

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 4 January 2022 by Zoom**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Tee (RT)	Chair	Nigel Thorpe (NT)
Laurence Marsh (LM)	ViceChair	Lin Proctor (LP)
Martyn Hall (MH)	Treasurer	
Carol Boucher (CB)	Secretary	
Ros Glover (RG)	Membership Secretary	

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

2. Minutes of December meeting and Matters arising

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

The outstanding bills have now been paid by cheque.

An informal introduction to the Society for new members has been arranged by Zoom to be held on 28 January and this will take the form of a 'drop-in' over a couple of hours. **Action: RT/RG**

The stock check of the local maps has been completed and will be circulated to the Committee for a decision on whether to continue stocking these maps or not. **Action: CB**

NT reported that the Heritage Trail display banners in Station Tunnel have, unfortunately, been graffitied. He has, though, been successful in removing the graffiti with the help of a product donated by Cllr Thackray and we thank him for doing this work.

3. Performance Statistics including Finance, Membership and Sales

MH confirmed that the end of year figures will be presented shortly after receipt of the final bank statements for 2021. RG has claimed and HHS has received £395.48 Gift Aid income for 2021.

Action: MH

Sales of the 'Sunset over Herne Hill' book continue to go well and it was agreed that a statement of the costs involved in the production and launch of the book should be itemised so that the profitability of this publication can be properly assessed. **Action: MH/LM/RT**

RG confirmed that the reporting of Facebook activity would now be confined to 'likes' rather than also including 'followers' as the 'likes' by definition are 'followers' **Action: RG**

4. AGM Planning

RT presented a paper outlining the points that need to be addressed to set up this year's AGM and

this was discussed. The date for the AGM has been agreed as Thursday 31 March with a time of 6:40pm for attendees to join the meeting for a prompt 7pm start. The meeting will be held on Zoom.

A team to organise the event was agreed and both Colin Wight and Henry Ferguson have subsequently agreed to help with the technical set up ahead of the meeting for which we thank them. It was agreed that we should find and pay, if necessary, for a person to run the technical side of the AGM on the evening itself and a budget figure of up to £500 was set for this. This would also include setting up the registration process on Eventbrite. The first meeting of the team will be held on Tuesday 18 January. **Action: RT/RG/CB/CW/HF**

RT asked the Officers and Membership Secretary to prepare reports on the achievements of the Society over the past year for inclusion in the AGM presentation. **Action: LM/CB/MH/RG**

A Returning Officer will be required to conduct the election of Officers and Sheila Northover has subsequently agreed to do this for which we thank her.

It was agreed to invite Helen Hayes MP, as a VIP member, to say a few words as she did last year. **Action: RT**

5. Publishing

RT presented a paper detailing the current stocks of our publications and it was agreed to get quotes for reprinting a minimum order quantity of the *Herne Hill Heritage Trail* and the *Story of Henry Bessemer*. It was agreed not to reprint *Herne Hill Personalities*. It was noted that updates are required for some of our publications, but this cannot be addressed for at least a year due to the existing work commitments for 2022. **Action: RT**

6. Planning and Licensing

LM reported that he will represent the Society at the Planning Committee meeting in mid-January which will be considering the Dorchester Court Planning application. Assuming that we are given the opportunity to speak he will re-iterate our objections to this proposed development. **Action: LM**

7. AOB

The Society has been invited to take a stall at the Nunhead Cemetery Open Day in May as we have done before. It was agreed that we do not have the capacity to attend this year.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 6pm by Zoom.