

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 6:00pm at the Half Moon Pub**

Present: Rebecca Tee (Chair); Laurence Marsh (Vice-Chair); Martyn Hall (Treasurer); Lin Proctor; Ros Glover (Membership Secretary); Michèle Arnal (Secretary); Ros Jones, Annie Gelly

1. Welcome and Apologies: The Committee approved the co-opting of Michele Arnal as Secretary of the group.
2. Minutes and matters arising from 3 May meeting: Refer to agenda
3. Recruitment: Current membership stands at 349. MH had given notice that he would be resigning as Treasurer at the end of the financial year, i.e., at the March AGM. Discussion followed on ways of increasing membership of the Society. It was suggested that committee members invite people to join the Society via their local WhatsApp Group. **Action: All.** RT to provide a form of words for others to use on their local WhatsApp groups to encourage membership of HHS. **Action RT**
4. Performance Statistics: MH advised that the March financial statistics need to be redone, and that those for April will be up to date by the end of this week. He suggested that a six-month statistical comparison be done. **Action: MH.** It was also suggested that a stocktake take place as part of the Sales statistics.
5. Blue Plaque Scheme: RJ advised that she, LM and RT had met with members of the Norwood Society to discuss their local Blue Plaque Scheme. LM has already started doing research on Herne Hill Society's shops' histories. Discussion followed. RT will circulate information on various options for a Herne Hill scheme, to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: RT**

6. Events: The Sunday Market Community Stall will be held on 10 July. Volunteers are needed for the Friends of Ruskin Park event. Starting time to be confirmed; RT will send a note around requesting volunteers. **Action: RT.** MH raised the matter of the card reader, which is currently held by Pat Roberts. RT to contact him about the possibility of buying a better card reader. **Action: RT**
7. Excellence Awards There is information on our website concerning these awards. Entries are invited in three areas: environment, community, and history/ heritage.
8. Business Planning: RT asked members to advise her if further information was needed at this stage. It was felt that the planning done to date was sufficient, but RT asked that she be advised of any suggestions for changes. It is important that the Business Plan be updated and discussed annually. **Action: RT**
9. Planning and Licensing: Objections were made to two cases of proposed front garden parking in Burbage Road. The Society was approached re 10 Dorchester Drive, about the future of the house. LM has written to explain what the Society has been doing and the protection given by a Building Protection Notice.
10. 40th Anniversary booklet update: Approval is needed from the Committee regarding this publication, and how many copies to have printed. Discussion followed. It was decided that RT would check printing costs and storage issues and decide on whether 1500 or 2000 copies should be printed. **Action: RT**
11. Friends of Ruskin Park walk video. There was general agreement that this was an excellent means of publicising Ruskin Park.
12. Any Other Business: RT had met with the Chair of the Camberwell Society who had indicated interest in the Excellence Awards Scheme; she

has sent him a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. AG advised that the Carnegie Library Garden Party will be held on 5 July. She also advised that St Paul's Church has monthly concerts.

13.Future meetings. Next meeting will be Tuesday 5 July via Zoom; there will be no meeting in August. September meeting will be in person.