

SHEPTON MALLET LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Minutes of the 2016 AGM held at the Salvation Army 9th November

The meeting was chaired by Amanda Le Quesne. Alan Stone forwarded his apologies. There were some 30 attendees, some of whom had come to hear the talk by Chris Norman following the AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2015 AGM. However, Alan Stone had asked, through the Chair, if the existing and new members (if any) would give thought to the Group's June and July meetings which are usually a walk and a Day trip.

Resigning Secretary Les Stewart, thanked the Group for an interesting year and wished them well for the forthcoming year.

Treasurer Pam Preece was pleased to report that the Group had had a successful financial year which was almost wholly due to the walk undertaken in July. She confirmed that the local Council had paid the Group with the promised funds for marking the celebration of the Queen's birthday. She raised the question of insurance premiums, noting that the current NFU premium has risen substantially. It was agreed that the Group would look into other insurance to try and reduce the cost.

Archivist Eleanor Norman thanked people for continuing support and reminded everyone that any items which may relate to the history of Shepton Mallet should not be binned but given to her. She confirmed that she would not be competing with the Royal British Legion window next to the Post Office, but will continue with the displays in the New Year.

Peter Banks resigned from the committee. Amanda thanked him for all his work on behalf of the Group.

Amanda Le Quesne resigned as Vice Chairman. Jane Burgess thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the Group.

Election of Officers

Chairman : Proposed Eleanor Norman. Seconded Jane Burgess. **Alan Stone** was unanimously re-elected

Vice Chairman: No-one came forward to be vice-chairman

Secretary: Chris Norman agreed to carry on temporarily, until someone came forward

Treasurer: Proposed Colin Ryall. Seconded Cedric Preece. **Pam Preece** was re-elected.

Jane Burgess, Sue Feltham and Eleanor Norman were elected to the Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Norman pointed out to the members that it was unlikely that the bus trip would happen again in 2017. He has tentatively put in a trip to Bowlsh House in June and a walk in Mells in July. Further information will be made available

The meeting closed at 8.10pm