

ERMS Committee

Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2017
at 2A Hearsall Avenue, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7DD at 10am

- 1. Present:** Ian Mercer (Chairman), John Lacy (Treasurer), Ros Mercer (Secretary), Roger Coleman (Membership Secretary), David Turner (Field Visits Secretary), Doreen White.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Jeff Saward (Vice Chairman), Gerald Lucy, Bob Williams.
- 3. To Consider setting up a branch of ERMS meeting in Stanway, Colchester:**
Following the circulation of the proposal together with points for and against, the committee considered the various aspects raised – spreading geological interest over a wider area, encouraging younger members, losing members from Hornchurch to Colchester, pool of speakers shared, field trips, finance, insurance.

It was suggested that the content and focus of ERMS North meetings would be determined by the group themselves with a representative coming to ERMS Committee meetings.

The functioning of a new group would not impinge on the meetings in Hornchurch and may enhance the support for field trips.

It was hoped that the group would be partially self-financing through new membership, but consideration was made of the Hornchurch meetings being supported through income from The Show (cost of hall £75 a month with average attendance around 30 members).

Motion: “To set up a group meeting at Stanway, to be known as ERMS North, on a trial basis and to report back to the committee meeting scheduled for 6th June”.

Vote 5 in favour + 3 (members unable to attend) 1 against. The motion was carried.

Action: IM to inform Rowley Collier and to send poster promoting the first meeting.

RM to book hall for 20th April & 18th May and inform interested people by e-mail.

IM to prepare an introductory talk “Essex Geological Gems”.

GL offered to promote group at events he attends in north Essex.

- 4. Date of next meeting.** Tuesday 6th June

The meeting finished at 11.30am (approx.)

Signed _____ Date _____

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