

## Minutes of the Committee of the Shepton Mallet Local History Group

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Whitstone Hill Farm

Present Robert Goodhand (Secretary), David Randon (Chair and Trips), Alison Randon, Arthur Feltham, Chris Norman (Treasurer and Group Meetings' Speakers) and Eleanor Norman (Archivist)

There were no apologies

1) Trips. DR reported on the trips held over due to covid.

a) Chavenage House Tetbury still well worth resurrecting

b) Fairfield House Stogursey still an option and SMLHG would be welcomed. Our planned tour guide has had illness but should fully recover.

c) Lydiard Park Swindon not pursued

d) Village of Tintinhull led by Dr. ED Lorch still available and preceded by a talk in Shepton.

**Action** DR to determine draft dates for a) b) and d) on the assumption these will go ahead from Spring 2022.

2) Wednesday Group Meetings

After discussion on the rise in covid cases it was agreed the earliest that meetings might continue would be January 2022

**Action** CN to plan speakers on that assumption

**Action** RG to write to membership

3) Advertising

Resolved the Group needed to reach a wider audience. Several suggestions were forthcoming

**Action** RG to draw up a Promotions sheet summarising all the physical and on-line outlets the Group could use to publicise events.

4) Post Office Window Display. It was agreed this was worth revitalising

**Action** EN to investigate options.

5) AGM

RG recommended we still proceeded with the AGM as a procedural necessity.

**Action** RG to organise AGM on 18Nov21 at the Bowls Clubhouse. Check constitution, issue notice, disseminate date etc.

6) Bank Account

AF proposed that CN be given the authority to proceed to establish accounts 11393847 and 31430777 as on-line accounts that a single person – that person being CN - could process payments. Discussion ensued and the proposal was amended to include RG as the second authorised person so two people had oversight of transactions.

The proposal was seconded by DR and passed unanimously.

**Action** CN to pursue.

**Action** RG to arrange signed copy of these minutes to be sent to CN.

7) Publication “Made in Shepton Mallet”

It was reported by EN the Group still had about 40 copies for sale. There was discussion about possible venues where this could be purchased including Wells Museum.

8) Mid Somerset Show 2022

After discussion it was resolved we should request a presence in the 2022 show with the Group’s own venue to produce a display showing the major historical events in Shepton over the time of the show running.

**Action** CN to write to show secretary.

9) There was a registered charity in existence – Shepton Mallet Heritage Society No. 800161.

**Action** CN to pursue amalgamation of the two societies – effectively SMLHG joining Shepton Mallet Heritage Society.

RG subsequently investigated and this notice is published on the CC website.

*We are not active at the moment - no premises available. We are still in negotiations with the Shepton Mallet History Group and our understanding is that they expect to merge and take over. Someone from the History Group has indicated they will be contacting yourselves on this matter during the next financial year. 15th November 2019 : The Shepton Mallet Local History Group is merging*

10) High Street Clock “Time Stands Still”.

It was discussed that a good project to revitalise the Club would be to investigate how a new electronic mechanism might be purchased.

**Action** CN to investigate feasibility.

11) Amalgamation

With the proposed amalgamation of the History Group with the Heritage Society it gave opportunity to invite other local groups to join the amalgamation. Suggestions were Evercreech Oakhill and Pilton.

**Action** RG to investigate contact names for these organisations and approach.

12) The meeting closed.

13) Date of Next Meeting is the AGM.