

PiYHS meeting 8th August 5pm White Hart

Present:- Carolyn Healy, Alex Nicholl, Heather Oldershaw Jake Bennett
Nicola Lowery , Maureen Bragg

Website

CH has been trying to contact Sally at TWC. And NL will chase up. A list of events was sent but have not been put on the website. This does not instill confidence in the long term viability of using this site. The IGMT website is much better now and it is a shame we can't use it. We need TWC to come to the September meeting (20th, 9.15) to convince us that using their site is a good solution otherwise we will go our own way.

Totems (information panels)

PF (conservation officer) is comfortable with a panel by the bridge, but it will need planning permission. It also relies on website content so given the cost of the totems, their upkeep and questions over the website, we may not do these after all.

Way Finding

PF happy with the fingerpost suggestions but not a plaque on The Jean Shack building. Instead we will have 1 fingerpost to High St and Toilets rather than 1 sign each. CH will now order the fingerposts.

Building Plaques

PF is not happy with these. She objects to the clutter on listed buildings, There are precedents in the area however – MTC plaques and the Nine men of Madeley plaques, some of which are in The Gorge. We will seek planning permission anyway as she has said she will consider it when she returns from leave and no-one has complete veto on planning. It will take time to identify the properties and obtain permission from their owners and to go through the planning process. CH will remind PF of her email to look at the proposal more closely. The list of buildings we have identified as of interest should be given to Ron for his input. CH to check with Graham Hickman if there are others we should look at before a final list is compiled.

Maureen will contact the Museum to try and find an archivist who can verify the acts to go on the plaques. She has met Ron Miles and a further PC project is in the pipeline recording his reminiscences for our website.

Window Dressing

Mike Ashton has photos for the panels with the exception of the food and entertainment one. IBC have not sent any but JB thinks he may have some. If no suitable photos are available we will pay Mike to take some.

Finance

We have paid for the landscaping and SGCT leaflets. We can reclaim the TWC portion of the landscaping when CH receives a copy of the bank statement showing the expenditure. There was a £580 underspend due to the volunteers doing much of the work.

AOB

JB asked what was happening to the event money that was to be used on the Duck race.. NL will find out. This led to discussion on the use of the Wavelength money that is unlikely to be spent in The Gorge. If either or neither of these projects are going to happen CH will enquire whether the funds can be reallocated to other projects in The Gorge.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 20th September 9.15 am The White Hart..