

SHEPTON MALLET LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Minutes of the 2015 AGM held at the Salvation Army 26th November

The meeting was chaired by Alan Stone. There were no apologies but nearly 40 people attended including visitors who had come to listen to Gill Lindsay who gave a talk about Shepton's hospitals following the AGM.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM. The chairman reported that it had been a reasonable year.

The resigning acting secretary, Chris Norman, hoped that the Group could move forward with a new secretary and committee. He is staying on the committee to assist the incoming secretary, if asked, and also has aims of getting a heritage centre into being.

Pam Preece reported that our balance sheet had declined by about £164 over the year as we had not had a revenue generating topic such as a 4 week "lecture", film show or special opening of the Cornhill Prison – which was also responsible for the decline in membership from 98 down to 62. But we have £1526.92 in reserve account, £726.12 in the current account and a float of £9. Because of the decline in our balance sheet, the Committee had decided that the annual subs should increase from £6 to £8 but it would still be £1 per member attending a meeting and £3 for visitors.

Our archivist, Eleanor Norman, once again begged people not to skip stuff but let the Group have it. As Eleanor has had 9 years on the committee, she was standing down but would still be archivist and do the Post Office window displays.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Alan Stone was unanimously re-elected.

Vice Chairman: None of the existing committee members came forward to be vice-chairman.

Secretary: Leslie Stewart, proposed by Alan Stone and seconded by Jane Burgess.

Treasurer: Pam Preece, proposed by Amanda Le Quesne and seconded by Sue Feltham.

Other Committee: Jane Burgess, Sue Feltham, Amanda Le Quesne, Peter Banks and Chris Norman proposed by Alan Stone and Colin Ryall. (Please note: This is against the constitution which states there to be only 4 non-officer committee members.)

The financial year will run 1st November to 31st October. Subscriptions due after the AGM.

There was no other business.

Alan Stone hopes that during the year there may be financial backing from the Council to finance display boards on which there will be a photo of each year of Her Majesty's 90 years to celebrate her birthday. Alan also hopes to get facebook working for the Group.