

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee  
held on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6:00pm  
at The Half Moon Hotel**

Present: Rebecca Tee (RT: Chair); Laurence Marsh (LM: Vice Chair); Henry Ferguson; Ros Glover (RG: Membership Secretary and note-taker); Martyn Hall (MH)

Apologies: Lyndon Fothergill; Lin Proctor; Ros Jones

**1. Introduction**

Becky welcomed everyone to the meeting. No interests were declared.

**2. Minutes and Matters arising from 6 June 2023 meeting**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and were suitable for publication on the website. They would be sent to Colin for uploading, together with thanks for all the IT and other work he continues to do for the Society. **Action: RG**

All action points had been completed. Other matters arising would be dealt with at this meeting.

**3. Finance and Handover to new Treasurer**

CAF have now acknowledged LF as a signatory for the Society's bank account. Signatories are now: RT, LM and LF. However, the primary account holder/main contact continues to be MH; a further form is needed to make the change to LF. LF has the form and will submit it to CAF. LF and MH are pursuing the changeover of the debit card. **Action: MH and LF**

There are still some outstanding debts from the booksellers to whom we supply stock. RT will chase payment. **Action: RT**

**4. Planning and Licensing**

Alterations to a front garden in Railton Road were causing concern. LM has advised Lambeth's planning enforcement team who are taking action. LM will also be commenting on a side extension to a house in Sunray Gardens (Conservation Area). **Action: LM**

LM has also organised a meeting of the Planning Group to take place during week commencing 10 July.

**5. Events: Review of Ruskin Park Summer Fete and the stall at the HHF Market**

Ruskin Park (17 June 2023): This was felt to have been a good event, even though sales were down on last year (current economic climate?). It was also very dependent on the position of the stall.

Market Stall (2 July 2023): There was very little activity on the morning of this stall. Having a stall at the Sunday Market became a less attractive proposition, it was felt, if publications could not be sold. The new 'Sumup' card machine worked well after the first transaction. It was also felt that a banner with a weighted base was necessary for outdoor events. RT would investigate and bring her findings back to the Committee. **Action: RT**

There followed some discussion about the possibility of the Society hosting more frequent events. The Society was attending six events this year and, given the limited resources and other obligations of the

Committee, this was considered to be sufficient. It was felt to be a better use of Committee resources to have a presence at other appropriate local events. The Committee was not against hosting meetings/get-togethers but needed to be realistic about the amount of work involved in such activities; it should not become a chore.

## **6. Performance Statistics (paper tabled)**

MH had still to provide income/expenditure information to RG for the April and May 2023 Performance Indicators chart. (Figures for May subsequently provided.) **Action: MH**

RG would arrange for the usual half-yearly transfer of funds from PayPal to CAF. **Action: RG**

## **7. Publishing**

RT reported that she had ordered 40 copies of *Short History* from Catford Printers. This should last for a couple of years.

RT introduced her idea of a new title to add to the existing publications list. She explained that we had all the information needed for such a publication so little research was needed. She also explained that she envisaged a 'punchy' book in colour with lots of pictures – about eight pages in each chapter. This new publication might best suit the format of the existing *Grace's Story*. It would be an eye-catching publication to attract new members and customers to look at our full range of publications. Key considerations are the cost of production and printing, and the selling price. It might also be worth seeking sponsorship. The Committee, and in particular LM, would give this thought and report back to the next Committee meeting.

**Action: All**

## **8. Social Media**

RT explained that, at the moment, Colin Wight (CW), the Society's President, looked after the Society's Social Media presence (with the exception of the local history aspects which LM composed and circulated). RT is looking for someone to produce content for our X/Twitter and Facebook followers and to post on these outlets. The Committee was asked to bring thoughts back to the next meeting.

**Action: All**

## **9. Shops History Project**

This was progressing well. LM has sent some draft articles to CW with a request to him to establish a QR code. RT would then contact Kate Roncoroni for more design detail. RG had seen a similar scheme in operation in Lincoln and would, for information only, circulate a copy of their sticker. **Action: RG**

Also, RT reported that following her recent chat with the Norwood Society they would be reviewing and updating their shops history scheme.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Following discussion at June's meeting, the Committee agreed that on cost grounds a tree in Brockwell Park to celebrate the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was not appropriate but would revisit the idea for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

RT reported that she had recently met a member of SE5 Forum who had suggested a joint event in the future. No details were discussed. The Committee agreed that, in principle, this could be a good idea.

## **11. Next meeting:**

As usual, there would not be a Committee meeting in August. The next Committee meeting would be at 6:00pm on Tuesday 5 September 2023 on Zoom.

**Please put a note in your diary.**