

Shropshire Local Access Forum	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
20 October 2009	<b>13</b>	<b>D</b>
10.00 am		

## Wat's Dyke Way Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at Plas Coch Inn Wrexham

**Present** Ron Williams, Jean Catherall, Jane Ing, Trevor Allison, Medwyn Roberts John Roberts

**Apologies** Arthur Harris, Dave Martin

**Minutes and Matters Arising** The minutes of meeting held on March 19<sup>th</sup> were confirmed as a true record.

- 1 British Waterways had now erected the trailmarkers and done more than had been requested. Jane had thanked the Officer and given him a complimentary copy of the guide. Another copy has been provided for display on information desk at BW HQ, Ellesmere
- 2 Ron had met the Manager at the Greenfield Valley who had agreed to put up a plaque marking the start/finish of the walk.

**Financial Statement** A cheque had bounced and the bank was charging £35 for this. Jean to take it up with them and ask for re-imburement. If this was not successful we would have a balance of £516.17. It was agreed that with the current level of interest rates that the Reserve Account be reduced to £1.00 and our balance kept in the Current Account.

The Royalties from Alyn Books have not yet been received. Ron to remind them.

**Plaques** Ron reported that we had received a new quote from Palm Signs a Holywell Business. They would provide plaques at £36 + VAT provided we ordered 20. There maybe some extra costs for design and fitting. It was agreed that we seek local funding for 20 of these plaques.

**The Route** Several members had walked either sections or the whole route during the summer. The route was in pretty good condition. The obstruction problems in Shropshire had now been sorted and new furniture had been erected under the Parish Paths Partnership. The only outstanding problem being the condition of the path between Dee Side and Shell Brook Bridge. The County Council was looking into ways to solve this problem. When this has been sorted we would look into providing a wooden signpost at Sodyllt Hall.

In Wrexham at Pentre Clawdd Farm walkers using the Definitive Footpath were being challenged by the Occupier. The route described in the Guide Book uses a Permissive Path which is not properly signposted and waymarked. Wrexham Council were sorting it out. As far as furniture is concerned the two poor stiles at SJ 329 419 and SJ 325 418 (Penylan) were due to be sorted out.

In Flintshire a Footbridge is needed at SJ 280 620 in Padeswood. The stile nearby had been replaced. There is only one poor stile in Flintshire this has been drawn to the attention of the Council. Four trees have fallen across the route within the County. None fully obstructed the route.

**Guide Book** Some errors had been spotted in the Guide Book none were sufficiently important as to cause serious problems. The information would be put on the Website.

**Any Other Business**

The subject of getting the route on to the OS Map was discussed. It was pointed out that the OS had recently tightened up the criteria for including Recreational Routes on the Maps. The reason for this is that several had only produced a Guide Book without any adequate waymarking or maintenance agreements. We had met most of the criteria but there were still some minor problems with the route. These would have to be sorted out before the County Councils were approached for their support to go to the OS.

**Date of Next Meeting** After the AGM on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Bethel Schoolroom

Chairman .....

Date .....