



**Management Committee Meeting
Minutes 27th May 2009
Kings Arms in Shepton Mallet**

PRESENT

Zena Pollard, Rob Gilderthorp, Janet Kinison, Mike Perry, Lorraine Pratten, Dave Brown

APOLOGIES

Margaret Robinson, Chris Inchley, Sonia Pike, Paul Hooper, Ian Jarman

MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

DIGITAL ARTS FESTIVAL

No further news, but the website will be launched shortly.

FACELIFT

Applications continue to be rather slow. The Boots application has been turned down and the owners asked to resubmit. Parkway Antiques will be extending their application to include lighting.

HISTORIC PLAQUES

We are waiting on the revised words and photos. AS is arranging.

LINKS TASK GROUP

Milestone restoration continues. RG made the point that we should facilitate small grants for the work, but were not the grant making body.

RG reported that the discussions with MDC about access through the car park have been resolved. Landowner discussions continue between Dulcote and Shepton

FUNDING

Following the discussion with Guy Braga at the last meeting, it was noted that revenue funding is very scarce and that nearly all funding is now tied to particular projects.

ONE SHOW

This seems to have caused a lot of dissent among traders, and there is the very strong feeling that it will not help the town. However, the meeting expressed the opinion that any publicity is good publicity and can be used, but that must come from the traders themselves.



THE MALLET

MP reported that the sculptor, Peter Osborne has had problems in liaising with Whitstone school and with Chats. Ideally, he would like to use the piece as a focus for getting young people to record the memories of the older generation, but for various reasons this has fallen through

The 'mallet' as a form is a real red herring. The drafts look much more like a tree, and are really very beautiful.

TOWN CENTRE

The policy of encouraging events in the Academy and on a Saturday in the market place was confirmed, and MP mentioned that there were preliminary discussions with the market managers about extensions to the market, with a meeting shortly with LP, MP, Kayti Graham, the ARO now responsible for Shepton, and Stuart Beeton the market manager from Wells.

Various ideas for events in the market place were discussed, including an exhibition/rally for vintage cars, an exhibition of stationary steam engines and a bike rally. The meeting decided on a bike rally for August 8th and MP, DB, RG were to arrange. JK to organise some food.

MP to investigate other possibilities including a go cart race.

SUMMER FOOD CRAWL

The date of 16th July has been confirmed and LP and MP are coordinating this.

AGM

Either the end of July or August. RG is available 17th July to 10th August and 17th August to 31st.

NEXT MEETING

June 24th, Kings Arms