

## Madeley Living History Project

### Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library

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**Present:** Jonathan Lloyd (in the chair), Joan Beard, Jan Doody, Derek Williams.

**In Attendance:** Shelagh Lewis.

**Apologies:** Cllr. David Davies, Cllr. Gill Green, Cllr. Mike Swift, Della Bailey, Barbara Hardman, Doug Hardman, Marilyn Higson, Sue Laflin, Kath Petty, John Powell.

#### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2005:

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

##### 1.i: **Matters Arising:**

SL reported that she now had a CD of the Radio 4 programme on Madeley. She will make copy disks for anyone interested.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that the balance at bank stood at £2134. 92 with one cheque outstanding. She awaited a reply from the bank about interest payments. SL agreed to check the amount paid to the Sundial Theatre Group.

#### 3. Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others):

##### 3.i **The Beeches:**

SL had written to David Wright and to the Head of Listing at English Heritage. DW had expressed his strong support and offered to help if necessary. The Head of Listing had replied (10.02.06) that the EH case officer had visited the site in December and was currently writing his report. No further news had been received. JL suggested taking up the MP's offer as DW had links with EH. It was also agreed that, when a decision had been received, a letter of complaint should be sent to Sir Neil Cossons regarding the unacceptable delay.

##### 3.ii **Graveyard Survey and Trail:**

Information on the ecology of the churchyard had now been received from Nicky Randall and Glenys Evans. We are awaiting some costings from Eura Conservation before applying for funding.

##### 3.iii **Town Trail:**

This is now complete apart from the map which will be done when the illustrator returns from holiday next week. JL asked if the boundaries of the WHS could be included and the WHS logo and this was agreed. The trail will be launched in May.

##### 3.iv **War Memorial (Jan Doody):**

JD reported that the project continued to progress.

##### 3.v **Lee Dingle Bridge:**

The IGMT had been expressed their full support for the project and SL was gathering in costings to include in an HLF application for a Project Development Grant.

3.vi The Woodside Group had come up with large numbers of excellent photographs and it was intended that an exhibition should be arranged for the opening of the new Woodside Multi-Use Centre.

##### 3.vii **Madeley Pubs:**

Eric Green was doing most of the groundwork for this and it was hoped that the leaflet would be ready later in the year.

##### 3.viii **Medieval Project:**

Mrs. Laflin had advised that the project was continuing with a smaller group. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact her. Next meeting after Easter. The group hoped to produce a short booklet on Medieval Madeley.

##### 3.ix **Schools Projects:**

Nothing to report but DW suggested contacting Irene Baxter (new head at William Reynolds).

#### **4. 2006 Events**

4.i **WHS Walking Festival:**

This will take place between Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Several of the walks will be in Madeley including one around Madeley Court led by the LHP project manager. An excellent leaflet had been printed.

4.ii **WLSG Display:**

The 2006 event has been organised by the LHP project manager and will take place in Dean St. in the Town Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. About 10 local groups will be participating including the LHP.

4.iii **National Archaeology Day:**

This year's event will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and promised to be bigger and better than ever. JB suggested that it would be good to have music (e.g. a barrel organ) and SL agreed to look into this. We will be applying for funding as we did successfully last year.

4.iv **Heritage Open Days:**

These will run from 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September and the LHP will again organise appropriate activities.

4.v **WHS Festival:**

This will take place in late September with a focus in Ironbridge on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 'Talks and Walks' taking place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Friends of the Living History Project:**

5.i **Newsletter:**

This was now printed and awaiting distribution.

5.ii **Trip:**

A trip to Shipton Hall was being arranged for June 2006. Details to be finalised with the hall.

#### **6. Information from Committee Members:**

6.i JD asked for information about the Turner Memorial for a lecturer at Worcester who is studying 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century memorials.

6.ii JL asked for contributions to the WHS newsletter which he hoped to produce shortly.

6.iii SL reported that she will be providing a work experience placement for a local 6<sup>th</sup> former (12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> June).

SL also reported that, as no use had been made of the LSG computer during the 15 months or so it had been in the library, she would be asking the group chairman to find a new home for it and the associated material.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm  
The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, 7.30 pm  
at Madeley Library.**

## Madeley Living History Project

### Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, 7.30 pm at Madeley Library

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- Present:** Shelagh Lewis (in the chair), Cllr. Mike Swift, Della Bailey, Joan Beard, Barbara Hardman, Doug Hardman, Marilyn Higson, Sue Laflin, Derek Williams.
- Apologies:** Cllr David Davies, Cllr. David Edwards, Cllr. Gill Green, Jan Doody, Jonathan Lloyd, Kath Petty, John Powell.

#### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006:

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

##### 1.i: Matters Arising:

SLe reported that the information about the Turner Memorial had been passed on to Jan Doody.

The WHS newsletter had been published.

Mr & Mrs Hardman will be collecting the Local Studies Group computer on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer SLe reported that balance at bank stood at £1328.88 and that the Treasurer awaited a form R85 from the IR so that interest will not have tax deducted. She also awaited information regarding the payment of cash direct into the account. Paul Hands had not yet cashed his cheque (SLe to follow up).

#### 3. Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others):

##### 3.i The Beeches:

David Wright had written to DCMS in March but there had been no further developments. It was agreed that the LHP manager should write to Sir Neil Cossons in person.

##### 3.ii Graveyard Survey and Trail:

Little action during poor weather.

##### 3.iii Town Trail:

Now complete and due to go to printer first week in May. To be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

##### 3.iv War memorial (Jan Doody):

No report but Mrs Hardman had been advised of a further omission from the memorial. She would be informing JD and the Parish Clerk.

##### 3.v Lee Dingle Bridge:

All costings apart from two from BTW had now been received. The application should be submitted in the next week.

##### 3.vi Woodside Project:

There had been an excellent response and the group will be putting on an exhibition at the official opening of the Park Lane Centre in late May / June (date to be confirmed).

##### 3.vii Madeley Pub Trail:

This was going well and it was hoped that it could be launched during Heritage Open Days weekend. The Royal Oak or the All Nations are possible venues.

##### 3.viii Medieval Project (Sue Laflin):

The group had not met during the Easter break but would be reconvening shortly.

##### 3.ix Schools Projects:

Nothing to report but DW advised that the Alexander Fleming School now had a new head teacher.

##### 3.x General Queries:

One off queries had increased in number enormously since the February broadcast. It was necessary to divert most to SFHS or Shropshire Archives.

#### 4. 2006 Events:

##### 4.i WHS Walking Festival:

Starting Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. SLe will lead a walk around Madeley Court on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Some bookings already received.

##### 4.ii Wrekin Local Studies Forum Display:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Town Centre outside Primark. The event had been organised this year by the LHP manager and the group will be represented.

##### 4.iii National Archaeology Day:

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July on the Russell Square Green. This year a number of new activities will be available and a barrel organ will provide background music.

##### 4.iv Heritage Open Days:

Saturday 9th September. The pub trail will be launched. MS suggested discussions with Jim Birtwhistle about the possibility of tours of the All Nations brewery.

**4.v WHS Festival:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September will see an event in Ironbridge and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> will be devoted to 'walks and talks'.

**5. Friends of the Living History Project:**

**5.i Newsletter:**

This had been distributed and there had been an excellent response to the front page 'mystery photograph'. Membership now stood at about 105.

**5.ii Trip**

The trip to Shipton Hall had attracted over 30 people and will be going ahead on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**5.iii Work Experience Placement:**

The yr 12 work experience assistance will be in place from 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May inclusive.

**6. Information from Committee Members:**

**6.i** MS reported that he was involved in a project to investigate and map industrial sites on Severn Gorge Countryside Trust land.

**6.ii** SLa reported that Shropshire Archives had now published their programme of summer walks

**6.iii** MH reported that Telford Libraries will be celebrating the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a series of events.

She also reported that September will be this year's Local History Month Telford libraries will be part of the 'Culture Zone'. Alexander Fleming school will be involved.

**6.iv** Alan Heighway had been in touch with SLe & BH about his photographic collection. It was hoped that it might be possible to obtain funding to conserve, preserve and publish the collection.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**7.30 pm at Madeley Library**

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**In Attendance:** Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty

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#### 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

##### 1.i: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that the balance at bank was £1340.69 and that the matter of form R85 was in hand. Another change of signatory form had been requested.

#### 3. Update on Projects (carried out by MLHP and others)

##### 3.i Beeches Project

SLe had written to Sir Neil Cossons and had received an acknowledgement. Several committee members offered to raise the matter informally with the MP.

##### 3.ii Graveyard Survey and Trail

Work had now begun on preparation of the trail.

##### 3.iii Town Trail

This had been launched on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and had been very well received.

##### 3.iv War Memorial (Jan Doody)

Now almost complete.

##### 3.v Lee Dingle Bridge

A draft bid had been submitted to the HLF and SLe would be discussing this with them on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

##### 3.vi Woodside Project

It had been agreed that the archive would be held by the new Park Lane Centre. The official opening date has still not been announced.

##### 3.vii Madeley Pub Trail

Work was now almost complete and the leaflet should be ready for launch at Heritage Open Days weekend.

##### 3.viii Medieval Project (Sue Laflin)

Nothing to report.

##### 3.ix Schools Projects

Several schools had been in contact regarding guided walks along the new Heritage Trail

##### 3.x General Queries

SLe had been asked to edit the English Heritage volume on Madeley Court. It was agreed that the project was relevant and that some work time could be spent on this.

#### 4. 2006 Events

##### 4.i WHS Walking Festival

The festival had been a great success and will probably become an annual event.

##### 4.ii WLSF Display

About 14 groups had been involved in the display at Telford Shopping Centre and there had been a good deal of public interest.

##### 4.iii National Archaeology Day

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July on the Russell Square Green. Funding has been applied for. Any help will be received gratefully.

##### 4.iv Heritage Open Days

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The pub trail will be launched and a quiz arranged.

##### 4.5 WHS Festival

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September. SLe will do a guided walk on the Sunday. JL handed round fliers.

#### 5. Friends of the Living History Project

##### i Trip

Over 30 people had booked for the trip which will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 6. Information from Committee Members

Mrs Higson reported that 2007 will be 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Thomas Telford and a number of events in the area will be arranged to mark the occasion. The WLSF planned to hold a day school at Jubilee House with a visit to St. Michael's Church. This will take place on the Saturday of Heritage Open Days Week.

Mrs Doody reported the excellent response to her 'mystery photo' in the last Friends newsletter. The occasion and all people on the photo had been identified.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm  
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