

Minutes of The Shepton Mallet Local History Meeting January 20th 2014 held at Whitstone Hill Farm

1) Present: Len Ware, Chris Norman, Pam Preece, Amanda Le Quesne, Sue Feltham and Peter Banks.

2) Apologies: Alan Stone

3) Matters arising from 26th September 2013 committee meeting:

It was decided to see if the Charity Commission would agree to our proposed constitution so that, if acceptable, we were then in a position to take over the Shepton Mallet Museum Society (in its various names) when it became necessary.

Chris said, yet again, that he must get the website up and running again because there are people trying to get hold of the Group for archival information.

Our presence at Shepton Show was discussed and the unanimous consensus was that Len and Chris should consult Ian Harvey to express that we would like to see the Heritage Tent “all heritage” and no alcohol if we are to be present. The content of the tent needs planning now and not just a few days before the Show.

4) £947.84 in current a/c and £1525.26 in saving a/c. 50 paid up members.

5) Content of the film show to be known to the committee although it was pointed out that at the last film show content was unknown until it was shown. The content should have wide appeal.

It was agreed that £5 ticket price is about right for the venue viz. Whitstone School. Peter Banks agreed to put together a flyer/poster and 250 A5 to be printed – perhaps by Framptons.

Ian Harvey has said that the Mid-Somerset Show Society will mail their Members and we will have to push publicity to get a full house of 250.

6) Gardening clubs can be asked if they would like to go to Newton House, but unless they join our Group, they will only be on a “Waiting List”.

7) It was suggested that following the Crowcombe Court visit and lunch, we could go to the Crowcombe Station and catch a West Somerset Railway steamer.

8) The only constructive idea coming out of the Tuesday 14th January town development meeting was that the Old Red Lion could be a heritage centre but the whole complex is £25K rental/annum. Kevin Newton says that it can be split and he is looking for something to help draw people into the Market Place so will get back .

9) David Williams’s books could be raffled or sold off. Decision at next meeting.

10) Next meeting: 7.30pm at Whitstone Hill, 19th March 2014