

**Madeley Living History Project**  
**Minutes of Management Committee 14th September 2017, 7.30pm**  
**Jubilee House**

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**Present:** Jonathan Lloyd (JL), Grant Foden (GF), Cllr. Gill Green (GG), Rob Pooler (RP), Cllr Robin Coates (RC), Cllr Sue Taylor (ST), John Corrock.

**In Attendance:** Andy Rose (AR)

**Apologies:** Keith Osmund Smith (KOS) Sue Beech (SB)

**1. Minutes of the last meeting on 20th April 2017**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

**2. Matters Arising**

None.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Report was tabled (see attached) Only one item of expenditure which was a payment of fees to Wrekin Historical Group.

**4. Update on Madeley Town Council Projects:**

**4i: Anstice Hall:**

The Heritage Lottery Fund application for the refurbishment of the Anstice has been turned down. The indication in the HLF letter is the reason for turning down applications was insufficient funds. The letter indicates where any revised application could be strengthened. A meeting has been arranged with the HLF Project officer to discuss this in more detail.

**5. Update on Madeley History Group projects.**

**5i TDC photographic archive.**

GF has been working with Nat Stevenson from Shropshire Archives on the preparation of the WordPress website.

Each digitised image from the catalogue has been tagged with key words so they will appear under the subject headings we agreed. As a reminder those subject areas are:

- Religion
- Education
- Events/Celebration
- New Town dimension
- Commercial/Trade
- Industrial Heritage
- Transport
- Notable people from Madeley
- Leisure/Recreation
- Historic Buildings & Structures

It was decided to drop two subject areas (Groups/Societies and Health/Well Being) as they only had one image. If we find more content, they can be added at a later date.

GF has also selected a main or “banner” image for each section. This image will be displayed across the top of each subject page.

Now waiting for Nat Stevenson to bring the tags that have been added to the images into the main Shropshire Archives Catalogue, which in turn will allow them to be identified on [www.focusonmadeley.org.uk/](http://www.focusonmadeley.org.uk/) Nat will also add in the banner images.

The next stage will be to write the introduction copy for each subject page (approx. 300 words). Volunteers will be welcomed. AR has already offered to do the Religion text.

GF was thanked for all his work on progressing the website.

It was agreed that we would aim to launch the website at the AGM in December. AR would check out including an item in the next Madeley Matters. Also need to put on the relevant websites/Facebook/twitter etc.

AR mentioned that HLF had been chasing the end of project report. AR had explained to them the reasons for the delay in completing the report, namely waiting for the website to be live.

### **5ii AGM Meeting – 7th December 2017**

Ron Miles has been confirmed as the speaker.

AR has booked the Anstice for the event.

Invites will be sent to all Friends of MLHP asking for nominations of community reps.

The Madeley History Group will need to confirm their reps for 2018.

## 6. New Projects

### **6i Wenlock minute book**

The books have now been conserved. You can read transcripts and view digital images on the Shropshire Archives online catalogue at [https://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk/collections/getrecord/CCA\\_XWB\\_C\\_1](https://www.shropshirearchives.org.uk/collections/getrecord/CCA_XWB_C_1) (use 'browse this collection' for more information about the minute books)

There was a celebration event held on Saturday 9 September 2017 at the Much Wenlock Priory Hall. There were a series of talks and viewings of the minute books.

GG was commended for her efforts on the working group.

### **6ii Thomas Parker update**

Roy Bowdler from the Institute of Engineering & Technology has confirmed that the photograph of Thomas Parker has now been added to the gallery of famous figures in engineering in each of the main stairwells at Savoy Place headquarters in London. The selection is intentionally "eclectic" to perhaps generate discussion and interest rather than just a "memorial wall". He is displayed at the ground floor level close to those of Thomas Telford and Robert Stephenson.

### **6ii Telford@50 initiative and the Pagett & Betton Funds.**

Telford & Wrekin Council has launched a new initiative to celebrate the 50th birthday of the New Town in 2018. Bids are invited from Town & Parish Councils, community groups etc. who come up with ideas to celebrate the 50th anniversary. You can apply for up to £2,000 towards the cost of the celebration. The deadline for bids is the 23rd October. It is hoped that larger legacy projects might also be invited which could open up the potential for Anstice refurbishment projects, such as restoring the porch. It would tie in nicely with the 150th anniversary of the Anstice.

Details can be found at [www.telford50.co.uk](http://www.telford50.co.uk)

We know that the 3 volunteers that were trained up to use the equipment at Shropshire Archives for the TDC photo archive project are keen to digitise more information held at the Archives. Our project only really scratched the surface of the TDC archives which includes files of information as well as photos. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be a good time to get more of this information publically available, whether it is information about buildings, the major open spaces or even IGMT.

The issue is whether Shropshire Archives has the capacity to support any projects next year.

AR suggested that this needed a Town wide discussion so the upcoming Wrekin Local Studies Forum (WLSF) meeting on the 27th September seemed the ideal opportunity to discuss this in more detail and to ask Mary Mackenzie if she needs extra support to deal with the anniversary projects. Jodie Lloyd from the Telford@50 project is attending so can advise on whether they can fund a support officer. AR will contact the WLSF secretary to include on their agenda.

The availability of other local funding from the Pagett & Betton funds was then raised as this is also available for local history events. These funding pots are undersubscribed so are keen to get bids.

There was then an open discussion on potential projects

GG suggested a Madeley History leaflet i.e. a timeline sort of leaflet which would set local history into context. It could go to schools and community groups etc. Opportunity to expound on our successes here which would show that we are supporting the history of this area, by no means in competition with, but complementing the industrial history represented by IGMT. We could look at other possible themed trails or use apps on mobile phone.

AR suggested getting the paper churchyard survey digitised and available on line for people researching local families. Again explore the development of an app when visiting the graveyard.

ST suggested a play similar to the 9 Men of Madeley next year to involve the Madeley theme of newcomers from Birmingham and the Black Country moving to live and work in Telford. You could also capture oral histories from people who moved in 1968 and more recently to see how their experiences have varied.

RC supported the idea of recording some local people about their experiences.

GF suggested another Madeley Historic Building Open Day, which could focus on the Anstice. Hopefully get other owners of historic buildings to open up their properties.

## **7. AOB**

AR mentioned that a planning application may soon be submitted for the Fletcher Memorial church. It is understood that a developer is having pre application discussions with the T & W Council.

**8. Date of next meeting(s)**

- i. **AR** was asked to identify some suitable dates for future meetings. Can I suggest for consideration
- ii. **Thursday 22nd March**
- iii. **Thursday 21st June**
- iv. **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**
- v. **Thursday 6th December (AGM)**

Meeting closed at .9.00 pm.