

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 At 63 Abbey Street at 7.30pm

Present: Neil McKillen, Rachel Radford, John Fowler, Andrew Shepperd, Madelaine Smith, Clare Driver and Lynn Parsons.

1. Apologies for absence – Rosie Macdonald.
 2. Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed.
 3. Matters arising – none.
 4. Correspondence – the usual magazines were being circulated.
 5. Finance report – funds stand at £848.85. An invoice is outstanding from Secol for archive materials and payments will be due shortly for the information board in tribute to Sheila.
F4 – there are now 53 surnames in the membership list and a couple of families have indicated their intention to join next financial year.
F2 – c/f.
F3 – the board has been made and arrangements are being made for its erection. Consideration will be given to having a small ceremony at the Pit if Gerry would like one.
F5 – Andrew had fitted new hinges which have made it much easier to access the cupboard when working on the archives. Further archive materials had been purchased.
F9 – **Madelaine** will visit the CRO and investigate the cost of a high quality digital scan and/or print of the 1810 Enclosure map. **Rachel** to let her know the reference numbers for the map.
F10 – Pam agreed to put up the picture of Ickleton Station donated by Willie Gough in the Village Hall. **Andrew** is now arranging this.
 6. Oral and Visual History
O1 – a number of people signed up at the Past and Present day to say they were willing to take part in the project and be interviewed. Clare has rebranded the project, redrafted the front page and written preparatory notes to give to interviewees. **Clare** has 2 meetings set up this week – first a trial run with Jess Bloomfield and then Ray and Mavis Plumb. Clare is aiming to do 2 interviews a month. She also recently videoed a conversation with Willie Gough.
O2 – Clare is hoping that some of the older children in the village might do some of the interviewing in time. This would help any bid for funding. Neil mentioned that a funding bid would need a programme of work and details of outputs.
O3 – **Clare** will reword the consent form to make it optional to put recordings on the website.
 7. Archive report
Photos:
 - **P1, P10** – c/f.
 - **P3** – **Clare** has borrowed Willie Gough's photos of the Church fire for copying.
 - **P5** – **Clare** will have one more go at trying to borrow the film.
 - **P6** – **Andrew** to action. The firm at Bar Hill charges £14 per video to convert to DVD. **Lynn** to edit the videos.
 - **P8** – underway.
 - **P9** – **Andrew** continuing to research the plane crash. He had been to the Cambridgeshire Collection but found nothing in the press cuttings – Mike Petty said that nothing would have been reported. Photos to be put on Gallery and in archive.
- Land and Fields:**
- **L1, L4** c/f.
 - **L7** – c/f. Printing of the second copy of the 1795 map has been delayed as the University Library Reprographics Unit has closed. The Clare College archivist is trying to find another place to get comparable quality copies. **Andrew, Madelaine** and **Rachel** to make another visit to the Clare College archive in February.

Other:

- **A1, A2, A4** – c/f.
- **A3** – **Neil** to put a request in Icene for information about residents who fought in WWI. He will also look in the Chronicle as there might be information about their earlier lives. The aim is to produce a booklet about the people who fought in the war. Suggested a sub-committee could be formed to include other volunteers.
- **A6** – a start has been made on the old planning papers.
- **A7** – **Andrew** to continue to develop the database of people.

8. Events and Activities

- **New Year's Day Walk E11** – in spite of torrential rain, there were about 17 walkers and it was a really good atmosphere. Some people came just for the lunch. The Village Hall worked well as the venue for lunch.
- **Farmers' Evening E1** – c/f.
- **Litter Pick E13** – subject to the Parish Council, the date will be 9 March. **Clare** to make arrangements.
- **Wine Tasting E12** – **Neil** to finalise date with Sebastian.
- **Visit to Ickleton Houses E2** – agreed not to pursue as experience with the SPAB visit had shown it was not very practical with large numbers.
- **Retro Coach Trip E9** – Clare has spoken with the bus company. They cannot get insurance to go as far as the coast but a trip to Newmarket races might be possible. **Clare** to research further.
- **Summer Walk E14** – in light of the success of last year's walk on the May Day bank Holiday, agreed to repeat this. **Rachel** to research a possible route and venue for a picnic. Suggestions include Hinxtton Mill if there is an open day around then and asking the local farmers.
- **AGM E15** – **Rachel** to sort out the date and to begin to look for a suitable speaker, possible about WWI and its effect on local people.

9. Development Pressures

- Uttlesford Local Development Plan (**D3**) – the further consultation covered only the new sites so we did not respond.
- South Cambs Local Plan (**D2**) – final comments had been submitted.
- Stansted – we were relieved that Stansted is not on the shortlist of airports for an additional runway but it may be considered for expansion in the 2040s
- Fracking – it is believed that this area is not suitable for the production of shale gas, the underlying rock being too young.

10. Local Planning

- Land W of Gurners – the appeal had failed but the reasons are very narrow – the impact on the Worthings house. Another application could well be forthcoming.
- 28 Church Street – the new application had been approved. It was disappointing that it had not been to the full Planning Committee even though the Parish Council had objected.
- Caravan at Riverside Barns – retrospective application for residential use on grounds of security was refused.
- 18 Bird's Close – revised application for a single storey extension was approved.

11. Items for Icene and Website – New Year's Day walk, WWI project, new items on the website, possibly the litter pick if date approved.

12. Any Other Business – none.

13. Next meeting – 4 March at Andrew's at 7.30pm. Rachel was thanked for her hospitality.