

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 5 October 2021 by Zoom**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Tee (RT)	Chair	Nigel Thorpe (NT)
Laurence Marsh (LM)	Vice-Chair	Lin Proctor (LP) - Part
Martyn Hall (MH)	Treasurer	Annie Bright (AB) - Part
Carol Boucher (CB)	Secretary	
Ros Glover (RG)	Membership Secretary	

Apologies were received from Henry Ferguson (HF) and noted from Jackie Plumridge (JP).

2. Minutes of August (for September) meeting and Matters arising

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and all matters arising were discussed under later agenda items with the exception of:

When time permits LM will progress with Edmund Bird how best to engage Southwark Archives with our publications work and to encourage their involvement with future publications.

Action: LM

MH will send the instructions for online bank access to the Officers to enable them to process transactions. The Membership Secretary has read-only access.

Action: MH

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

Action: RT

RT confirmed that the Brockwell Park bookmarks were available now, and another bookmark has been printed which features the cover of the new Ruskin book which will be given to purchasers.

The poster design has been approved and will be printed once quantities of both sizes have been agreed.

Action: CB

3. Finance and Performance Statistics

The Performance Statistics for September were noted including the revenue and new members generated from the stall at the Friends of Ruskin Park Fête.

MH commented on the Income and Expenditure Account, including the receipts from the Fête (£202.71) and the fact that there will be significant expenditure on the printing of the new book soon.

RT noted that she had been in touch with a Tour Guide lecturer at Morley College to thank her for promoting the Lambeth Architecture books that we sell as part of her curriculum.

An informal introduction to the Society for new members will be arranged by Zoom soon and will take the form of a 'drop -n' over a couple of hours as there have been 78 new members since the start of our recruitment campaign last year. **Action: RT**

4. Review and Update on:

Ruskin Park Fête Stall

As our first public event for some time this proved to be successful both in terms of sales and meeting with local people, including some members. Because of the interest shown in our stock of local maps it was agreed that we do a stock check and establish what it would cost to replenish the Herne Hill and Brixton maps along with sourcing maps for Loughborough Junction and the part of Camberwell adjacent to Ruskin Park. It was suggested that these three or four maps could be sold through our website. The remaining out of area maps would be offered to Brian Green in Dulwich who had expressed an interest in the past in taking these, the price to be determined. **Action: RT**

'Crime and Punishment in Herne Hill, 1750-1900' Online Talk

This talk was presented by LM and RT as part of Lambeth Heritage Month and 89 people attended. This is a great success and our thanks go to Laurence for his research and presentation.

Small Grant Applications

Having met by Zoom with the applicant for a small grant to produce an educational booklet on the Walled Garden in Brockwell Park, RT and MH recommended to the Committee that this application be rejected and this decision has been agreed by the Committee and the applicant informed.

The Friends of Ruskin Park submitted an application for £500 towards their fundraising target of £15,000 (out of a total of £75,000) for the refurbishment and upgrading of the Paddling Pool in the park. It was agreed that this application met the objectives of our grant scheme and was, therefore, approved. The applicant will be informed.

Action: NT

Herne Hill Forum Tunnel Grilles Project

NT reported that, unfortunately, the designer of the original Heritage Trail maps cannot find the artwork which is needed to produce the one metre square maps to be featured in the grilles in the station tunnel. It was agreed to find out what it would cost to produce new artwork for two maps – Railton Road and Brockwell Park – from scratch and report back with a view to possibly increasing the budget for this project. **Action: NT**

5. 40th Anniversary Update

RT confirmed the cost for an anniversary tree in Brockwell Park as we have done before for our 15th and 25th anniversaries and this will be considered as part of the planning. Plans for the Good Practice Awards are being drawn up by RT. A working group will be convened to research photos and images that may be used for the 2022 celebrations. **Action: LM/NT/**

CB

6. Publishing

LM reported that 500 copies of the new book, 'Sunset over Herne Hill: John Ruskin and South London' by Jon Newman and Laurence Marsh, have now been printed. A marketing working group has met to produce a plan to promote the publication and its recommendations will be issued to the Committee shortly. **Action: LM/RT**

7. Planning and Licensing

LM reported on three issues:

- Dorchester Court Planning Application - the Planning Group has written to Lambeth again pointing out the deficiencies/lack of adequate drawings and reports in this application and awaits a response.
- Cressingham Gardens – Revised Planning Application – this will be assessed by the Group and a submission to Lambeth made in due course.
- An application for a roof terrace on a house in Kemerton Road has been turned down by Lambeth for the reasons highlighted in our submission to the Council.

8. Environmental Issues

As the environment is highlighted in the branding of our leaflet and our newsletters there was a discussion about how best to progress this within our work. Both supporting our two parks and initiatives for tree planting in our streets are ongoing. The deterioration of our infrastructure such as railway bridges and public buildings are of concern and it was agreed that 'keeping our eyes and ears open' locally to report on and possibly take action on environmental issues is needed.

9. AOB

The Friends of Carnegie Library have asked whether we would be interested in having a stall at their Christmas Fair on 4 December. After some discussion, it was agreed that we do not have the capacity to do this currently and we will advise them. **Action: RG**

JP has enquired via CB whether the Society will be booking the meeting facilities at the Herne Hill United Church during 2022. Given that there will be a number of opportunities to meet with our members next year through the anniversary celebrations and online talks we cannot commit to using this space at this time. There is a view, however, that we should consider holding a members'/public meeting every few months at venues to be determined.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 6pm by Zoom.