

# Suffolk IVC Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

Meeting Date – Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30pm

Venue – Zoom hosted by Phil Riches

### Those attending

Jennifer Lowless	JL	Brad Rawlings	BR
Gill Reeve	GR	Phil Riches	PR

The meeting was opened at 7:43.

1) Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Judith Scott and Graeme Mount.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were adopted.

3) Matters Arising

PR said that he had changed the membership renewal reminder system. BR said that it seemed to be working as he had noted the reminder to Clive Harper; GR said that she had not yet received his subscription renewal.

4) Officer's Reports

Treasurer -- GR said that the balance on the account stood at £1,252 after paying the balance due for the club night buffet in Ipswich. She also noted that the Lloyds Bank Cash Card has been tried and does work.

Membership -- BR advised that numbers are steady at 28 but with two new prospectives who have both paid subscriptions on-line. Two new prospectives, one a friend of a member is expected to enrol soon but a 'maybe' via the web from a lady in Bedfield, a village in North Suffolk, was still awaiting an answer.

BR said that he had a list of all people who had contacted SIVC with a view to joining in recent years. He pointed out that these were spread across the county and most had not joined presumably as there were no events in the vicinity. BR suggested contacting all with a view to increasing events and membership across the county. It was suggested that 'Data Protection' could be a problem although BR pointed out that we were only re-contacting them in the same context as their original request. No conclusion was reached. PR said that he would look at the web usage statistics and report back with a view to ascertaining the range of people who may have been interested and to see if it may be worthwhile reintroducing Google Ads. It was also suggested that the club should advertise local events but BR pointed out the IVC ethos is that all events are hosted, also that this would be a vast amount of work that he was not prepared to undertake.

5) Events

There was some discussion on new and old events and GR suggested re-instating the Hare and Hounds in East Bergholt when she is free; the old venue of The Red Lion had been visited and found now to be an over-expensive gastropub. There was some discussion about an event for Christmas. A location suggested was the previously used hotel at Copdock but it was decided that we should look at other central locations probably mainly in the area of the A12. GR also suggested doing one of the Soul Nights at Copdock.

6) Next Committee Meetings

The next committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (for food) at The Hare and Hounds in East Bergholt. It was felt that whilst Zoom is a boon to save travelling across the county for committee members, that it is a good idea to meet up in person occasionally, and that while the weather is still good.

It was noted that the AGM should take place around October and BR agreed to send details of the precise timing requirements.

7) AoB

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting was closed at 8:22