	MILL ROAD HISTORY SOCIETY	
	COMMITTEE MEETING	
DATE	August 30 <sup>th</sup> 2017	
Present	Emma Bonsall	
	Jo Costin	
	Robin Mansfield	
	Simon Middleton	
	Lucy Walker ( Chair)	
	Caro Wilson (Secretary )	
	Also attending: Andrew Coombe	
Apologies	Julia Ewans, Allan Brigham	
Minutes	The minutes of July 26th were accepted.	ACTIONS
1. Matters	1. v.viii Nicky Massey is enthusiastic about an Indian Food Trail as	
Arising	part of a Mill Road Feast	
	5.ii. Depot material.	
	a) Lucy and Caro need to see Cauis at the Depot to help find the box	
	of old photos and docs (mentioned by former Depot manager, and	Simon
	seen by Ceri Littlechild some time ago)	
	b) Banners have been located in Museum of Technology	
	c) A new Passport needs to be purchased to back up the MRHP	Caro (done)
	material with Simon.	caro (done)
	d) Caro will email Ceri to ask which Council Officer/Councillor would	
	be the person to approach about a Council funded project to get	
	our material into a state where it could be publishable online or	
	hard copy. Might it be tied into a public art project as part of the	Jo, Caro
	Depot's redevelopment?	(done)
	e) Jo suggested the material could form the basis of undergraduate	(done)
	or postgraduate research work. Jo will ask Sean Lang about this, and	
	Caro will email Phil Howell	
2.Treasurer	2.i. The committee approved the expenses for Mill Road celebrates	
	India:	
	£100 Cheque to Jonathan Mayer Sitar Player	
	2 x £20 Amazon vouchers for Tej and Krishnacan you get these? £40 cheque for Bolllywood Dance workshop. Cheque to Vidya Math	
	£20 cash to give to Addenbrokes kidney charity in lieu of expenses for Amrit	
	Lally for food (thanks so much for that introduction)	
	Approx £25 to Ila Chandavarkar for printing costs as yet unknown	
	Jo will also have expenses for her research posters (one for Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> ,	

	one for surgery) but these are as yet unknown and she is happy to	
	wait.	1. 12 -
		Julia
	Julia may wish to bring receipt slips.	
3 Brochure	3.i. Very warm thanks were expressed to Emma, and to Bridget at	
	Eilitian for their work in producing what all agreed was a very smart	
	brochure	
	3.ii. Emma will send Simon the final pdf so brochure can go on	
	website.	
	3.iii, Simon will now send out newsletter featuring brochure, Mill	
	Road Celebrates India and Nick Barraclough evening.	
	3.iv. Emma informed the committee that next year they might want	
	to consider a slightly larger format as we may need to publicise	
	more events, have more text etc	
	At a later stage in the meeting it was suggested that we could have	
	separate flyers for things like walks, research meet-ups etc	
4 Forthcoming	4.i Mill Road celebrates India.	
Events	a) Lucy , Ila and Jonathan Mayer will be appearing on the Radio	
	Cambridge Jeremy Sallis show on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Caro (done)
	b) Caro will email participants reminding them to let Simon know	_
	what media will they will be bringing. Simon to meet Caro, Ila and	Everyone
	Lucy at the Deaf Centre 4.30pm Friday to check technology.	
	c) Programmes to be distributed as widely as possible	
	d) Help on day: JE, SM, JC, IC, LW, RK, RM (lunch time). Lucy and	Robin
	Caro will open up by 9.30am.	KODIII
	4.ii Nick Barraclough Evening Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Simon
	a) Robin will remind Nick and ask him what IT stuff he will need, He	
	will let Nick know that the audience would appreciate some guitar	Lucy, Robin
	playing.	
	b) Simon will publicise event on website and Facebook	Lucy
	c) Lucy and Robin will collect key from St Barnabas and arrange	
	d) Caro will arrange refreshments.	Simon, Caro
	e) Lucy to bring brochures.	Lucy Emma
	4.iii Sharing research workshop. Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucy. Emma
	a) Simon to invite all from researchers list (Caro will ask Ian to send	
	Simon his list)	
	b) Lucy to invite Sheila (David Parr house)	
	c) Caro will be away. Emma may be able to do refreshments	
5. Committee	5.i A lengthy and useful discussion about the purpose of the society	
matters	and how it best achieves a balance between its various activities, all	
	of which were perceived to be valuable.	
	5.ii It was agreed that we needed to 'push' our research side rather	
	more and Lucy would like to develop the Oral History side. Points	
	raised included	
	a) The need to 'reset the bar' Short building or other reports to be	
	encouraged, as well as one side of A4 plus photo about something	- Frances -
	specific, interesting stories.	Everyone!
	Such posts should be sent to Simon to upload.	
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	b) Simon will set up an online research forum and investigate ways	Simon
	in which people from our mailing list could opt into this. Such a	
	forum could be largely self-running.	
	c) Regular, or occasional, meet-ups for researchers were thought to	
	be valuable. These could take place in a Mill Road pub or coffee	
	shop. If thought advisable at least one committee member could	
	attend each meet up.	
	d) Andrew confirmed that working in a group like this on a small	
	research project would be welcome to him.	
	e) It was agreed that we had a need to exercise editorial control	
	over any Mill Road material on capturing Cambridge. There was	
	probably not yet need to recruit a new committee member with	Lucy
	academic editing skills but this should be born in mind for the	
	future.	
	<u>5.ii.</u> It was agreed that Lucy should invite Ila Chandavarkar to	
	become a committee member	
	5.iii. Guided Walks. Andrew suggested that this was an area the	
	Society should usefully develop. Points raised included	
	a) the past popularity of such walks, the popularity of tours such as	
	Open Cambridge promotes	
	b) The scope for a variety of talks within Mill Road, not just in a	
	specific area (eg Brookfields) but on a theme (eg crime,	
	entertainment)	
	c) The possibility of charging of a fee which could be split between	
	guide and society	
	d) The value of a researcher and guide working together.	
	e) Scope for an annual programme of walks (NB incl. Mill Road	
	cemetery)	
	f) Andrew offered to help with such a programme, and knows	Lucy
	others who might help, eg. Sophie Smiley.	
	g) One of our purposes is to raise awareness of our heritage (see 6	
	below). Walks which encourage participants to look closely at their	
	environment would be very valuable in achieving this aim.	
6.Conservation	6.i. Lucy and Allan had walked down the Petersfield end of Mill	
Issues	Road to assess how a positive vision of its appearance and heritage	
	can best be presented to councillors and conservation team to	
	ensure it is properly considered in all planning matters, and that	
	future developments are well informed and sympathetic.	
	6.ii it was agreed that we should not be a campaigning organisation	
	re planning matters, but we should be proactive with the City	
	Council Urban Design team, and ready to support campaigners with	
	research and other materials. Our role is to do with raising	
	awareness of Heritage.	
	6.iii Photographing architectural and Public Realm aspects of the	
	road (eg whole terraces not just individual buildings) could be	
	useful. This might be a good project to suggest to ARU etc.	
	6.iv. Whilst preserving our non-campaigning stance our mailing list	
	could be used to alert members to campaigns or to enlist help (eg	
	with photography) .	

7. AOB	7.i. Thanks were expressed for all that Simon does and concern	Caro,
	raised that he might be overloaded. Perhaps Emma and Caro could	Emma,
	help by providing text for newsletters etc.?	Simon
	7.ii Requests for speakers have come from the Cherry Hinton	
	History Society and from Oakington and Westwick Society. Julia	
	might offer her virtual walk through Mill Road to Cherry Hinton.	
	Caro will clarify that she really wants to do this.	Caro
	It was agreed that Jo could approach both independently offering	
	an Author's talk but later it was also suggested she could represent	Caro
	us at the same time. Caro will email her to clarify.	
	7.iii. lan Rawlinson has offered to be interviewed. Caro to record	Caro
	him as a possible participant in an Illustrators of Mill Road event for	
	2018	

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## Dates of future committee meetings. All at Bath House. 5.15-7.0

Wed Sept 26

Wed Nov 1

Wed Nov 29

## 2018

Wed Jan 31

Wed Feb 28

Wed Mar 28

Wed Apr 25

AGM before talk on Tues May 8th

Wed May 30th