

Minutes of The Shepton Mallet Local History Meeting March 19th 2014 held at Whitstone Hill Farm

1) Present Len Ware, Chris Norman, Pam Preece, Amanda Le Quesne, Sue Feltham, Eleanor Norman and Peter banks. Apologies from Alan Stone

3) Secretary has still not contacted the Charity Commission.

Secretary has still not got the website re-activated.

Mid-Somerset Agricultural Association (Shepton Show) has been written to formally to ask if there is to be a Heritage Tent theme planned years ahead so that the SMLHG can plan ahead to help make the Heritage Tent feel fresh every year.

The Show have been told that if there is alcohol in the Heritage Tent, a family attraction, then the SMLHG, if asked, will not help with the Heritage Tent.

Also the location of the Heritage Tent has been raised.

4) Treasurer reported that current a/c stands at £743.84 and deposit a/c £1525.36.

Membership is down year on year from 77 to 58 this year mainly accounted for by the "See the Prison in 2013" factor.

5) Filmshow content is of wide appeal. CJN has spent many hours with Alan Campbell of Frome editing. Ticket sales stalled and it may be necessary to sell at the door.

Helpers should be at Whitstone School for 6.00pm for setting up, checking for toilet paper etc. The Bar is being run by the Show. Len Ware will be compere. CJN to check NFU policy. Costs currently are over £600.

6) It was a unanimous decision to let Jeannette Marsh know that "As a Group we cannot offer any input into the event." (WWI commemoration)

7) Len has had a quote of £7 per copy to print minimum runs of 25 for "Made in Shepton". Decided not to proceed until at least after the next committee meeting as we need to see how our finances are and Len is still adding more. It will still leave time for a launch at the Show – if we are there.

8) It was decided that on the afternoon of the bus trip, we go to Watchet (carnival is 27th July)

9) Len's Shepton Walk is 17th June

10) Next committee meeting 29.04.14, 7.30 at Whitstone Hill Farm