

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 6:00pm
at The Half Moon Hotel**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Rebecca Tee (RT) Chair
Laurence Marsh (LM) Vice-Chair
Ros Glover (RG) Membership Secretary

Apologies received from: Lyndon Fothergill, Lyn Proctor, Ros Jones, Henry Ferguson, Martyn Hall.

2. Minutes of November 2023 meeting and Matters arising

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted and agreed for publication. RG would ask Colin to put them on the website. All action points from this meeting had been dealt with or would be covered later on the agenda. There was no Committee meeting in December. **Action: RG**

It was agreed that this meeting was quorate, one third of its members being present.

3. Planning issues

LM said that there was nothing to report at the moment.

4. Performance stats: Membership

Membership currently stood at 390. RT would send text to LP to put on her local WhatsApp Group to try to encourage neighbours to join the Society. The Committee was encouraged to do the same or similar in their local street to encourage more membership. **Action: RT/LP**

It was agreed that local Society events might result in one or two new members but there was never a flood of people seeking to join. RG to nudge RT about possible follow-up to LM's September Zoom talk (part of Lambeth Local History Month). **Action: RG**

RT would bring to the next Committee meeting a coloured map she had put together to showing the density of local membership by street. **Action: RT**

5. Finance

Finance figures were not available for discussion at this meeting. RT did, however, report that the outstanding invoice from a bookseller in Crystal Palace had now been paid.

For future Performance Reports, LF was asked to break down total funds to show how much was in the Cash account and how much was in the 'Gold' account, please. **Action: LF**

Future Magazine costs should include the cost of postage. **LF to note**

There would be more discussion about finances at the February, Committee meeting. **LF to note**

6. Updates

Winter edition of the Magazine: Congratulations and thanks were given to LM and Sophia for getting another wonderful edition of the Magazine out before Christmas.

Shop History Project: Good progress is being made on a prototype with 3-5 shops ready for the end of January for public testing. These would include: Herne Hill Books, The Flower Lady and Brockwell Art Services. Thanks were given to LM and Colin Wight for their work on this exciting project.

AGM Planning: A meeting of the Planning/Events Team had been scheduled for 8 January. It was envisaged that the Society's publications would be available for sale at the AGM.

7. **AOB:** On the agenda for the February Committee meeting would be a discussion about the next Excellence Awards.

8. **Next meeting:** The next Committee meeting would be at 6:00pm on **Tue 6 February 2024**.