

**Saltaire World Heritage Site Steering Group – Meeting 19**  
**Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 7pm Online**  
**Minutes & Action Notes**

- 1. Present:** Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw (CllrRS) Chair, Bradford Council; Cllr Martin Love (CllrML); Cllr Vick Jenkins (CllrVJ), Paula Truman (PTr), Ward Officer; Cllr Mike Connors (CllrMC), Chair Shipley Town Council; Ulrike Knox (UK), Chair Saltaire Village Society; Sheena Campbell (SC), Bradford Council; Nav Chohan (NC) Shipley College; Craig Broadwith (CB), Historic England; Antony Lowe, Historic England; Maggie Smith (MS) Saltaire Stories; Rob Martin (RM), Salt Foundation, Jo Lintonbon (JL) ICOMOS.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Action</b>
2. Welcome, introductions and apologies	<p>Apologies: Mike Collins, Historic England (International Advisor); Caroline Andrews (CA), United Reformed Church; Patricia Tillotson, Bradford Council Visitor Economy Manager (PT); Cllr Kevin Warnes (Cllr KW); Paul Hogg (PH), BDCFT; Saira Ali (SA), Team Leader Landscape, Design &amp; Conservation; Cllr Joseph Kean (CllrJK) Baildon Town Council, Ruth Garratt (RG) Canal &amp; River Trust; Carl Howarth (CH), Salts Mill; Natalia Jedlinski (NJ) Salt Pots/Traders; Andrew Mason (AM), Newmason Properties.</p> <p>Antony Lowe was introduced as the new Historic Places Adviser at Historic England, just observed this meeting for general information.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Connors was welcomed for the first time as Chair of the newly formed Shipley Town Council, but in future Shipley Town Council will be represented by Cllr Darren Parkinson, shared with Cllr James Roberts (depending on availability).</p>	

<p>3. Minutes of last meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.</p> <p>4. Management Plan priorities</p> <p>5. Enhancement a) Travel Plan</p>	<p>These were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising that weren't on the Agenda.</p> <p>SC summarised the written comments received from Steering Group members on the Draft Travel Plan including Cllr ML who wants more ambitious targets. As the last meeting was short, at the start of lockdown/online and with a small number of attendees, further comments were invited. SC asked if the Steering Group are willing to adopt the Travel Plan? UK stated that overall the document is good and relevant but need to plan ahead to deal with future issues eg will parking on pavements be made illegal? Electric vehicle charging needed more in future/how? Cllr RS responded that the Travel Plan will need to be updated to deal with such issues in future. MS proposed to Approve the Travel Plan but to consider updates in future, probably annually, and create a summary. Use the document to promote a behaviour change where possible. CB stated that Saltaire pre-dated the car. The Travel Plan is a vehicle to deal with issues, need to respect World Heritage status. CllrML – thinks the pavement parking has no easy solutions. He agreed to adopt the Travel Plan and then review. RM agreed. Cllr MC – commented that cycling is currently difficult in Saltaire.</p> <p>Conclusion – the Draft Travel Plan will be posted onto the Council's Saltaire World Heritage Site website, but can be reviewed and added to in future particularly the Action Plan, costs and priorities. Next step to establish a Travel Plan Steering Group. West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Kaysie Mclean) and Bradford District Care Foundation Trust (Emma Clarke) have agreed to attend/support a Group aimed at employers initially.</p>	<p>SC to report to Board to consider Adoption</p> <p>SC/WYCA/BDCFT to convene Travel Plan Steering Group for employers.</p>
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<p>b) Caroline Street/traffic issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways and Ward Councillors have agreed on way forward for Caroline Street options – residual funding from Bingley Road/Saltaire Road traffic light junction works to go towards 2 sets of new speed cushions on east end of Caroline Street outside of Cons Area/WHS, between Rhodes St/Baker St. This is aimed to slow down traffic on this long straight stretch and deter rat running. This needs a road humps order consultation.</li> <li>• Other funding to go towards new speed cushions at Grosvenor Road/Fernhill Road junction outside World Heritage Site, but identified by Councillors as needed for improved safety.</li> <li>• Costs have been identified for new extra 20mph signs on posts, stating World Heritage Site similar to those at the top of Victoria Road and Upper George Street. The new posts and new road paint markings indicating 20mph are intended to be sited just outside the World Heritage Site where vehicles are about to enter the area, to remind drivers it is a 20mph area and World Heritage Site. Funding £2,500 to be sought for these signs.</li> </ul> <p>The Steering Group agreed to these actions. RM recommended that community enforcement should be used at rush hour in particular when possible.</p>	<p>Highways/SC – road humps order consultation needed – to start in 2021.</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>SC/Highways</p>
<p>c) New path north River Aire</p>	<p>SC sought funding for new path north of River Aire to link Saltaire better to Shipley and Baildon and provide more options for residents/employees and visitors to walk more easily. The route was initially intended to join Roberts Park to Baildon Recreation Centre alongside the River Aire all the way. However, the Greenfield Cricket Club in the middle of the route has a cricket pitch with longstanding rights, a lease on the land and the English Cricket Board raised concerns of ball strike risk. Therefore, the path needs to divert to Aire Way, then join from the junction of Coach</p>	<p>SC/All</p>

<p>d) Paving</p> <p>e) Parklets/pavement extensions</p>	<p>Road/Fernbank Drive to Baildon Rec. UK commented that this is a great initiative but a shame to divert for the cricket field. SC highlighted concerns of residents but trying to find ways of retaining all parking spaces and deal with concerns. There are also issues at Coach Road, need to allow cars to exit from event parking eg Dragon Boat Festival, so path needs to accommodate this. Cllr RS stated that the path west of Saltaire is well used and popular, and the cricket ground can't be cut across. UK asked if bins can be obtained, ask Waste Collection. MS stated Saltaire Collection interested in content of 2 interpretation boards. Works due Jan-March 2021.</p> <p>Town Fund Accelerator identified for paving repairs including dropped kerbs to improve walking/accessibility in Saltaire. Following on from works completed in 2019 using Local Transport Funding, further repairs have been identified working out from the centre, from Victoria Road. This time the following streets will be tackled; Lockwood Street, parts of Caroline Street, Titus Street, George Street and Upper George Street. These have been identified as being in poor condition, having high footfall, between the College sites and up to the commercial area of Gordon Terrace/Bingley Road. Ward Councillors and Town Councillors have been consulted on these locations. Reclaimed natural stone from existing pavements will be re-used where possible, but where it is too damaged, new stone from Marshalls Yorkshire/Lancashire (Greenmoor rustic) will be used, similar to Victoria Road. RM raised concerns about pavement parking. SC stated there are also advantages to the new stone that can be cut to a standard thickness, and when laid on a more robust concrete foundation, will withstand over parking better. Work is intended to be done Jan-March 2021. Steering Group were in general agreement.</p> <p>Town Fund Accelerator identified (with other match funding) for some</p>	<p>SC – to check with Waste Collection</p> <p>SC- to liaise Saltaire Collection</p> <p>Highways/SC</p>
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	<p>temporary planters with decking, bollards and wheel stops. The idea came from San Francisco, and has been trialled at North Parade, Bradford. These pavement extensions are to assist café/restaurant businesses during Covid to provide more outdoor seating, and allow pedestrians to walk past safely with more space by occupying some parking spaces on the road adjacent. Ward Councillors and Town Councillors have been consulted on possible locations, and favour some sites on Westgate and Bradford Road, Shipley, then possibly Bingley Road, Saltaire. Advice is being offered by Highways and Landscape Architects on which sites are feasible. CB is in favour of these higher quality interventions rather than orange barriers. Cllr RS wants to support these businesses. CllrVJ asked about the lifespan – could last 5-10 years, but will be dismantled when deteriorate. Cllr RS if popular, could retain in future. Works due Jan-March 2021. General discussion about potential to use Caroline St car park for outdoor seating, some in favour, some against.</p>	
f) Road schemes	<p>RM requested this item be raised on the agenda to ensure people are aware of proposals that will affect Saltaire and Shipley. Brief summary – Canal Road proposed to increase lanes to improve journey times (already has a recent cycle route), Manningham Lane to become a more local route, with a new cycle route to Shipley. Further consultation due, see link below.</p> <p><a href="#">Bradford Shipley Route Improvement Scheme</a>  Visit: <a href="http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/bradfordshipley">www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/bradfordshipley</a></p> <p>Cllr RS – project aims to deal with congestion and growth. NC wants to see cycle route information promoted with a better cycle map.</p>	Landscape Arch/Highways/SC
g) Shipley Town Council	<p>Cllr MC – summarised proposals by Shipley Town Council to set up Working Group to aim to reopen Caroline Street Toilets, and work on</p>	Highways  Shipley Town Council

<p><b>6. Promotion</b></p> <p>a) Cultural groups ideas for 2021</p> <p>b) City of Culture 2025 Bid</p> <p>c) Saltaire Stories update</p> <p><b>7. Protection</b></p> <p>a) Recent and future planning applications</p>	<p>interim solution for Shipley toilets. Shipley Town Council would welcome ideas, assistance and funding for this.</p> <p>Saltaire was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 2001, so 2021 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> year (same for New Lanark and Derwent Valley World Heritage Sites, possibility to link with a conference depending on covid restrictions). MS outlined some ideas for a possible pop up heritage centre March-May, and other ideas of buying a house to interpret have been considered (but needs funding bid). Dining Hall tours to be planned. RM keen to see local promotion, walks Bradford Cathedral along beck/canal to Saltaire, links with City of Film, Shipley College etc. Cultural Group met Nov, plan to meet again Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm online, others welcome.</p> <p>How does Saltaire want to link? MS commented Bradford is developing a Culture Plan for the next 10 years, needs to include 'heritage'. CB highlighted that Historic England are working on 'Mills are Alive' about West Yorkshire heritage textile mills.</p> <p>MS outlined that Saltaire Stories is working towards becoming accredited as a Museum.</p> <p>5G Pole – appeal submitted. Cllr MC stated that Shipley Town Council do not support. SC submitted objection comments to Inspectorate.</p> <p>HMRC site due to be vacated soon, new uses or redevelopment being considered. An organisation called Social will be conducting consultation with stakeholders from 2021 including Steering Group and others. Developer is very conscious of proximity to World Heritage Site and need</p>	
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8. Any Other Business	<p>for very high quality. UK highlighted the opportunity to link the site, Saltaire and the station for pedestrians, shortest route to station, also could consider potential for extra car parking for visitors to Saltaire in day time. NC – it would be useful to include this site development potential in the Town Fund bid, to make it stronger. Cllr MC thought a skills hub/centre would be a good alternative to residential. Ideally want some employment use to be considered, could include hotel/serviced apartments near Saltaire to encourage tourism, but residential an option.</p> <p>Housing allocations being considered in near future across Bradford for Local Plan. Heritage Impact Assessments being undertaken by Conservation Team.</p> <p>United Reformed Church – ceiling repairs planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas tree at Victoria Hall this year, Saltaire Village Society (SVS) considering a future scheme for LED lights to remain on a tree permanently but lit for events.</li><li>• Saltaire Inspired Living Advent Calendar – taking place Dec 2020.</li><li>• Songs of Praise – featured Saltaire 27<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>• Countryfile – filming in Saltaire – to be aired 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.</li></ul>	
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