

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 21st January 2018 at Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford

Present: Steve Barriff (Acting Chairman), Sam Hearn (Acting Treasurer), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Phil Broomfield - via Skype) and Roy Bailey.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Gerald McGregor.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

Matters Arising:

Sam stated that nothing further had happened with regard to further work on the video as Julian had been abroad and had had no spare time to look at this. Once the additional work has taken place, it would be good to put the video on the website.

3. Executive Committee Issues:

Promotional Leaflets: The new supply of leaflets had been received by Gerald, who unfortunately was away on holiday so they were not available to the committee. Once they are available, they will be distributed to various local hostleries, etc. with a request that they be displayed so that anyone who was interested could take one.

The date that had been provisionally set for the next meeting, was not convenient for some Trustees and was changed to 25th March instead, and Steve will work on dates for the remainder of the year.

4. Membership Issues:

Phil reported that he had received no new membership applications. Sam had checked the Bank Statements and about £600 has been received in subscriptions with more still to come.

5. The Patriot:

Sam had not had time to send out a *Hampden Voice* as an intermediate measure until he had time to put together the material he had available for the next *Patriot*, but will rectify this situation as soon as possible, giving advance notice of the AGM.

6. Financial Report:

Sam reported that there was a healthy balance at the Bank.

7. 25th Anniversary Dinner:

The committee felt that the whole event had been very worthwhile. The dinner had been an outstanding success and had been thoroughly enjoyed by those present, a number of whom had asked if they could be included in the next one!

8. Website:

This has been brought mostly up to date. Sam will load photos of the Dinner shortly Phil will work on the genealogy section as soon as he can.

9. Future Events:

AGM. This has been arranged for 4 pm on Saturday, 14th April, at Thame Museum. The paperwork will be e-mailed to all members with e-mail addresses and posted to the remainder in good time so that anyone willing to stand for election to the committee will have time to get their nomination forms completed and returned.

Roy is doing a talk for Probus in June and will probably ask Brian Cox if he would give him a hand with book sales. He will also be giving a talk to the U3A at Newbury, as recorded in the last Minutes.

Sam will try to arrange a wreath laying at Westminster, and see whether it might be later in the day than the normal 9.00, which makes it virtually impossible for members from outside London, to attend.

10. Any Items not on Agenda:

Anthea reported further on the lead tobacco jar that had been found at Chalgrove, to the Society. It was believed that this was from the time of the Civil War and has been offered to the Society. She is hopeful that she will be able to bring it along to the AGM.

Roy reported that the Hampden, Maine Historical Society had sent him their usual newsletter, which contained an article about a John Player Cigarette card from the 1920s-1930s, that had been acquired depicting John Hampden, on which it was stated that his date of birth was 1595, which caused Roy to query whether it was actually as old as that, because the actual date of Hampden's birth had only much more recently been confirmed as 1595 rather than 1594 as had previously been thought.

11. Date & Venue of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 25th March at the same venue.