

RAMSGATE AND DISTRICT MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB

SPRING MEETING 2022 HELD IN THE CAFÉ IN ELLINGTON PARK ON THE 25TH MARCH 2022

MEETING OPENED AT: 19:30

ATTENDEES:

Alan Gibbs
Jane Clements
Duncan Edwards
Roger Holebrook
Darren Argyle
Peter Wilson

Alan thanked the few people that came for attending.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Bob Prior
Nigel Prior
Bob Barwick – recovering from Covid
Rosemary Barwick
Nick Curtis
Robert Roake
Julie Gibbs

MINUTES OF AGM:

The minutes were accepted; Proposed by: Darren Argyle - Seconded by: Roger Holebrook.

PARK AND LOCOS:

There is a requirement to replace some of the concrete track pieces that have started to degrade. We have one cast curved section at Manston, together with the moulds for both the straight and curved sections. These need transporting to the park, once the engine shed has been tidied and room made to hold them. A working party of at least 4 people will be needed to fit the curve already cast - more parts will need to be cast and fitted during the season.

The remaining panels in the front of the engine shed need to be completed – concrete out, flint in. Alan and Duncan will do this on running days as long as we have sufficient members present...

Extra running days added to the running schedule; on April 9th - Easter Fun Day, April 24th - Scouts Saint Georges Day Celebration and June 3rd and 5th - Queen's 75-year reign. The June dates may be changed to fit in with the Friends of Ellington Park's celebration in the park, but no date for this has yet been set. Alan pointed out that these extra days, together with the May Fayre will be very busy and we will need good support from club members.

Our new club electric loco, a Class 33 finished in Railfreight Grey is on track for completion and hopefully collection in time for the May Fayre.

The subject of photography was raised. There is a strong feeling that children should not be photographed or videoed – most television now blurs images of children – it was decided that club members shall only photograph or video their own family members. Should a member wish to take a photo or video that includes another club member, they must seek permission first. This will be added into the Members Handbook.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thanet District Council - email that the canopy is finally all approved, now awaiting a site meeting with manufacturer. Replacement for the incorrect sign on post by the station being chased up.

Insurance renewed.

AOB:

Darren has acquired some lanyards – these will be available at the park on April 3rd.

MEETING CLOSED: 20:00