**MINUTES OF SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING 183 HELD 22 November  2016 AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, SHERINGTON AT 8.00 PM**

**Present: Mark Vale (Chair); Kay Turrell (Vice Chair); Liz Revell (Treasurer); Caroline Leslie (Events); Jackie Inskipp (Secretary)**

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| **1.** | **Apologies**: None |  |
| **2.** | **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting 182**  Agreed by all who were present and signed by MV. JI queried where the signed Minutes for the meeting on 6 September were and KT is to check. | KT |
| **3.**  **3.1**  **3.2**  **3.3**  **3.4**  **3.5** | **Matters Arising:**  Office computer still needs to be sorted out. MV will try to do before end of November.  Welcome Pack. MV had sent JI a copy of the last version (2015) and this has been forwarded to the Parish Council. JI has advised the PC that SHS has no objection if they would like to take this over. It has been tabled for the next PC meeting on 6 December.  Copies of circular walk have been given to Alban Hill Nursery.  Harry Hickson war diaries. Ongoing.  Incorrect insertion regarding SHS’s diary for November in *Phonebox*. JI has contacted the editor and he has apologised but said they pick up information from distributed information. | MV  LR |
| **4.**  **4.1**  **4.2**  **4.3**  **4.4**  **4.5** | **Chairman’s Report**  Church Bazaar: Cheque for £10.00 made out to Sherington PCC has been given to the treasurer of St Laud’s Church, Alan Sims.  JI and CL gave examples of the decorations which could be used. KT will provide gift tags which will need laminating. The decorations will need to be made ready for the tree after 25 November. JI will provide egg boxes to enable some of the decorations to dry overnight.  It was agreed that the suggested donation for entering a decoration would be £1.00.  LR was requested to provide a float.  Sales of SHS material will be at one end of the table and the decorating activity at the other.  KT provided possible advertising creatives which MV amended slightly.  Dates for decorating the tree were discussed and it was agreed that this will take place on Sunday, 18 December at 11.30 am. Posters will be posted.  January Jolly. This will be at The White Hart on 24 January, 2017.  JI had sent MV and LR information from Milton Keynes Heritage Association which included an invoice for next year’s subscription. LR has paid.  SHS has been invited to participate in the MK50 opening event taking place 21-23 January 2017 along the lines of a mini Heritage Open Days. It was agreed that if St Laud’s Church is offering a coffee morning then SHS could do a guided tour of the church. However, it was pointed out that SHS has already scheduled an event in January and one in February so it was agreed that it would be better to offer something later in the MK50 year. MV will respond to Helen Innes at Living Archive.  JI highlighted that one subject to be considered could be rural areas, especially in the light of the Neighbourhood Plan.  MV summarised the newsletter recently received from MKHA, especially the item regarding possible gifts for Christmas. It was agreed that this would be mentioned at the Christmas party. | KT  JI/KT  LR  KT  LR/KT?  MV |
| **5.**  **5.1**  **5.2**  **5.3** | **Vice Chair’s Report**  Alan Smith had borrowed the *Fiefs and Fields* maps and has returned them.  Projector. LR has spoken to Tony Pilcher about his projector and whilst he is willing to lend it he is concerned if it is stored in the VH office.  It was agreed that whilst this is an interim solution it is not ideal and it would be preferable if the Village Hall had a permanent one. MV asked JI to contact the VH Management Committee to see if they would be willing to provide a suitable projector (electric connection and remote control). SHS would be willing to contribute towards this, and other users, e.g. British Horological Society, New Thursday Group, who have previously expressed an interest in such equipment, could also be asked to do so.  In the meantime, LR is to ask Tony Pilcher if he would be willing to lend his projector for the film show on 28 January 2017 and the one on 14 February.  Mrs Mintoff. Have heard nothing back from her re purchasers | JI  LR |
| **6.**  **6.1**  **6.2**  **6.3**  **6.4** | **Treasurer’s Report**  NatWest £3504.45  Nationwide £3148.76  Cash £ 88.01  LR has heard nothing back from Sophie Reid regarding her request for help with her university project.  LR had nothing else to report on the WW1 booklet or the website.  LR expressed concern about leaving cheques for the Village Hall treasurer in the bread bin outside her door as the last time she went to drop one off it contained a lot of water. JI to contact Jane Coles re concerns. | JI |
| **7.**  **7.1**  **7.2**  **7.3**  **7.4** | **Events**  Film Show on 28 January 2017. There will be 4 films shown: The  Development of Carters Close (15-20 minutes); From Roads to Rivers (15-20 minutes); The Drainage of Sherington (15-20 minutes) and With Love from Clare).  It was agreed that the ticket price would be £6.00 which would include refreshments (tea/ coffee, cakes and biscuits). There would be an interval between the first two films and the second two and it was agreed that Philip Smith would be asked to do a talk between. MV will contact him.  It will be necessary to view the DVDs in advance to see exactly how long they are.  Posters will be produced by LR and tickets for pre-sales by MV. Start time agreed for 7.30 pm.  We will need a couple of boards for the “Burying the Hatchet” display.  Still progressing and a good number of entries.  Christmas Party. This will take place on 13 December 2016. MV will ask John and Jill Burgess to bring their hand bells. LR said the Folk Group could play a couple of carols. PES to be asked to do a talk on the field names of Sherington. KT and CL will provide decorations.  As usual, everyone will be asked to bring some food. JI will buy 6 bottles each of red and white wine plus one litre each of orange juice and cranberry juice and two litres of soda water. KT will source the beer.  CL is working on pulling together speakers and events for the 2017-2018 programme. Current bookings are as follows:  April Roy Smart – Amy Johnson  May Archiving meeting  June Hugh Granger – The Reeves Tale (fees are £60 including mileage  from Aylesbury)  July Outing – location to be confirmed  August No meeting  September Archiving meeting/open day  October Members can talk  November Chris Rowe – The Gun Powder Plot  December Christmas Party  January Archiving meeting  February Wolverton Works (tbc)  March AGM  It was suggested that an outing to Chicheley Hall would be suitable for July. CL to check availability. | MV  LR/MV  MV  LR  LT/CL  JI  KT  CL |
| **8.** | **Any Other Business**  KT has noted that the committee information on the SHS needs updating. JI to contact Ian Collinge and ask him to add her to the list of committee members. She also needs to advise on the wording to be published on the website. | JI |
| **9.** | **Next Meeting:** 10 January 2017 at 7.00 pm prior to the January meeting. JI to advise if bookings will allow. Agenda item will be arrangements for the Peter Gardner film show later in the month.  **January meeting:** 31 January at The Chapel, The Knoll at 8.00 pm  **February meeting:**  28 February, venue to be confirmed. | JI |

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm