

The John Hampden Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th May 2018 at
Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford

Present: Roy Bailey (Chairman), Sam Hearn (Treasurer), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary) and Phil Broomfield (Membership Secretary – via Skype)

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

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

Matters Arising:

No further progress has been made with the Video.

The new leaflets had been retrieved from Gerald and distributed to members of the committee for placement in the appropriate venues.

3. Executive Committee Issues:

There were no real issues to discuss. Roy asked whether Phill would be prepared to take on the role of Vice Chairman though obviously he would not find it easy given the distance involved. Phil will think about this, but would, in principle, do so, provided a solution could be found to chairing meetings at a distance.

The question of Job Descriptions was mentioned. Most of these are already in existence but may need some tweaking and Sam will then get them loaded onto the website.

Anthea had forgotten to bring along the forms of consent to stand as a Trustee for signature and will e-mail them instead.

Roy felt it would be useful to set up a WhatsApp Group for the Executive Committee to improve communication and everyone was happy with this suggestion.

4. Membership Issues:

Following communication, via Google Group e-mail, of the members normally contacted by this method, asking for their agreement to continue being contacted by this medium, in accordance with the new GDPR Legislation, Anthea had received a total of 42 agreements, with one or two still trickling in.

Roy suggested that next year we send reminders to non-payers 2 weeks from the date that the subscriptions were due, giving them until 14th February to pay or else they would be removed from our database.

5. The Patriot and Hampden Voice:

Sam had not had the chance to deal with these items due to the local elections which took place on 3rd May. He does have enough material for two editions of *The Patriot* and will deal with this as soon as he can. He was concerned that items such as this that are distributed via Mailchimp, had been reported as ending up in Spam Folders, and a lot of members did not see them. It was suggested that e-mailed a copy of the finished product using Google Group, which should solve the problem.

6. Financial Report:

Sam should now have more time in which he can produce the accounts and complete a Gift Aid claim.

8. Website:

This has been handled by Sam and Steve, though with Steve no longer on the committee, Sam will be dealing with it in the future. Roy mentioned that some of the links on the website no longer work, as the information has been changed and he will let Sam know which these are so that they can be amended. Steve had agreed that he would continue to monitor and assist members setting up access to the Members' Section of the website.

9. Future Events:

Roy is doing a talk for Probus in Beaconsfield on 28th June and Brian Cox will go along to give him a hand. Sam said that he would try to attend also.

Roy will also be giving a talk to the U3A at Newbury, as recorded in the last Minutes, at some date in the future.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to contact Miles and ask him if he has any talks in the pipeline, as we usually only hear about them after the event, and it would be good to be able to include that information on the website diary page.

Brian Cox had suggested that it might be a good idea to consider holding a John Hampden Memorial event, with a well-known speaker. Sam agreed that this would be worth considering but felt that we would have to advertise it widely and invite people other than members in order for it to work.

AGM 2019. A short discussion took place concerning the venue for this event and several possibilities were mentioned, including Hartwell House, Hampden House, Chenies Manor, Hampton Court, Jordans, Amersham and High Wycombe Guildhall. Of these it was felt that Chenies would be worth considering, and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

10. Any Items not on Agenda:

Anthea reported that 29 members had so far not responded to her email about New GDP regulations. No further contact will be made for the time being as further replies might well still arrive.

Some amendment will be made to the membership form on the website, stating that completion of the form would be taken as consent for contact using that method. The wording on the Membership list will be changed to indicate that it is confidential and is not for copying or onward distribution.

Anthea had had a long telephone conversation with Maurice Kirtland and he enquired whether the Society had any ideas about laying a wreath in Thame, as had happened on occasion in the past. Maurice said that he would be prepared to assist in setting this up, and it was agreed to ask him if it would be possible to arrange something for the 18th June or the following week, and if so, would he also be able to arrange a wreath with a card.

Phil reported that he will be going to Lincolnshire and will visit the Civil War Centre to see whether they would be prepared to display some of our leaflets. He will liaise with Simon Marsh first to make certain he is happy that we do this.

11. Date & Venue of Next Meeting:

Roy will make contact via WhatsApp concerning possible dates for the next meeting, which should be schedule for about 2 months' time.