

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 26th February 2017 at Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford

Present: Steve Barriff (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn and Gerald McGregor.

1. Apologies: Were received from Phil Broomfield and Jim Rodda.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising that will not be discussed later in the meeting.

3. Membership Issues:

Sam reported that Phil now has most of what he needs in connection with his role as Membership Secretary. He still needs a supply of the Hampden books and a supply of the yellow labels, which Sam will ask Roy to organise as he has all the information necessary to repeat the order. I

Sam felt that he, Jim and Phil should get together prior to the AGM

4. Executive Committee Issues:

As previously mentioned, we desperately need more members to come onto the Executive Committee, or even just to undertake tasks without actually becoming Trustees.

Gerald reported that he was ready to start canvassing MPs using the cards of the Aylesbury Statue.

5. The Patriot:

Sam has a large amount of articles for this and hoped to spread them over two editions.

6. Financial Report:

Sam reported that there was nearly £6,000 in the bank. Anthea was instructed to purchase a stock of stamps to the value of £100 - £150 prior to the price increase at the end of March.

Jim has not yet made a start on taking over the accounts and Sam will have to talk to him about this.

7. Website:

It was reported that few members were logging on to the members' section of the website and all members should be encouraged to do so. .

8. Ship Money Memorial Project:

Sam reported that he had virtually reached agreement on the wording of the display boards. Jim felt that a seat should be provided so that people who visited the memorial would be able to sit and enjoy the experience.

9. 2017 AGM:

Sam had arranged this for Sunday, 2nd April at Amersham Market Hall and had arranged a tour of Amersham beforehand for anyone who would like to take part.

10. Anniversary Dinner:

Some bookings have already been received for this and the committee discussed a number of MPs and dignatories, etc. who could be invited.

11. Hampden's Military Career:

Gerald reported that his contact at Shire Books had sold the business, but he will contact Shire Books and see whether he could do a deal with them over publishing this book..

12. Future Events:

a) **Talks:**

Sam has a Sybil Penn talk booked, but apart from that there is nothing else in the pipeline.

b) Meetings:

AGM - 2nd April, The Market House, Amersham.

25th Anniversary Dinner - 7th October, Hampden House.

13. Any Items not on the Agenda:

Sam made the suggestion that it might be worth talking to the Cromwell Association to see whether they would be interested in collaborating with us on another day school.

Sam is talking to Chiswick Buzz with regard to the possibility of the Society producing a video, and the suggestion has been made that this could be partially funded by sponsorship.

Sam will contact Roger Paynter to decide what can be done about the plaque in Grampond, which is now virtually illegible due the weathering.

14. Date and Venue of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 4th June at 2.00 at the same venue.