

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at 10 Manor Road on Wed 20th October 2010

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Craig Wright, Carol Baggott and Rod Shreeve.

ACTION

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard, Brian Nash.
Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm had reported a balance of £2632.45 which includes £1000 for the trail guides and £533 for the bench.

Marple Wharf

The next meeting is scheduled for November. Gillian Postill had hoped to attend our meeting but had a previous commitment, it was hoped she could attend a future meeting. The meeting wondered what impact, if any, the new charity status of British Waterways would have on our voluntary work – it could bring new members in as BW were keen to encourage the volunteers - time would tell.

Picnic Site

Alison had had e mail contact with Nick Smith of BW who had referred the project to Kate Statham, volunteer co-ordinator; it was hoped she could move this forward. In the meantime, Craig would contact Brian Nash to see if we could order the benches through SMBC. He would also ask Paul Hartley if we needed to use their recommended Cheshire fencing as this was expensive, out of our price range and didn't appear anywhere else on the canal in this area; ranch fencing would be our first choice. The question of planning permission for this project was raised, Craig would look into this. **CW**

Lock 17

Craig thought we would be better waiting until the new sleepers had been laid at the junction and try to obtain some of the old ones from there.

Marple Tramway

This was a proposal that a dig take place at the site of the old tramway across the 'Rec' to coincide with next year's Locks Festival. It is hoped there will be some funding available. Manchester University seem interested in doing some preliminary tests at the site. John and Ann Hearle have set things in motion for this project.

Task days

Alison reported that we had now been allocated a container at the BW yard as the store room had been condemned – all our tools etc have now been moved into the container.

Dates arranged as follows: 25th October, 11th and 24th November. Alison would circulate these.

Peter reported that the graffiti removal carried out at the last task day had not really worked, this is around Possett Bridge and Lock 12. Craig would contact the council about it. **CW**

Alison reported that we would be able to use the grease again and a supply was on order from BW, this would be a job for the spring. In the meantime, there were bits of gardening we could do. Craig asked that we tackle the saplings at Lock 9.

A.O.B.

It was agreed not to enter the Christmas Tree Festival at St Martin's Church this year. Alison would ask Paul and Diane if they wanted the lights back, Craig would dispose of the rest of the decorations.

Date of next meeting Wed 1st December 2010 10.00 at 10 Manor Road. (Craig's house)