**SAWBRIDGEWORTH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2019 10.30-11.30**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**Present**: Chris Catling (CC), Chris Finch (CF), Hazel (HM) and David Mead (DM), Terry (TSR) and David Royle (DaR), Theo van de Bilt (TB), Hilary Matthews (HaM), Liz Waugh (LW), Gill Munro (GM), Douglas Coe (DC).

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|  |  | **Action** |
| 1 | **Apologies**: from Peyman Akhondzadeh, Lorraine Carlaw, Barbara Harpin, Mick Granneman |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of meeting of 28 February:** approved and signed; no matters arising |  |
| 3 | **Finance and membership update:**   * **Finance**: £1710.56; SBS closing in July; best alternative TSB, can pay in at Post Office; online access; no fee; HM arranging transfer of signatories herself TB and DR. * **Membership:** stands at 37 (11 joint). * **Meeting costs:** STC is £50 per meeting including access to AV/Wifi; seems high although we only plan four meetings a year; library is possible alternative (TSR will follow up). **AGREED** **to use Council Chamber for 27 June meeting then reconsider.** * **Books:** we need to confirm book stocks. ***[Peyman now has 50 Story of Sawbridgeworth; 5 Rivers; 20 WW1; DR has 15 WW1, 12 Rivers; 38 SofS; we printed 300 of WW1, 100 of SofS; TB has 7 each of WW1 and SoS; 3 SoS are with High Wych stores; not sure how many of Liz’s books we have]*** | HM  TSR  TB/DR/PA |
| 4 | **Website and Facebook:**   * GM and Tb have met PA; website reorganised for book orders * Articles as posts and PDFs with download link at the end of each article. * TSR will look after orders/monitor stock in liaison with PA and HM * Independent coverage limited so far but we now have a local correspondent | GM/PA/TB  TSR/PA/HM |
| 5 | **Programme update:**   * 30 May Marion Hill costing £65 HM away but will give DR cheque; need to organise posters etc. * HALS 15 July: **AGREED to use own transport rather then STC minibus.** * **AGREED to book Hailey for 3 September oral history event or closest** date to WW2 start anniversary. *[3rd not available; next best is 5th]* * May Fayre; limited support for putting up gazebo and manning stall; DR to email all members to ask for help otherwise we will cancel; need to organise display boards from STC * Possible November topic on Freemasons in Sawbridgeworth; talk by Barry Pyle. **AGREED if linked to SBW history.** TB to follow up. * Nostalgia Day 2019: Update meeting 25th evening HM/DM plus CC and DR. | DR/TB/HM  All  HM  DR/TB/CC  TB |
| 6 | **Priorities and projects update:**   * **Oral history:** contacts made with potential interviewees; CF has circulated revised questionnaire. Based on responses CF/CC will chose best people to be recorded. At September meeting plan is to play Chamberlain WW2 announcement; then and now photos of interviewees from 1939 and 2019; 45 minutes; 6 people 5/6 minutes each plus questions. Extracts could be used at Nostalgia Day (Tim Rossiter). TB felt BS Museum link crucial. They will help transcribe (CC also has contact for this). TB will pass his two HW interviewees’ recordings to CC for editing. **AGREED to buy one recommended recording device at a cost of £79.** * **Town history walk leaflet reprint:** agreed to update and reprint; DR to edit and update quotation. * **Millennium Walk and QR codes: HM/DM**  to identify lamppost (numbers) nearest to Millennium Walk locations. * **New articles:** Walter Lawrence. * **Kenneth Cook archive:** HaM following up. * **Wally Wright photos scanning**: LC absent; no update * **1939 register:** nothing to report * **Who lived where?** Article ready pending copy editing**.** * **Old pubs:** BS Museum has been posting articles on Facebook with no sources**.** * **Schools:** no update. | CF/CC/TB  DR  DM/HM  HAM  TB  TB/DC/LW |
| 7 | **AOB**   * DC asked about name of artist who used to live on Fair Green; * TB would like to attend Herts Association AGM on 18 May but needs a lift * Walter Lawrence photos to go on website via GM . | All  TB/GM |

**2019 PROGRAMME**

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| **25 APRIL** | **MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130** |
| ***5 MAY*** | ***MAY FAYRE*** |
| ***30 MAY*** | ***MARION HILL (HALS): REMARKABLE WOMEN IN HERTFORDSHIRE’S HISTORY, HAILEY CENTRE 1830 for 1900*** |
| **27 JUNE** | **MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130** |
| **15 JULY** | **VIIST TO HALS** |
| **29 AUGUST TBC** | **MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130** |
| ***SEPTEMBER*** | ***HIGH WYCH SCARECROW FESTIVAL*** |
| ***3 SEPTEMBER*** | ***ANNIVERSARY OF START OF WW2: ORAL HISTORY EVENT 5 SEPTEMBER HAILEY CENTRE 1830-2100*** |
| ***26 SEPTEMBER*** | ***DAVID PERMAN: THE MALTING INDUSTRY IN HERTFORDSHIRE, HAILEY CENTRE 1830 for 1900*** |
| **31 OCTOBER** | **MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBER 1000-1130** |
| **9 NOVEMBER** | **NOSTALGIA DAY** |
| ***28 NOVEMBER*** | ***HAILEY CENTRE SPEAKER AND DATE TBC; SAWBiRDGEWORTH MASONIC LODGE AND TOWN HISTORY?*** |
| **DECEMBER** | **NO MEETING** |

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