

**Madeley Living History Project**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 7.30pm at**  
**Madeley Library**

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- Present:** Jonathan Lloyd (in the chair), Cllr. Gill Green, Paul Belford, Jan Doody, Barbara Hardman, Doug Hardman, Marilyn Higson, Paul Wolfe.
- In Attendance:** Shelagh Lewis, Kath Petty
- Apologies:** Cllr. Dave Davies, Cllr David Edwards, Sue Laflin, John Powell, Derek Williams  
Derek Williams had indicated that he would be resigning from the Committee for health reasons and it was agreed that SLe should send a letter of thanks and good wishes.

**1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

1i: **Matters Arising**

\*Dr Ivor Brown had agreed to give a talk at the 2007 AGM

\*Dates of the LHP 'drop-ins' will be sent to MH and PW for inclusion in newsletters

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer reported that the balance at bank stood at £6,889.44 and that the tax claim form had arrived. Our financial year now finished at 31<sup>st</sup> March to fall in line with the Parish Council financial year.

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

3.i **Beeches Project**

The group has held two further meetings and the ms was now nearing completion. It is intended that the booklet be launched at *the Parish Council Electors' Meeting in mid-May*

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

Twenty of the drawings have been completed and the trail should be ready by midsummer. It was agreed that WHS festival weekend might be a good time to launch it.

3iii **Town Trail**

This had been extremely successful

3iv **War Memorial (JD)**

The booklets are at the printers and have reached final proof stage. It was agreed that a suitable launch should be arranged.

3v **Lee Dingle Bridge**

We are awaiting a draft lease from T&W before sending in the final information requested to HLF.

3vi **Woodside Project**

SLe will be meeting with Jean Edwards on Monday (19<sup>th</sup> March) to draft a proposal for the Regeneration Officer. PW suggested that the Woodside Project would provide a good basis for a creative writing group and it was agreed that SLe should discuss this with the WEA.

3vii **Madeley Pubs**

The booklet had sold out twice and was about to go to the printers in a revised form for a further printing. PB had extra information about the Railway Inn.

3viii **Bartram Photographs**

SLe was in contact with Alan Heighway regarding a grant application to conserve and publish this collection. BH raised the question of ownership and it was agreed that this will need to be verified before any application is made.

3ix **Madeley Court volume**

This is in progress and a £500 grant had been awarded by the SA&HS and approaches had been made to T&W and Clarion Hotels for further funding. It is hoped that the volume will be published by late 2007 / early 2008.

3x **Madeley Leaflets**

After obtaining the details of the sad demise of Major Yate SLe felt that Two series of leaflets 'Madeley People', 'Madeley Places' should be lunched. PB pointed out that it was important that the leaflets should cover a wide range of subjects, not just the obvious, and MH offered information about a china paintress.

3xi **School Projects**

Haughton School, the Sir Alexander Fleming and St. Mary's were all in contact and SLe had been asked to become involved in a project covering canals & industry (run by Shropshire Archives) and another covering Egyptology (being co-directed by Telford Libraries). She has also agreed to supervise the work offered by a local teenage from Woodside for a Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.

3ii **General Queries**

These continue to increase.

#### 4. 2007 Events

4i **National Archaeology Week**

It is hoped that a mini version of the 'Time Team Big Dig' will be possible with the support of the Ironbridge Archaeology Unit. PB and SLe will be meeting on Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup> March) to draw up outline proposals and SLe is attending a morning workshop organised by the Local Network Fund to find out whether they will be prepared to fund the activities.

4ii **World Heritage Site Festival**

This will take place over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> September with the main activities taking place in Dale End Park. KP informed the meeting that the Parish Councillors were anxious that some activities should take

place in Madeley and it was agreed that this would be discussed by KP, SLe and JL.

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

Membership stands at 116 with few dropouts. A newsletter will be coming out by the end of March and it was intended that a trip to Sunnycroft should be offered during June. Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> was agreed as a suitable date for this. SLe asked for contributions to the newsletter from committee members.

**6. Information from Committee Members**

MH reported that an application for a grant towards the cost of the Thomas Telford Day (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September) had been applied for. She also reported that WLSG will now produce an annual Transactions as well as the regular twice-yearly information leaflets. There will be a Reminiscence Day at Dawley on 16<sup>th</sup> March when there was the possibility of forming a local history group. Bids had been made to digitise the Telford Journal and to build a new library and resource centre at Wellington.

PW suggested a WEA course to link in with NAW

GG reported that the Centre Development plans should be put forward on 11<sup>th</sup> April but that it would be autumn (at the earliest) before any visible action happened. PB said that the carrying out of a pre-development archaeological assessment was in hand.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.  
The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at  
Madeley Library.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**