

The John Hampden Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held via Zoom on 27th February 2022.

Present: Beth Rogers (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer), Peter Osborne, and Roy Bailey.

1. Apologies:

Miles Buckinghamshire, Phil Broomfield (Membership Secretary)

2. Minutes of Last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 12th December 2021

3. Matters Arising:

Sam was not sure about his contact for the Civil War soldier but the Thame Museum thought that they could help with this if necessary.

Sam had sent the money received for the talk about the Kimble artefacts and will also send a further £100 top up as agreed at the last meeting.

4. The Patriot:

It was agreed that the 100th edition of *The Patriot* was brilliant. It had been circulated to all members, either by post or notifying them that it was available on the website. Anthea had sent out copies to local schools, MPs, Libraries and Museums with a note telling them that if they would like to receive regular copies of the newsletter, they should email her and they would be put on the mailing list.

5. Thame Museum, Wreath Laying and Sealed Knot weekend:

Beth had been in touch with the Museum and The Sealed Knot regarding arrangements for this weekend. It might be advantageous to change the date of the wreath ceremony and incorporate this with the Sealed Knot arrangements. There will be a display at the Rugby ground on the Sunday and various events in the town on the Saturday. Beth has arranged to stay in the area for the weekend and will be in attendance on both days but will request assistance with manning the events as she cannot be in two places at once. She will also ask whether any members have an easily erected gazebo that they would lend for the event.

6. AGM Update:

The paperwork for this event was agreed and Anthea will send it out to meet the deadline.

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting to enable those members who live abroad or at a distance from Buckinghamshire to attend if they so wish. Sam will be setting this up and care should be taken to follow his instructions with regard to seating, etc.

It is not certain whether we will be able to do the tour of Hampden House on this occasion.

Hampden House will serve light refreshments for 20 members at £15 a head which the Society will fund and request donations from members attending the meeting. Anthea will ask members to confirm if they will be attending.

Member Bob Hammond will be giving a short talk following the AGM.

7. Talk 28th February:

Everything was ready to go for this talk with 14 bookings to date.

8. Risk Register:

Sam had circulated some suggestions for this, and it was agreed that we should hold a special meeting to discuss the content and also a mission statement.

9. Website Contract:

Sam has been in contact with Sarah about this and set up a regular monthly payment with additional invoices once we go over our agreed limit. Peter had a point he was querying and agreed to take this up with Sarah.

10 Chair:

Beth had no additional points to discuss.

11. Secretary:

Anthea had nothing to report.

12. Treasurer:

Sam reported on the current financial situation and has now closed one defunct Lloyds Bank account and made Beth a signatory on the current account.

13. Membership Secretary:

Phil was unable to join us for the meeting, but had reported on the current situation, which showed a slight increase over the year, the current number standing at 87.

14. AOB:

Sam asked Peter about the current position with regard to parking at the monument. Peter said that he has in hand the re-routing of the footpath, which will make access to the site safer and easier.

Peter reported that he had visited the monument that morning and had become involved with several visitors to the site, handing out leaflets and explaining the significance of the site. A suggestion was made that, to save further deterioration of the inscription on the monument, it might be possible to arrange, in the short term, to have a collar made in Perspex with the inscription printed on it so that it could be read and the Perspex would shield the actual monument which is rapidly deteriorating and a lot of the inscription is now illegible.

The question of a reprint of the leaflets was discussed and it was agreed that these could benefit from being made more attractive. Roy will make the necessary amendments and order a fresh supply.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was declared closed. It was decided that the next meeting would be held in May and would concentrate on the Mission Statement and Risk Register.