

The John Hampden Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 2nd September 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:

It was agreed to put the question of the video on the back burner for the time being at least, as Julian Tanner is very committed elsewhere.

The new leaflets have been distributed and we still have a few in hand.

3. Executive Committee Issues:

Job profiles for Executive Committee members have previously been circulated and it was pointed out that we require a standard one for committee members without a specific post. This will be discussed by e-mail in due course.

4. Membership Issues:

A cut off point for next year's subscriptions was agreed for 14th February. A letter will be sent out in January to remind members who had not paid that they should do so before 14th February and trying to persuade those who pay by cheque to change to standing order.

5. The Patriot and Hampden Voice:

The latest newsletter (No. 87) had been very well received and was an excellent publication that had been commented on by various members. *The Patriot* No 88 will hopefully be published before Christmas. In the interim anything of interest should be put on Facebook.

6. Financial Report:

We now only have two signatories for the account and Phil was asked to become a signatory. Sam will organize the forms and get this set up.

There was a short discussion on whether to revert to the Lloyds account rather than the Co-op Bank and it was decided to keep the Lloyds account open and consider changing when we next increase subscriptions.

Currently the bank account stands at £5,380 in the Co-op plus £100 in another account, £60 paid into Lloyds and about £100 in PayPal.

8. Website:

It was suggested that we all take the time to look at the website on computer and on our phones and make comments on any problems we feel should be addressed.

Phil hopes to start dealing with the question of genealogy this autumn.

9. Future Events:

Roy reported on the talk he gave to Probus in Beaconsfield.

AGM 2019.

Sam will contact Chenies to see whether we can hold the next AGM there, early in April 2019. If he has no luck with Chenies, he will talk to Hartwell House to see what the possibilities are there. He will also talk to Ian Beckett to see whether he would give a talk at the AGM.

10. Any Items not on Agenda:

Phil was reminded that he is going to change the wording on the Membership List to cover the new Data Protection Act.

Maurice Kirkland would be happy to arrange further wreath-laying ceremonies in Thame if we wish to hold more the future, following the success of the ceremony held this year.

Sam is going to try to get to Aylesbury for the BLHN conference but we are unable to have a stand there this year.

Sam had met Sir John Vere Hobart, who is a councillor at Carisbrooke and a trustee of the Carisbrooke Museum on the Isle of Wight. They discussed John Hampden and the lock of hair purporting to be John Hampden's that is displayed in Carisbrooke Castle.

Roy raised the question of travelling expenses for Executive Committee members, who do have to travel quite large distances to attend meetings. It was unanimously agreed, after some discussion, that travelling would be paid at a rate of 25p per mile.

11. Date & Venue of Next Meeting:

This will be organized for late November, date to be announced.