

Sawbridgeworth Local History Society

Minutes of Business Meeting held on

Thursday 29 June 2017 10.00 – 1130

at The Sawbridgeworth Town Council Chambers

Present: Chris Catling (CC), Lorraine Carlaw (LC), Greg Leary (GL), Hilary Mathews (HAM), Hazel (HM) and David Mead (DM); Gill Munro (GM), David and Terry Royle (DaR/TSR), Theo van de Bilt (TB); Douglas Coe* (DC), Brian Watson** (BW), June Bunten, Joan Paveley and Gill Howard***.

	Apologies from Diana Richards, Rob Francis, Chris Finch	Action
1	Minutes of 25 May approved and signed	
2	Finance and membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of £402.94 • 24 paid-up members plus two honorary members (WW and Juri Itin); one member joining today (Brian Watson). Total 25 • Agreed to subscribe to British Newspaper Archive (£47.97) and British Association of Local History (£65) 	HM
3	Website/Facebook/Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits on storage? • Kenneth Cook links on Facebook, please share • Requests for SBW historical documents etc. published in CM21, Flyer and Church and Town for as agreed at last meeting • Fun on the Field 2 July: CC collecting gazebo and tables; GM and TB to support • Two-day scarecrow festival in High Wych in September; HM will arrange stall booking and scarecrow! 	TB All DR CC/TB/GM HM
5	Programme/priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening meetings: agreed to alternate business meetings and evening meetings at Hailey Centre (cost £25 for two hours) with a speaker starting in October with Liz Waugh on Rivers; TB to confirm her availability; DR to cancel October meeting in STC. Suggested fees for evening meetings: £2 for members, £5 for non-members; £10 for membership, inclusive of entry. • Storage/archiving: TSR will work on spreadsheet to record what we have between us/is available; policy is to pass on anything significant to HALS or Rhodes. DR reported that HALS has taken materials from SBW library; TB to ask exactly what they have so we can record it. • 1939 register: no update; CF absent • Who lived where (1911 census): HAM has issues with identifying numbers of houses on Sayesbury Road. TB suggested article could be prepared accepting that full information probably elusive. • Oral history: CC hopes to have more news at next meeting; TB suggested that he contact Rhodes about their oral history project to see if there is common ground and we can use their resources. • Pubs: DR and DM to liaise with DC to avoid overlap. • Unsung heroes: no update; JR absent • Town history walk: we should republish in hard copy using local printers or e.g. Prontaprint; DR/TB to research • Schools: should be encouraged to develop their histories, with support from SLHS if appropriate; Spellbrook has a centenary booklet; DR to contact • Articles: • Ken Cook diary articles: Andrew Passfield claims to have a complete set; pdfs of scanned articles available form TB; copyright rests with the Cook estate; we can use High Wych School A3 scanner. Two batches still to be processed. 	DR TSR/TB HAM CC DR/DM/DC TB/DR TB/DR TB/CC

6	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meetings: agreed to keep July meeting, DR to chair; cancel October business meeting and substitute first evening meeting • DC has ongoing projects on Fair Green, the Barnards; liaising with TB • Agreed on Nostalgia Day stall/support (Memorial Hall) on 11 November 	DR DC/TB
7	Future meetings: 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, Hailey Centre October evening meeting TBC, 7 December. All in the Council Chamber 1000-1130.	All

David Royle 300617

*Partner in SBW, Fair Green, interested in ancient and military history, doing work on local pubs, Fair Green, Asgar the Staller

** In SBW 1967 to date; interested in postal history

***long-standing SBW residents; Gill victim of 1940 bombing

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