

WEST HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING
8pm Wednesday 15 May 2013
At Pippins, Main Street

Present: Josie Hill, Ted Kendrick, Eve Setch, Sheila Taylor, Linda Thompson, Val Walton

Apologies: Eva Pinkava, Jillian Hedges

Future of the Group: following a brief discussion it was agreed unanimously but with regret, that it was time to wind down and discontinue the West Hagbourne Village History Group for the foreseeable future. The terms of the Constitution regarding disbanding will be followed. There are many procedures to be completed, including the holding of an AGM before the Group will officially disband.

Archives and records: the archive and all records and holdings will be offered to Didcot Library in the first instance. Sheila Taylor will continue to catalogue and list the material in preparation for transfer. It is expected that this will take some time.

Finances: Linda Thompson will have the books audited before the AGM. We need to keep the accounts current until we finally cease to exist. The Group agreed to think about suitable ways that the remaining funds could be used for the benefit of the village.

Holdings: the list was updated to reflect the transfer of the late Mary Wiley's holdings to the main archive. The folder for the Village Open Day, 1996 appears to be missing.

Memorial trees: it has become difficult to monitor trees which have become inaccessible. Eve Setch agreed to refer this task back to the P.C.

Church audio guide: the Group has heard nothing from the Parochial Church Council or from the two churchwardens involved. We therefore assume this will not go ahead.

Questionnaire/House project: this project will now be mothballed. The questionnaire responses will be kept on file for possible use by researchers in the future. The photographs of the houses (transparency format) and the interactive produced by Ted Kendrick will form part of the archive.

Books: Sheila Taylor has 10 books and Josie Hill has 5 books in stock.

Didcot archaeological findings and trail: it is hoped that the P.C. will support this initiative. Eve Setch will bring it to their attention. A History Group has been established in Harwell and they hope to exhibit archaeological finds in the village hall following renovation.

Photographs: Sheila Taylor explained the numbering system for the archive album and negatives. Josie Hill agreed to ask the publican for the return of the unframed photograph. The wrongly captioned photograph will be redone.

Chapel of Ease: Sheila Taylor will discuss the possibility of marking the site of the chapel in some way with the Scott family.

Annual General Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 8th July at the Horse and Harrow. Sheila Taylor will put a poster on the village notice boards inviting the public to attend. The AGM will be followed by a meal at the pub. Val Walton will invite the members of the Village Association to join us.