

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 6 February 2024
at the Half Moon Hotel**

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies received from: Henry Ferguson, Martyn Hall, Ros Jones, Lin Proctor.

2. Minutes of January 2024 meeting and Matters arising

Minutes of the January 2024 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. **Action: RG**

It was agreed that future Committee meetings would be in person at the Half Moon. Zoom was available if deemed necessary.

3. Planning issues

LM reported that a significant planning application for a site in Wellfit Street had submitted to Lambeth. The proposal was for a 16-storey building and another slightly shorter tower. If this proposal were to go ahead it would have a major impact on the much lower-rise buildings in the immediate vicinity. LM and his colleagues on the Planning Team would consider this application and take it forward as necessary.

LM also reported that an application for a restaurant licence for two adjacent units in Railton Road (from Pope's Eye – a steakhouse) next to the J.D. Wood Estate Agent's offices had been submitted to Lambeth.

4. Performance stats: Membership

RG reported that, if all members renewed in 2024 we would have a Membership of 403. However, as at the time of the meeting there were a 161 still to renew. RG suggested that the next couple of e-newsletters should repeat the request for members to renew (the request had appeared twice recently). A similar article would also go into the next Magazine. As last year, Membership renewals would be accepted until the end of April 2024.

To note: LM (Magazine) and RT (e-newsletter)

RT showed the Committee meeting a map she had put together to show the density of local membership. RG would keep the map.

5. Finance

The Committee noted the finance figures on the Performance Chart. LF reported that all outstanding invoices had been paid. Thanks were given to LF for keeping on top of this and chasing invoices as necessary.

Invoices to current Magazine advertisers had been sent out for 2024. Thanks were given to Val Suebsaeng for looking after this side of the Society's work.

The annual accounts for year ending 31 December 2023 would be completed, as far as possible, by the end of February 2024 and would go to Sally-Anne Jeffries for Certification. LF would prepare pie-charts to accompany the presentation of the accounts at the AGM. **Action: LF**

LF was on standby at 6pm on Thursday 14 March 2024 in the Half Moon for a rehearsal of his presentation of the Accounts; the Committee was encouraged to come to this meeting and to be prepared to ask questions.

Action: All

LF was asked to review the HHS Reserves Policy. RT would approach the Camberwell Society and the Norwood Society to see whether they have a Reserves Policy and, if so, to get a copy, for information. **Action: RT**

RT would give LF the Sum-up (card payment) machine.

Action: RT

6. Updates

Shop History Project: This is now at user testing stage. Colin Wight (CW) has created five web pages for five sites (locations) and a sample "poster" for one of them, which features a QR code. He has offered to demonstrate at a future Committee meeting how it will work. It was hoped that the test could begin in April after the AGM.

Excellence Awards: It was agreed that as the last Excellence Awards initiative was an overwhelming success it would be repeated. In order to make this biennial (i.e. every two years), applications would be opened in Summer 2024. Thus the closing date for application would be towards the end of 2024 followed by judging and then presentation of the Awards in Spring 2025. As a follow-up to the 2023 Awards presentation, more information on the three finalists in each category would go on the website.

AGM Planning: Information had been received suggesting that the booked venue may be undergoing difficulties. RT would get in touch with the venue to confirm that the booking for the AGM (scheduled for Tuesday 26 March) was still viable. RT would also get in touch with HF and go through with him what equipment we would need, including what we had and what the venue could provide.

Herne Hill Matters Leaflet: We are running out of stock. RT will liaise with K. Roncoroni to discuss how the leaflet should be updated. It was also felt to be important that the design should include information on how to join the Society, e.g. with the addition of a QR code.

Action: RT

Publicity Postcards: RT will also discuss with KR the possibility of publicity postcards. The idea was that they should have old sepia images of Herne Hill on one side and information about joining on the other.

Action: RT

7. Next meeting: The next Committee meeting would take place at 6:00pm on **Tuesday 5 March at the Half Moon Hotel.**