

# Sawbridgeworth Local History Society

## Minutes of Business Meeting held on

### Thursday 25 May 2017 10.00 – 1130

at The Sawbridgeworth Town Council Chambers

**Present:** Chris Catling (CC), Lorraine Carlaw (LC), Ann and Reg Dennis; Chris Finch (CF), Greg Leary (GL), Hilary Mathews (HAM), Hazel (HM) and David Mead (DM); Gill Munro (GM), Janet and Peter Reed; Diana Richards (DiR); David Royle (DaR), Theo van de Bilt (TB), Wally Wright (WW).

	<b>Apologies</b> from Terry Royle (TSR), John Rider	<b>Action</b>
1	<b>Minutes of 27 April</b> approved and signed; list of members and summary of officers' roles has been circulated.	
2	<b>Finance and membership:</b> Balance of £397.94; 20 paid-up members plus two honorary members (WW and Juri Itin); two members joining today (Ann and Reg Dennis). Total 24	
3	<b>May Fayre 30 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good feedback from visitors; very worthwhile. We plan to have a stall at Fun on the Field 2 July and High Wych Scarecrow festival 9-10 September. Booking forms to go to HM for payment. HM willing to make Asgar the Staller scarecrow based on Bayeux image!</li> </ul>	DR/HM
4	<b>Website/Facebook/Publicity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WW would like correction; he was Hon. Curator of BSHS museum not Rhodes.</li> <li>• Minutes and articles uploaded</li> <li>• We should publish article on SLHS in CM21/Flyer/Church and Town and make an appeal for historical photographs/documents etc.</li> <li>• Facebook page set up; GM working on postings; not sure if it can be 'liked' from website</li> <li>• WW history walk: copyright free according to WW provided source acknowledged</li> </ul>	TB/DR  DR  GM
5	<b>Programme/priorities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evening meetings:</b> DR to check availability and cost with Hailey Centre probably from autumn; possibility to alternate with monthly business meetings i.e. reduce them? DiR has given projector stand to Sawbridgeworths but Hailey has equipment.</li> <li>• <b>Visits:</b> TB to share HALH programme and invitations</li> <li>• <b>Storage/archiving:</b> TSR will work on spreadsheet of what we have between us with a view to passing on anything significant to HALS or Rhodes. TB drafting spreadsheet.</li> <li>• <b>1939 register:</b> no enumerator summary but summary of village data; CF working on Station Road</li> <li>• <b>Who lived where</b> (1911 census): HAM has drafted spreadsheet; looking at infant mortality data.</li> <li>• <b>Oral history:</b> CC has contacted five key people; TB noted that Rhodes have been offering oral history training which might be of interest</li> <li>• <b>Pubs:</b> DR and DM to start in June with existing pub histories; possibly do (Facebook) articles on old pubs as per Rhodes model</li> <li>• <b>Unsung heroes:</b> no update; John Sly did a talk for Hatfield Regis society which we have an electronic version of</li> <li>• <b>Town history walk:</b> we should republish in hard copy using local printers or e.g. Prontaprint; WW recommended we form a publishing committee</li> <li>• <b>Schools:</b> Town Council supporting school community art project in Baker's Walk, six panels, one for each school; Reedings and Spellbrook should be encouraged to develop their school histories, with support from SLHS if appropriate; DR to contact</li> <li>• <b>Articles:</b> TB has completed one on the Lord of the Manor (see website) and is</li> </ul>	DR  TB  TB/TSR  CF  HAM  CC  DR/DM  JR  TB/DR  DR

	<p>working on one or two more, possibly collaborating with Douglas Coe. He is in contact with previous German and English owners of the rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ken Cook diary articles:</b> a number of these have been scanned in and entered into a spreadsheet by TB (now circulated). Everyone agreed to become readers to ascertain where best to concentrate research. Copyright apparently rests with the Cook estate, not with the H&amp;E Observer.</li> </ul>	TB All
6	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Club interested in any information on its history for 2020 anniversary</li> </ul>	All
7	<p><b>Future meetings:</b> 29 June, 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, 26 October, 7 December. All in the Council Chamber 1000-1130.</p>	All

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