

Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Trustees' meeting 5 August 2022

Trustees present - Paul Wright, Roy Norton, Mick Moignard, Richard Neil, Gary Day, James Aitken, David Lane and Tim Peacock, Also present Rob Thompson (President)

1. Future Club premises update

Quinton's solicitors are progressing the lease documentation which should be ready to pass to us by the end of August. The move of our stored items from the containers at Horton-cum-Studley to the coach at Quinton went very smoothly – a big thanks to all those involved. This will reduce our storage costs and provide easier access e.g. to the Club layouts.

2. Exhibitions

Preparations for Haddenham (15 October 2022), Risex (18 February 2023) and Railex (27-28 May 2023) are all progressing well. Via Rob, the Club has been donated Mellin Parva, a small O-16.5 layout, which will be exhibited at Haddenham.

3. Risborough Festival (9 July 2022)

Our open afternoon in the Church Hall went very well with a good number of visitors and overall we made a small financial surplus.

4. Other business

a) **Aylesbury LNWR** – Good progress is being made on replacing the missing stock and it was decided that we would standardise on Dingham couplings. **Mick** is following up a possible claim with the insurance company.

b) **Modelling Saturdays** – The savings on storage (see above) mean we can now fund Modelling Saturdays. Paul is going to check the availability of the Church Hall (and, if necessary, the Community Centre). It was also agreed to discuss with Quinton the idea of having a working session on Aylesbury Town on one of their public weekend days (**Roy** to follow-up with Quinton).

c) **Adrian Harford and Ant Mead estates** – both estates had donated kits, rolling stock, tools etc. to the Club. Some of Adrian's O gauge rolling stock will be useful for the Club's shunting puzzle.

d) **Aylesbury Town wagon project** – Launched 4 years ago, it was decided to set a deadline for the completion of kits (now 4 November 2022) and ask for any kits which will not be built by then to be returned to Paul.

e) **Christmas dinner** – to be held on Friday 16 December. The Peacock Inn at Henton has been provisionally booked but other venues are being investigated.

f) **Club talks** – a number of talks, some postponed from lockdown e.g. HS2, are going to be arranged for the autumn.

Next meeting

7 October 2022

Roy Norton

Club Secretary