

Madeley Living History Project

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April 2007, 7.30pm at Madeley Library

Present: Jonathan Lloyd (in the Chair), Cllr. Gill Green, Jan Doody, Barbara Hardman, Doug Hardman, Sue Laflin, Marilyn Higson, Paul Wolfe.
In Attendance: Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty.
Apologies: Cllr. Dave Davies, Paul Belford, John Powell.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2007:

The minutes were accepted, with one amendment, and signed as a true record
Minute 3.i should have read 'the Parish Council All Electors' meeting on 4th June'

1i: **Matters Arising:**
There were no Matters Arising .

2. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer reported that the balance at bank stood at £6,889.44 and that tax paid of £110.80 had been returned.

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

- 3.i **Beeches Project:**
The booklet is now virtually complete and will be launched at the Parish All Electors' meeting (4th June 2007).
- 3ia **Kemberton Pit:**
The booklet is at the printers. SLe requested cases for the library exhibition and it was agreed that a small team should be recruited to record oral history on the day.
- 3ii **Graveyard Survey and Graveyard Trail:**
The illustrations have been completed and work on final text and layout will take place shortly with a view towards an autumn launch. PW suggested contacting Dave Bingham regarding creative writing.
- 3iii **War Memorial (Jan Doody):**
The booklets had been launched during the afternoon of 26th April and are already proving very popular. MH suggested one or two minor amendments for the reprint.
- 3iv **Lee Dingle Project:**
A draft lease from T&W was still awaited. SLe will ring JLL on Monday regarding progress.
- 3v **Woodside Project:**
The project has been awarded £500 by the Woodside Regeneration Scheme and work to complete a publication will take place during the next few months.
- 3vi **Madeley Pubs:**
This booklet has been very popular and has now been reprinted twice with amendments.
- 3vii **Bartram Photographs:**
Nothing to report.
- 3viii **'Parish People – Parish Places' leaflets:**
This is a longer term project and SLe requested suggestions for people and buildings for possible inclusion in the series.
- 3ix **Madeley Court volume:**
SLe will contact JLL regarding funding assistance. It was suggested that a request should be sent to the manager of the hotel as the HQ of Clarion Hotels have not responded.
- 3x **School Projects:**
SLe is now in contact with several teachers from St. Mary's.
- 3xi **General Queries:**
These continue to pour in and we are trying to encourage people to bring them to the regular monthly drop-in.

4. 2007 Events

4i **National Archaeology Week:**
Plans are now in progress for a 'Madeley Mini Big Dig' along the lines of that organised annually by the Time Team. SLe and PB will be running it with support from the Ironbridge Archaeology Unit and a group of young postgraduate students from York University (one of whom lives locally and is involved with another LHP project). It is hoped that funding will be available from the Local Network Fund.

4ii **HODS:**
MH reported that the bid to Awards For All (to fund the Madeley-based Thomas Telford Day School) had been unsuccessful. She asked if it might be possible to obtain funding from the Local Studies Group and DH and BH agreed to take the request to the next meeting of the group. KP suggested trying the Parish Council and JLI suggested contacting Richard Bifield.

4iii **WHS Festival:**
In hand and progressing. JLI expressed the hope that there might be more involvement from residents of the Madeley part of the WHS and various ideas were proposed including information cards about the history of a building to be displayed in shop windows; a quiz; input from local camera and photographic clubs and use of local art groups (to tie in with the art project being organised by Jenny Gunning in the Gorge). SLe agreed to contact Maggie Humphrys

5. Friends of the Living History Project:

The Newsletter had come out and there had been a number of bookings for the trip to Sunnycroft. SL expressed some concern regarding communication with Sunnycroft but the trip will go ahead.

6. Information from Committee Members:

MH reported a bid to film the Telford Journal (hard copy held in Madeley Library).

MH reported that the next Dawley Day will be 11th May

MH reported that the Wrekin Local Studies Forum had produced the first of a regular journal

PW asked for ideas for WEA courses for the autumn term.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.
The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th June 7.30 pm
at Madeley Library**

Signed:

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