

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 31 August 2021 by Zoom**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Tee (RT)	Chair	Annie Bright (AB)	
Laurence Marsh (LM)	Vice Chair	Martyn Hall (MH)	Treasurer
Carol Boucher (CB)	Secretary	Ros Glover (RG)	Membership Secretary

Apologies were received from Henry Ferguson, Nigel Thorpe and Lin Proctor, and noted from Jackie Plumridge.

2. Minutes of July meeting and Matters arising

The minutes were accepted, subject to two amendments being made, as an accurate record and all matters arising were discussed under later agenda items with the exception of:

LM will progress with Edmund Bird how best to engage Southwark Archives with our publications work and to encourage their involvement with future publications in the long term.

Action: LM

RT will circulate the reply from CW regarding the definition of an opening of our e-Newsletters.

Action: RT

MH will explain the online bank access process to the remaining Officers who do not currently have access.

Action: MH

RT will arrange a separate Zoom meeting in September to present the Recruitment Strategy slides to both new Committee members and other interested volunteers.

Action: RT

RT confirmed that the bookmarks will be delivered this week in time for the Friends of Ruskin Park Fete on 4 September.

LM will progress the design of the poster.

Action: LM

3. Finance and Performance Statistics

The Performance Statistics up to August were noted, and in future Recruitment and Membership will be discussed under this part of the agenda.

Action: CB

MH commented on the Income and Expenditure Account and confirmed that the Society's finances were in good order. In addition to the charitable donation of £1,000 towards the production costs of the Ruskin book we have also received an anonymous donation of £500 which is very welcome and gratefully received. CW and RG were thanked for the production of the monthly statistics.

4. Magazine and Publishing

LM reported that Edition 151 of the magazine has now been published and distributed.

The new book, *Sunset over Herne Hill: John Ruskin and South London* by Jon Newman and Laurence Marsh, is now ready to go to print. LM outlined the production cost and the proposed sale price and confirmed that the initial print run would be 500 copies and it was agreed to go ahead with the printing. **Action: LM**

RT will let Herne Hill Books know about this upcoming publication. **Action: RT**

The marketing of the book was discussed with a number of ideas put forward for its promotion. This will be progressed over the Autumn and a report prepared for the next Committee meeting. **Action: LM/All**

5. Recruitment and Membership

RG reported that membership stands at 340 (including 72 Life Members) which includes two joining since the July report. It was agreed to ask new members how they heard about the Society. Efforts continue to ask the nine members who are paying the old subscription rate by Standing Order to update their instructions to their bank.

RT suggested that an informal introduction to the Society for new members be arranged by Zoom over the Autumn and this was agreed. **Action: RT**

6. Small Grant Application

An application for a Small Grant has been received from an individual for a contribution to an educational project about the Walled Garden in Brockwell Park. MH raised a number of questions regarding this application and it was agreed that a meeting be held with the applicant by Zoom to get answers before a recommendation is put to the Committee. **Action: MH/RT**

7. Friends of Ruskin Park

The arrangements for our stall at the FoRP Fete on Saturday 4 September were discussed and finalised. The rota for manning the stall will be confirmed shortly to those taking part. **Action: CB**

The possibility of the Society making a donation to the FoRP fundraising appeal for the refurbishment of the paddling pool in Ruskin Park was discussed and it was agreed that we should make the FoRP aware of our Small Grants Scheme to which they may wish to apply for a contribution. **Action: CB**

8. Planning and Licensing

LM reported on four issues that the Society will be commenting on:

- The signage proposed by a new tenant in Station Square, particularly in relation to its illumination.

- The painting of a wall in vibrant colours on the old Granary – a Victorian listed building – now known as Coldharbour Works.
- The proposed development in a back garden on Herne Hill backing on to Rollscourt Avenue for which no Planning Application can be found.
- Variations to the Alcohol Licence for the Cambria pub.

9. 40th Anniversary Ideas

As well as the six ideas put forward for events to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Society in 2022 RT suggested that we consider planting a tree in Brockwell Park to mark this as we have done in the past for our 15th and 25th anniversaries and she will research possibilities. **Action: RT**

LM confirmed that a call out to members for photos spanning the last 40 years was in the latest magazine and we will include this in an e-Newsletter too. There is a member who has a large collection of local photos who LM will approach, as well as contacting the Archive Departments of the two Councils. **Action: LM/RT**

RT will present more information on the 'Good Practice Awards' at the October meeting. **Action: RT**

A schedule will be drawn up to chart the stages of the anniversary year and identify what preparations need to be in place at the October meeting. **Action: All**

10. Herne Hill Forum Project

NT reported via CB that he has been in contact with the original designer of the Heritage Trail map artwork and awaits her return from holiday to let us have the original artwork so that we can progress this with our designer. **Action: NT**

11. AOB

RG has now made a booking for both the current and recently retired Committee members to meet socially at the end of September. Menu selections and payment arrangements were discussed. **Action: RG/MH**

Approval was given to MH to renew the annual payment for the PO Box Licence and also the next year's rental of the storage unit. **Action: MH**

CB reported that she cannot be at the next quarterly meeting of the Herne Hill Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel but will circulate the minutes when they are available. **Action: CB**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday October 2021 at 6pm by Zoom.