

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 by Zoom**

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies were noted from Jackie Plumridge (JP).

2. Minutes of October 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:

MH apologised for the delay, but will send the instructions for online bank access to the Officers to enable them to process transactions shortly. **Action: MH**

RT will arrange a Zoom meeting in the early part of 2022 to present the Recruitment Strategy slides to both new Committee members and other interested volunteers. **Action: RT**

The poster design has been approved and will be printed once quantities of both sizes have been established together with print costs to be approved. **Action: CB**

An informal introduction to the Society for new members will be arranged by Zoom in December and will take the form of a 'drop in' over a couple of hours. **Action: RT/RG**

Following sales from our stall at the Ruskin Park Fête a stock check of the local maps is needed and this will be done soon. **Action: CB**

Payment of the Small Grant of £500 to the Ruskin Park Paddling Pool fundraising effort has still to be paid online using the bank details provided by the Friends. **Action: MH**

3. Update on:

Herne Hill Forum Tunnel Grilles Project

NT confirmed that the designer has been able to re-model the design for the vinyl banners so that all the maps featured in the Herne Hill Heritage Trail can be displayed behind the grilles in the station tunnel together with banners promoting the Society and how to order a copy of the book. The Committee approved expenditure of up to £700 for the production of the banners and the display will, therefore, be put up soon. The display will be up for an

initial period of four to six weeks and will be available for future use in the tunnel and, potentially, other locations. **Action: NT**

40th Anniversary Plans

The Society planted trees for their 15th and 25th anniversaries in Brockwell and Ruskin Parks respectively. It was agreed that we will now plant a tree in Brockwell Park in 2022 to celebrate our 40th anniversary year; particularly pertinent given the current debate around climate change. The Committee approved the expenditure of £300 for this. **Action: RT**

As part of our anniversary celebrations, LP suggested that, using the Small Grants Scheme, we could approach local schools to gauge interest in running a competition to win a sum of money which they would use for tree planting. This idea will be explored further at our January meeting.

The working group has met a couple of times now and has reviewed all the Newsletters and Magazines produced by the Society over the last 40 years to glean ideas and topics for the planned displays in both the Station Tunnel and the Carnegie Library. The designer has confirmed that she will be able to take our photographs and convert them to banner size for these exhibitions. The display will look at Herne Hill over the four decades, linked particularly to events, and a draft plan will be produced for the December meeting.

Action: LM/NT/CB

4. Performance Statistics including Finance, Membership and Sales

MH reported that our sources of income are performing strongly, but that outgoings in the next month will be high as they will include the print cost of the new Ruskin book, the Paddling Pool Small Grant and the cost of the storage unit for the next year.

This storage cost is significant and has been increased considerably for 2022. So, there was a discussion around using alternative storage in Committee members' houses and, to this end, it was agreed to do a full inventory of what is currently being stored in the unit so that a decision on this could be taken. In the meantime, MH will contact the owners of the unit to query the reason behind this substantial increase in cost and also to propose that we pay this charge monthly while we decide how to proceed.

Action: RT/CB/RG/MH

5. Publishing

An e-Newsletter has informed members of the availability of our new book, 'Sunset over Herne Hill: John Ruskin and South London'. The marketing working group has arranged a launch event at the Half Moon Workshop in November. This will include a talk from the authors and will be to a selected invited audience aimed at generating sales and widening publicity. Particular thanks go to Colin Wight and Pat Roberts for their expertise and work on this event and other marketing initiatives to promote the publication. 52 copies of the book have already been sold and thanks also go to Ros Glover for monitoring orders, working with Becky, to ensure efficient dispatch to customers. The group will report on further plans in due course. **Action: RT/LM**

6. Planning and Licensing

LM reported on three issues:

- Cressingham Gardens – Revised Planning Application for Roper’s Walk – this will be assessed by the Group and a submission made to Lambeth shortly.
- Lambeth have not replied to the Planning Group’s correspondence about the deficiencies in the Planning Application for Dorchester Court so this will now be followed up with both the Council and the local Councillors.
- A decision is awaited from Lambeth on the Planning Application for the Rosendale Road Dairy development which the Society supported some time ago.

7. Environmental Issues

RT has been approached by Herne Hill Forum to enquire whether, in principle, we would be interested in a joint purchase of Air Quality Monitoring equipment to be used at the junction under the railway bridge in the centre of Herne Hill. It was agreed that more information was needed from HHF before an ‘in principle’ decision could be reached. **Action: RT**

8. AOB

Given that the Committee, as currently constituted, has had little opportunity to meet in person this year NT suggested that we should have a Christmas Social which he has kindly offered to host at his house. This was welcomed by the Committee and arrangements will now be made to hold this. **Action: NT/CB**

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 7 December, 2021 at 6pm by Zoom.