

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies were noted from Jackie Plumridge, Annie Gelly and Henry Ferguson.

2. Minutes of the February 2022 meeting and Matters arising

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

A further informal introduction by Zoom for new members will be held during an evening in April. An invitation will be sent to up to 40 of the most recent members. **Action: RT/RG**

30 copies of the *Henry Bessemer* and 80 copies of the *Herne Hill Heritage Trail* books have been reprinted and are in stock.

The Small Grant application by Ruskin Park Walk organisers was approved by the Committee and payment now needs to be made. **Action: MH**

RT has contacted the Herne Hill Forum to communicate our decisions on the three points discussed and minuted from the February meeting. It was suggested that an article on the Boundary Commission's proposal to abolish the Dulwich and West Norwood constituency be included in the next magazine issue. **Action: LM**

All other matters arising were discussed under later agenda items.

Agenda 3: Performance Statistics including Finance, Membership and Sales

It was noted that membership remains at a high level. Annual renewals are now due. A reminder email will be sent which will include new text highlighting the successes of the Society over the last year which LP offered to draft. The March E-Newsletters will also include reminders.

Action: RG/LP/RT/CW

The January bank statement has been circulated to the Committee with the February statement to follow shortly. Quarterly figures will be available at the end of March. **Action: MH**

Agenda 4: Report back on the AGM Planning Meeting

The AGM Planning Group has held its second meeting. Helen Hayes MP has agreed to say a few words at the AGM. Eventbrite will be trialled at a meeting on 3 March. Given that 2022 is the 40th

anniversary year NT suggested that plans for the coming year should include an appeal to members to join the Committee and/or to volunteer for specific roles which need to be defined: for example, someone to organise the talks that were held before the pandemic.

Agenda 5: Publications

It was agreed to purchase 10 of each year of Alan Godfrey's No. 116 Brixton and Herne Hill Ordnance Survey maps along with 5 each of the No. 102 Camberwell and Stockwell maps.

Action: CB

Contact will be made with Brian Green to ask if he would be interested in taking the remaining map stock.

Action: RT

Agenda 6: Planning and Licensing

LM reported that the Society has played a significant role, alongside neighbours, in putting pressure on Lambeth Council to issue a Building Preservation Notice on 10 Dorchester Drive. This Grade II residential property is one of only a few examples of an intact Art Deco 1930s design both internally as well as the exterior. The Society will continue its efforts to prevent demolition.

The Dorchester Court planning application has still not been considered by Lambeth's Planning Committee, possibly due to a legal challenge to plans for another property in the Borough which proposes the addition of a new storey on the top of the building. The result of this Judicial Review may have to be considered by Lambeth in relation to the Dorchester Court proposal.

LM also reported on the application by Lambeth to position commercial advertising banners on lampposts in Dulwich and Norwood Roads. The Society has objected on the grounds that these are for commercial and not community benefit for which this advertising has been used in the past.

Agenda 7: HHS 40th Anniversary

NT reported that the planned banners and exhibition to celebrate the 40th anniversary cannot go ahead as the images that have been collected are not of sufficient quality to reproduce in this format. So, the proposal is now that an 8pp A5 leaflet will be produced for distribution to members and other interested parties. A print quantity of between 1000-2000 was discussed. A draft will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

Action: NT/CB

It was agreed to leave the Herne Hill Heritage Trail banners up in Station Underpass for the time being.

Agenda 8: Awards for Excellence

Following an initial meeting three potential judges have been approached and they have agreed to take on the role. The next meeting will be held on 10 March.

Action: RT/LP

Agenda 9: AOB

NT suggested that some Committee meetings should now be held in person rather than online and this was agreed for the April meeting, which he will host at his home. **Action: NT**

NT also said that there is a need to consider the future resilience of the Society in terms of its key personnel and, to this end, he will prepare a risk assessment to be presented to the Committee for discussion. **Action: NT**

NT made the point that, if we sought new people for the Committee, we should recruit for specific functions so that they would have a defined role and understand the commitment required. An example would be a person responsible for organising a programme of talks which are popular with some members. Doing this should help to find people and make the Committee more active.

**The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 5 April 2022
at 5 Warmington Road, SE24 9LA**