

Notes of a meeting held 26th. January 1986

Present: Messrs. Bond, Brooke, Hyde, Wright.

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Winstan Bond reported that more than three dozen copies of the Development Report has been sold so far.

Tea Rooms - John Brooke reported that in house labour was being used for the re-wiring and that an outside contractor had already started work on the extension, the footings for the room had already been completed. He proposed that the steel supports in the building should be disguised with a fibrous plaster cladding to give the impression of a fluted column, that Flotex carpeting be used on the floor and that the walls and ceiling be colour washed. Geoff Hyde thought that colour wash would not be suitable for a period finish and suggested that the walls should feature picture rails and panelled lower sections, the ceilings to be finished with Anaglypta with embossed decorative roses around the ceiling light fittings. It was considered that there would be insufficient time to do this before the Museum opening at Easter. As a compromise it was decided that the decoration on the ceiling should be finished before Easter if possible, the walls to be finished after Easter. Geoff Hyde was asked to consult with the Librarian to look out suitable pictures for hanging in the Tea Rooms, the existing 'before and after' pictures to be displayed in the Assembly Rooms. For information John Brooke reported that the public area in the refurbished building would be app. 30' x 30' and would accommodated some 80 people.

East side path - John Brooke reported that work on this would start after a kerb had been laid between the foot of the picnic steps and the south side of the bridge, this being necessary so that setting could be completed in that area. John Brooke produced a rough plan showing the extent of the excavations necessary for the re-aligned east side path and the proposed new kerb line. In view of the cost it was proposed that only one 'Dorothea' shelter be purchased for the east side path. Excavation to start after Extrav.

Hoarding - Winstan Bond was asked to see Jim Soper to provide drawings for this hoarding by Easter. This to be constructed in the workshop during the summer for erection after the Extravaganza. Malcolm Wright to discuss with Richard Hartwell concerning removal of the point outside the Forge Bookshop. John Brooke to investigate facing the north end of the workshop wall with a stucco finish to be completed during winter 1986/87.

Sherwood Forester's letter - It was suggested that the proposed letter to Tarmac be toned down somewhat and John Brooke was asked to communicate with the Sherwood Foresters with a view to arranging a meeting with them. This to be put to the Board.

Amenity areas - Costs of ~~extending~~ providing an amenity area between the Tea Rooms and the members' hut to be included in the summer budget. It was proposed to demolish the two garages on the top road and to remove the caravan. John Brooke was asked to liaise with Kyle Hulme to investigate a replacement for the garages.

Fence between Depot VI and Lecture Room to be replaced with a more suitable vertical lath fence.

Adventure playground - It was proposed that this be located alongside the bank on the west side of the picnic area path. Costs to be included in the summer budget. Malcolm Wright to ask Kyle Hulme to be project leader for this.

WGSB Other items - Geoff Hyde reported the possibility of acquiring, without charge, a cast iron Blackpool bus shelter. He was asked to consult with Tony Stevenson as to whether Blackpool members would be prepared to dismantle this.

WGSB Winstan Bond suggested that an appeal be made to see whether a small team could be recruited to be responsible for cleaning and dusting indoor exhibits. Appeals to go in Contact and Journal.

JBB It was proposed that the cast iron urinal be sited immediately west of the depot gates. John Brooke asked to the drainage problem. Malcolm Wright reported on submissions received on the subject of vehicle access along the street.

Next meeting - Sunday 16th.March.

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27th.January 1986

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