Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Trustees' meeting 15 August 2025

Trustees present - Paul Wright (Chair), Tim Peacock, Roy Norton, Mick Moignard, Richard Neil and Gary Day; also present Rob Thompson (President)

Apologies - James Aitken

Future Club premises update

1. There had been some significant developments at Quainton which had implications for our new premises. In particular, the Romney building opposite the Museum had been cleared to act as a transit storage shed while the engineering works and carriage workshop facilities are swapped over. Once the swap, currently underway, has been completed the Romney will become available (expected early 2026).

2. QRS have said they are going to divide the Romney, half for their storage and offering to rent the other half to us. The building is secure, weatherproof and has a solid concrete floor - we can reconfigure the interior as we wish (including adding a second floor). Size wise, it's much bigger than the Brixton building and while not as big as our planned building, it would still be very substantial. It also has the advantage, unlike the Brixton building, of being owned by QRS which provides greater security of tenure in the long term.

3. Meanwhile, major changes elsewhere at the Bucks Railway Centre relating to HS2 and Network Rail mean that the Winwood Trust properties, including refurbishment of the Brixton building, are no longer QRS priorities.

4. The Trustees agreed that further delay was frustrating but the Romney building now offered the best option for the new Club premises. We would explore the option further with QRS with a view to a detailed discussion at the AGM in November.

Exhibitions and activities

5. **Open Day (**12 July) went very well and generated a small surplus. For next year it was agreed to look at whether the public liability insurance costs could be reduced.

6. **Haddenham 2025** (Saturday 27 September) – progressing to plan. The Club's Mellin Parva layout would need a shake-down session before the exhibition.

7. **Railex 2026 and Risex 2026** – progressing to plan. A permanent exhibition manager was still required for Risex (Any volunteers?).

8. **Aylesbury LNWR –** The layout was performing well at its public operating sessions. The layout continued to be detailed and new rolling stock added.

9. **Christmas dinner** - will be at the Red Loin in Longwick on Friday 5th December.

Other business

a) **Workshops** – Soldering workshops confirmed for Fridays 10 and 17 October (kits and resistance soldering respectively). Signalling workshops (steam and modern) to follow.
b) **CMRA Director elections** – John Crisp, Ian How and James Tibbetts were elected.
c) **New Members** – Welcome to Debra Rixon

Next meeting – Friday 3 November 2025

Roy Norton
Club Secretary
August 2025