

Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
Held on Tuesday 30 July 2019 in Herne Hill United Church, 7.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Colin Wight CW (Chair); Martyn Hall MH; Laurence Marsh LM; Jackie Plumridge JP; Val Suebsaeng VS (minutes)

Apologies: Pat Roberts PR; Henry Ferguson HF

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved

3. Matters arising and action points from the last meeting

Membership survey follow-up: not yet completed. Action: PR/CW

Membership recruitment flyer: A decision was taken not to pursue a Membership Recruitment Campaign at this point. PR was thanked for drafting the flyer.

The funding received from the Mighty Hoopla will be passed to Lambeth Council. We are awaiting confirmation of the arrangements for installation of signage and listening posts for History Hear in Brockwell Park.

4. The Society's half year financial position

The Treasurer (MH) had circulated a detailed statement for January - June with his comments. The financial position is satisfactory. MH was thanked for providing such useful information for our meeting.

5. Publications

Debtors: Herne Hill Books have still not paid outstanding invoices. A decision was taken not to supply further publications until payment has been received.

Stocks: We have overstocks of Herne Hill Personalities, Grace's Story and the Lambeth Architecture Series. We haven't reordered any other books or maps this year.

A decision was taken to offer a Christmas promotion selling selected books and maps at reduced prices.

Action: CW/PR for next Committee agenda

Future publications: LM is undertaking research on John Ruskin with particular reference to his life in Herne Hill, and also on the grand houses on Herne Hill. There is no target date as yet but it is hoped to publish in 2019.

Action: PR for next Committee agenda

Possible co-publishing of James Dearden's out of print book "John Ruskin's Camberwell" with the Guild of St George. Nothing more has been heard regarding this.

6. Small Grants Scheme

We agreed to update the Small Grants Scheme by raising the standard grant we can will give to £500 in each instance. We will also publicise the scheme.

Action: CW to update the website.

7. Recent events

Bristowe Memorial Lecture by Jon Newman held on 12 June was a success, with a turnout of over 50.

Action: MH to chase the BPCP for their contribution towards the costs.

Ruskin Park Summer Fete on 22 June. This was also deemed a success.

CW attended the Herne Hill Forum AGM on 15 July. He did not stand for re-election to the Committee this year. It was agreed that we will not attend unless there is a matter which we wish to discuss.

8. Forthcoming events

Lambeth Local History Fair on Saturday 7 September at Brixton Tate Library.

Action: MH to draw up a rota for our stall

Our next public meeting on North Dulwich Triangle will be on Wednesday 11 September. (Ian Mcinnes speaking)

Ruskin & Friends, Songs and Readings - as part of the Herne Hill Music Festival, co-sponsored by HHS, on Wednesday 9 October at Herne Hill United Church at 7.30pm

First World War Memorial to be unveiled at the Herne Hill Station Ticket Hall on morning of 10 November. This has now been fully funded by Southeastern and the memorial itself is underway.

EGM on the future of the Society to be held on Wednesday 13 November.

Action: MH to arrange for this to be held at the Baptist Church.

PR for next Committee agenda

9. Issues for possible winding up of the Society - contingency planning

PR had produced an initial draft list of issues. There was insufficient time to discuss this in detail.

Action: All for next Committee agenda

10. Next Committee meeting

To be held on Tuesday 3 September at the Herne Hill United Church 7.30pm.