Minutes of the meeting of Marple Locks Heritage Society Committee on Wed 23rd March 2011
There were apologies from Malcolm and Peter.

The Minutes had already been circulated.

Matters arising- The AGM had been well attended, the speaker had asked that his fee of £30 should be sent to the Peter le Marchant Trust, who run a charity boat for the disabled. This had been done.

Treasurer's report - Malcolm had sent a report of a balance of £3,203.36; He had received £95 in Subscriptions and £500 grant towards the picnic site. Expenditure had been £262 for the insurance and £32 for task day equipment.

Civic Day – Marple Civic Society had asked whether we would be interested in joining them on Civic Day, 25th June, when they will be carrying out improvements to the Possett Bridge area. We agreed to make this one of our task days, probably in the afternoon.

Picnic Site – The date for this work had been postponed because of admin problems with BW – the date was now 11th April. Alison had ordered the two benches, having found a company who offered them for £399 instead of over £500. The site was now cleared of rough vegetation and the plan is to scrape off the top layer with a digger, organised by BW. Alison would let everyone know the timing of the event. **AA**

Task Days – As well as clearing the picnic site**,** 6 benches had been treated between Locks 4 and 13, there remained 2 or 3 to do. Alison had checked with Jeff Smith that it was OK to start painting Locks 9 to 16 this summer. Next dates arranged were 29th March, 18th April and 2nd May, as well as the big task on 11th April.

Locks Festival – Alison read a list of organisations who had already registered. The Business Forum had agreed to sponsor the Horse boat with £200 and would have liked a banner on the boat; however, Sue Day was not agreeable to this, so Top Lock Marine had offered to put a banner in the front garden instead. It wasn't clear yet whether this was acceptable to the MBF, Pete was to find out. Craig would let Alison have details of the Coop Community Fund to see if we could get the remaining £150 towards the horse boat. Craig also would find out if the coal merchant at Rosehill Station would deliver some bags for loading on the boat at Top Lock – Alison would ask Sue if this was appropriate. **CW/PC/AA**

It was decided to have a stall at the Carnival to publicise the Festival and also to hand out flyers in the parade. Rod and Neil offered to do the latter while Craig, Carol and Alison would take turns to man the stall, hopefully Pete and Malcolm also. 2000 A5 flyers would be required, Craig would find out who the contact at the council was now that Brian had retired, we would also want the lamppost banners again. The events pack for BW had been sent off, the SMBC one would be done on Pete's return. **CW/PC/AA**

AOB It was noted that some apple trees had been planted without BW permission at Locks 7 and 4, BW had now removed these.

Neil was concerned about the graffiti on Possett Bridge, he offered to bring a long handled brush on the Civic Day to paint over it with black paint. **NB**

DONM – 16th May at 10, Manor Road at 10 am