

LLIMEYS Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 May 2025

Time: 10:05hrs

Venue: Stables Education Block, Llanymynech Limeworks



Members Present:

Bob Cotter (**BC**)
Martyn Young (**MY**)
Kevin Young (**KY**)
Heather Dawson (**HD**)
Nick Thursfield (**NT**)

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting

HD nominated as Chair for the meeting by those attending.

It was also agreed by those attending that a vote would take place at the next meeting to elect a chairperson.

2. Apologies:

David Hurst

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The previous meeting minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Actions from the minutes of 01 March 2025:

- **HD** to provide a costing for the spring watch equipment – **Complete**
- **BC** to provide **HD** with brand images for the Facebook site – **Complete**

4. Treasurers Report

The statement of accounts for year 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 was distributed by email to all volunteers. The balance for our current account is £162.81 and for the Business Reserve account is £5,047.89. Total funds are £5,210.7

The accounts were accepted as a true record by those present.

The treasurer stated that our balances as at 24 May 2025 are: Current Account £188.80 and Business Reserve Account £5552.95, total funds being: £5741.75.

It was agreed by all present that as the village hall can no longer support us by taking bookings and managing the keys, that we would no longer include them in the split of the rental proceeds.

Income for rental for the previous year being £410.00. The split for the years' rental would therefore be between Shropshire Council and the LLIMEYS at £205.00 each.

Action: Treasurer to pay rental share of £205.00 to Shropshire Council.

5. Heritage Area Report

MY reported that the outstanding work of the Fire Extinguishers and Water Heater are now complete.

Mike Simms has had the car park main notice board leg repaired and we await a new picnic table from him.

Regular maintenance of the area was being carried out, including the following:

- Felled Ash tree in the lower field work now complete.
- Strimming, mowing the fields and blowing the pathways.
- Clearing the track bed near the lower field.
- Brash from the track bed cleared and burnt.
- Stone wall repairs.
- Spring clean and tidy of the stables block.
- Fence repair by Hoffmann chimney (Mike Simms).
- Awaiting new timbers for the bench outside the stables block.

6. Open Days 2025

HD stated that the two open days went well with a sparse attendance on the Friday (Adults only) and a much better attendance on the Saturday.

MY asked if we are able to sell tea/coffee/cakes without some form of licence in place.

Action: **HD** to investigate and report back to the committee.

MY asked what the breakdown of funds was for the open day.

Action: Treasurer to provide a breakdown with these meeting minutes.

7. AOB

MY spoke with Mike Simms and he will provide us with cleaning products, which will probably be in bulk and take a few weeks to arrive.

Mike is also liaising with his boss, Ed Andrews, to find a way for us to assist Birmingham University to gain permissions to carry out their practical work when they hold their two-day courses here.

HD & MY had previously spoken about them whitewashing the stables block walls and carrying out pointing on the walls around the area.

MY stated that Shropshire Council web site still showed the contact details for the village hall and should be changed.

Action: **BC** to contact Council and arrange for the correct contact details to be displayed.

MY informed everyone that Mike Simms would be arranging delivery of a picnic table and would need some help to unload it. He also makes benches from sleepers which we may be able to leverage off. He also informed everyone that Meifod Wood Products were used by Shropshire Council for their picnic tables and benches and were good quality and cheaper than elsewhere.

HD is organising a walk with the local lunch club to get an idea from them as to where they would like to see benches sited around the area. With this information and some costings **HD** will then approach the Parish Council to talk about funding.

Action: HD to organise funding (if possible) for new benches/picnic tables.

BC raised the subject of the LLIMEYS and charitable status. The consensus was that we should keep it on hold for the moment.

HD will be sending out a newsletter to those who previously indicated an interest, detailing upcoming events and has also sent out thankyou's to all those who supported our open days in April.

HD requested funding for squirrel proof seed feeders and will provide costs for the next meeting.

Action: HD to provide costs for squirrel proof seed feeders.

HD said that we still need to replace the car park notice board.

Action: MY to provide costs for replacing the car park notice board.

HD said that a request for a guided tour by **MY** had been received.

Action: HD & MY to liaise regarding suitable dates/times for guided tour.

HD requested funding to buy new wooden plaques to top up the kits. £16.00 was agreed.

KY requested funding for new batteries for the strimmer and chain saw.

Action KY to obtain costs for two new batteries.

8. Date of Next Meeting: AGM to be held on 28 June 2025

The meeting closed at 11:10hrs

Actions Arising from this meeting:

1. Treasurer to pay rental share of £205.00 to Shropshire Council.
2. **HD** to investigate if we need a licence to sell tea/coffee/cakes and report back to the committee.
3. Treasurer to provide a breakdown of open day costs with these meeting minutes. - **Complete**
4. **BC** to contact Council and arrange for the correct contact details to be displayed.
5. **HD** to organise funding (if possible) for new benches/picnic tables.
6. **HD** to provide costs for squirrel proof seed feeders.
7. **MY** provide costs for replacing the car park notice board.
8. **HD & MY** to liaise regarding suitable dates/times for guided tour.
9. **KY** to obtain costs for two new batteries.

Action 3 – Breakdown of monies from Spring Watch Open Days

Income:

Cake Stall Takings:	£117.20
Donations:	£ 69.05
Severn Community Charitable Trust	<u>£300.00</u>
Total:	<u>£486.25</u>

Outgoings:

Purchases for open day	<u>£239.56</u>
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Excess income over expenditure **£246.69**