

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Whitstone Hill, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015

- 1) Apologies from Len Ware. Sympathy Card to be sent by ENN. Peter had hoped that David Walker might be able to attend to give guidance on generating a Heritage Centre. However, this is no longer his remit and Liz Neathey is the Development Officer for what was Somerset County Museum.
- 1) Matters arising not covered in the agenda: CJN to overcome the clash of the AGM being held at the Salvation Army on the same night that the Carnival Committee are still using it. Len Ware's book raised discussion with Len allowing Amanda to re-write the Convent section. Chris to have another chat with Len. It is better for the book to be published as accurate as possible. The Committee did not overturn its previous decision (30<sup>th</sup> March) not to be at the Shepton Show in August, but Alan Stone hoped that at least we might have an 8 by 4 board of Post Office display. The archivist was not happy to provide anything as it is not Committee policy to be at the Show.
- 2) The Treasurer reported £1189.92 in the current account and £1526.44 in reserve. Membership stands at 58, slightly below last year's 61
- 3) Support for the June and July outings is reasonable
- 4) Shepton Town Clerk, Bruce Poole, is appointing a part time development officer with one of the aims to identify a museum/heritage centre
- 5) ENN gave a report about Country and City, the Prison Owners, who had a presentation for very interested parties. They will hold 3 meetings further meetings before submitting a planning application, but their scheme has to be viable. Without footfall it may not suit our requirements and it is unlikely to have a museum unless there is an unusable area.
- 6) CJN to investigate the Cottage behind the empty Nalders office in Park Road as a potential Heritage Centre
- 7) In view of the situation that the Group may suddenly have to seek funding, CJN will take over, in a personal capacity, the Annual Returns of the registered charity "Shepton Mallet Museum Society"
- 8) Alan is to ask around to see if he can find a Group Secretary as Chris will definitely be giving up by the next AGM
- 9) No AOB
- 10) Next meeting to be arranged for September when Liz Neathey is available