

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Whitstone Hill Farm, 30th March 2015

- 1) Apologies from Sue Feltham
- 2) Minutes were taken as read but Eleanor pointed out that the meeting took place at Sue Feltham's. No matters arising that were not included in the agenda.
- 4) Pam reported that the current account stands at £1160.92 and there is £1528.29 in reserve. There are 55 paid up members which is only slightly below the membership last year. Low meeting attendance was discussed but possibly the talks were insufficiently interesting. Emails were not sent before this last meeting but they were for the February meeting which was only slightly better attended.
- 5) Len's book. Fortunately Len is in much better health and he came armed with an index. However, all the committee had had a chance to look at the book and constructive points were made: We should not rush this book into print as content needs to be as accurate as possible because it is the Group putting their name to it; If possible the text should be under each picture; If the text is edited and precis, there may be room for larger pictures; As the book was based on Len's talk it needs revamping to be more of a reference book with less personal anecdotes such as the last page; The contents may be better arranged in some other way than alphabetically. The committee are very appreciative of all the hard work already put into the book and as time goes on it is more than likely that any serious collector of all things Shepton will refer to this book for many years to come.
- 6) Chris and Peter will collect the model of Shepton for the committee to decide whether it is worthy of keeping.
- 7) Alan proposed that the Group helps at the Shepton Show. There was no seconder and so it was left that Alan will have to call on individuals for assistance; but he would like one of the Post Office displays. The main stumbling block is that the majority of the committee cannot understand why cider has to be in the Heritage Tent. Possibly Len's interest in the Garton family (Anglo Brewery and Langhorn House) may be followed up by Alan as an exhibit. Amanda pointed out that exhibits which interest children were a necessary criteria i.e something that can be handled.
- 8) Chris must get the June and July outings sorted out by the April monthly meeting. A committee meeting is not required to agree pricing etc

9) There is a new Shepton Town clerk, Bruce Poole, who is receptive to the need of a heritage/museum in Shepton. Chris is meeting him soon.

The AGM may have to be moved to a week earlier if the Carnival Club are still using the Salvation Army that night. No action to be taken until the Carnival Club has been contacted but Pam is provisionally booking the Salvation Army.

10) Next meeting 18th May. Venue not fixed.