

## Worcester Canal Group: Minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7pm Corner Café, Like U Community Centre

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**Present:** Cllr Matt Jenkins; Graham Fowler; Cllr Joy Squires (Chair); George Squires (Treasurer); Mark Brandon; Mark Hurst; Christine Hurst; Clare Harker

**Apologies:** David Ritchie; Jackie Hollis; Cllr Jenny Barnes; Helen Fairest; Gerry Lowman; Stuart Minchin (City Council); Gemma Hessey (CRT); Margaret Rowley

1. Joy welcomed everyone to the Group's first in person meeting since Lockdown in March 2020 and congratulated everyone for sticking with Zoom meetings and carrying on with Canal Group activities throughout the previous 18 months.
2. **Minutes** of last meeting and matters arising not on agenda: Minutes approved. No further update on Matt's bench. Matt to liaise with Gemma Hessey (CRT)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Annual Accounts presented by George and approved (item left over from AGM). **Current position** - £504.07 total in the bank account, of which £226.92 is ring fenced for trees. Nothing in petty cash.
4. **New project: Charting the History and Heritage of the Worcester Canal.** Following on from the excellent presentation and discussion at our AGM with Sheena Payne-Lunn, we discussed further and agreed that we would wish to pursue this as a new project. We agreed first steps as:
  - Sheena's presentation to be put on the WCG website together with link to [www.kypworchester.co.uk](http://www.kypworchester.co.uk);
  - Graham to contact Young Archaeologists Group via Sheena. Joy to provide Graham with Sheena's email address.
5. **Updates:**
  - a. **Fruit trees project** – Graham, Clare and Jenny to source suitable fruit trees for autumn planting. George to advise on finance in relation to this.
  - b. **Litter picks** – ongoing and well supported.
  - c. **Workboat** – Mark Hurst and Mark Brandon keen to train as helms. Matt Jenkins to liaise with CRT on this
  - d. **Noticeboards** – Dave Ritchie had emailed to say that he was not having much luck with the noticeboards! Not sure what CRT was doing about them. Joy to pursue with Gemma Hessey.
  - e. **Wilder Worcester project** – Joy and Graham to liaise with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
6. **Any Other Business:**
  - Clare updated group on the Cathedral Eco Task Group, of which she is a member. Clare is keen to link the Cathedral Group to WCG, the Canal Corridor Group and Bramblewood.
  - Matt had been interviewed by James Macdonald of All About magazine about the Canal Group
7. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Corner café, LikeU Community Centre.