

**Minutes of the Herne Hill Society Committee meeting  
held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 by Zoom**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Rebecca Tee (RT)      Chair  
Laurence Marsh (LM) Vice Chair  
Martyn Hall (MH)      Treasurer  
Ros Glover (RG)      Membership Secretary and note-taker  
Nigel Thorpe (NT)

Apologies had been received from Lin Proctor and Carol Boucher and noted from Jackie Plumridge, Annie Gelly and Henry Ferguson.

**2. Minutes of the January 2022 meeting, Action Points and Matters arising**

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting. RG will ask Colin Wight to post them on the website. **Action: RG**

Action points and matters arising from the January 2022 meeting:

Agenda 2: The informal introduction to the Society for new members went ahead by Zoom on the afternoon of 28 January, hosted by RT and RG. No new members joined the meeting so another such get-together, but in the evening, will be arranged and up to 40 of the most recent Society joiners will be invited (rather than those who joined in 2020). **Action: RT and RG**

Agenda 4: Sheila Northover has agreed to be the Returning Officer for the 2022 Elections.

Agenda 5: It was agreed that a further 30 copies of the *Henry Bessemer* book and 80 copies of the *Herne Hill Heritage Trail* would be printed. **Action: RT**

All other action points and matters arising were discussed under the agenda.

**Agenda 3: Performance Statistics including Finance, Membership and Sales**

The finance figures for January income are partial as they exclude Standing Order renewals paid into the CAF account in January. The figures will be updated for February. **Action: MH**

Regarding the Annual Accounts, MH suggested that they gave a very positive picture. He will now arrange for them to be checked, ready for the AGM. **Action: MH**

RT asked MH for pie charts showing the different strands of the Society's income and expenditure to go into the Annual Report, with accompanying text. **Action: MH**

**Agenda 4: Report on AGM planning**

The AGM Planning Group had had its first meeting. RT had contacted Jasia Warren from the Forum to see if she could/would help and is awaiting a reply. Helen Hayes MP has also been approached. to say a few words A further meeting of the Planning Group is to be arranged to

discuss the practical assistance required on the day.

**Action: RT**

RT would approach Kate Roncoroni about putting together the Annual Report. LM, CB and RG were asked to compile some text covering their areas of responsibility and submit them to RT, as soon as possible, please.

**Action: RT, LM, CB and RG**

#### **Agenda 5: Application for a Small Grant** (film of a walk around Ruskin Park)

After much discussion the Committee was asked to pass their comments to RT and LM by Friday 4 February.

**Action: All**

*Subsequent to the Committee meeting it was agreed to support this application and MH has been asked to liaise with the applicant concerning payment of the Grant.*

**Action: MH**

#### **Agenda 6: Publications**

CB's paper listing the map stock with her suggestion that maps 116 (Herne Hill) and 102 (Camberwell and Stockwell) should be restocked, was discussed. She had suggested that the remainder of the stock might be sold to Brian Green at Dulwich Art Stationers, as he had previously expressed an interest in taking them. After some discussion, it was agreed to discuss this further at the March meeting

**Action: CB to note**

#### **Agenda 7: Planning and Licensing**

LM reported that the Dorchester Court Planning Application for a major concern. Lambeth has postponed the hearing because they (Lambeth) had not considered whether the foundations of the building are sufficiently strong to take the weight of an additional storey – everything is on hold at the moment. As and when the hearing goes ahead there is a question about whether the Society will have an opportunity to make its objections. The Planning Committee allows only three representatives to speak: one is likely to be Helen Hayes MP, the other two would probably be the two tenants' associations that represent residents of Dorchester Court. Other friends and neighbours will also want to object so perhaps they could also represent the Society.

#### **Agenda 8: HHS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

NT reported that an exhibition is planned and items for this are with designer Kate Roncoroni. Unfortunately, Kate says that none of the photos are of sufficient quality to be enlarged. NT has approached Pat and Colin for other, better quality, pictures. LM explained that, unfortunately, the images used in the Magazine are necessarily small and not purposed for enlarging. LM showed the Committee a couple of suggestions for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo that Sophia Marsh had designed; the second of the two was generally favoured. Kate has given an initial estimate of £500-600 for the work. NT will take this forward.

#### **Agenda 9: Awards for Excellence**

The Team working on this project has had its first meeting and agreed to proceed with the initiative. Initially the Award would be “a one-off” for the Society’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Future awards would be a matter for discussion at a later time.

#### **Agenda 10: AOB**

Lambeth Country Show: It was agreed that, even recruiting other members of the Society to organise and help out, it was too big a commitment for the Society to take a stall at the 2022 Country Show.

Herne Hill Forum (HHF) – co-hosting a Hustings for the 2022 Local Government elections: It was agreed that we would be happy to publicise the Hustings organised by the HHF (28 April 2022) but would not give any monetary support towards the event. RT would communicate this decision to George Hornby (GH), the Chair of the HHF. **Action: RT**

Herne Hill Forum (HHF) – a Society Representative to join HHF Committee: In response to a request that we should be represented on the HHF Committee, it was agreed that the HHS does not, at the moment, have the resource to do this. RT will convey this decision. **Action: RT**

The Boundary Commission: on 24 February there is to be a public meeting to discuss the Boundary Commission proposal. GH has a 10-minute slot to speak and would like to be able to represent the Society in his speech. RT has seen the bullet points of his speech and suggested that the Society shares the views of HHF in this matter. RT to convey our support to GH. **Action: RT**

For information, Helen Hayes is also in agreement with HHF. Dulwich Society is to be approached for an endorsement.

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