 2008

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Bob Woodgate, Malcolm Allcard, Paul Woodhead and Brian Nash
ACTION

Apologies: Iain Weston

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

No change in membership; Malcolm suggested we should be more pro-active to increase membership, especially at the festival. With regard to age limit for working parties, David to be asked to look into insurance for under 18. It was agreed that under 16s should be accompanied by a parent.

DH

Treasurer's report:

No report

Lock 17:

Malcolm had been in discussion with Mark, the stone for raising the side was not yet available so it seemed unlikely that it would be done with the summer planting. Malcolm will keep in touch with Craig re availability of stone. Peter has all info re plaque, will liaise with Mark re wording. It may be possible to tie the dedication in with the Carnival, Pete will check with Barbara Mills and the carnival committee.

PC/MA

Lock 6:

Unfortunately the grant we had hoped for had not been passed. We will consider whether we could fund it ourselves, Alison would research prices of picnic benches and fencing. Peter would contact Paul Hartley re conservation area. He has a meeting scheduled with Mary Lee and BW heritage staff to look at future projects; the picnic site could be brought up then.

PC/AA

Aqueduct & Blue Plaque:

Alison had heard from Iain Weston that no decision had been made with regard to the proposed railings on the offside of the aqueduct. We did not think railings would be a good site for the plaque as it could be hard to read from towpath. Peter will bring it up with the Heritage Staff at meeting mentioned in last item.

PC

By-wash:

Iain Weston had reported that fencing would be erected around the by-wash at Lock 10 within the next 6 weeks.

Task days:

All flight was now greased and oiled, next year we need to do cleaning off as well. The next job is to do some painting of lock beams, Alison would ask about stencilling – do we have to use the same font? *Dates fixed:* 12th May, 2nd June and 16th June.

AA

Members expressed concern about Lock 14 where holes had appeared in the top again.

Locks Festival:

Bob has not been able to find out yet when the Whaley Water festival is next year

BW

Alison had not yet had a reply from Sue Day

AA

Malcolm would ask the Business Forum if they were prepared to do the food again.

MA

Bob had details of a 'Cheese Boat' – he would see if they could come to the Festival

BW

AOB:

Bob reported that the Trustees of New Horizons were selling sponsorship of the boat at £10 a year – it was agreed the Society should participate.

Pete announced that the official re-opening of the restored Iron Bridge would be on 22nd June.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18th June 2008 2 pm at Top Lock Marine.