

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2015 At Harlequin House at 8.00pm

Present: Rachel Radford, Madelaine Smith, John Fowler, Clare Driver, Andrew Shepperd, Rosie Macdonald, Glynis Hammond

1. Apologies for absence – Geraldine Bushell
2. Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed.
3. Matters arising – none.
4. Correspondence – CPRE membership renewal received and reminder that it entitles members of the society to reduced entry to certain gardens, houses and museums – ask **Madelaine** for further details if interested.
Cambridgeshire Association for Local History membership now confirmed- to check if we are listed as a local society on their information.
5. Finance report
 - Funds stand at £1,025.90, which includes the bulk of membership subs. A list of renewed members was circulated and John is contacting members who have not yet renewed.
6. Oral and Visual History
 - **O1** c/f
 - **O2** – Clare to ask the young people who had expressed an interest if they would be able to work on the oral history project during the summer.
7. Archive report

Photos:

 - **P1 Rachel** had been contacted by Gill Holgate about some photos belonging to Betty Webb's parents, who lived in the cottage attached to Brookhampton Hall, which she might like to give to the Society. **Andrew** had also been contacted by someone who had a photo of the Home Guard at Valance Farm and possibly others we might copy.
 - **P6 –Andrew** has taken the tapes to Bar Hill for conversion and they should be ready next week. We now need a volunteer to edit them.

Land and Fields:

- **L1** – Lewis Duke is happy with what **Andrew** has done; **Andrew** is now waiting to get Shirley Wittering's opinion on some of the background information included before putting on website.
- **L7- Rosie** kindly volunteered to visit the University Library archives – after the meeting **Rachel** looked on their website and it was decided that we would need to establish what was worth looking at before a visit was arranged.

Other:

- **A2** – c/f.
- **A3- Glynis** has looked in general at the information we have and has come up with a concept for the project which aims to look at the lives of the people who served in the forces and also the nurses at Norman Hall. The idea is to show them as more rounded people and not just defined by the war. This was agreed to be an ambitious approach but worthwhile and Glynis will report back as her ideas progress.
- **A4 – Rachel, Andrew? and Madelaine** to visit CRO on Thursday 13th August .
- **A7, A8** c/f – ongoing.

8. Events and Activities

- **E30 AGM** – good attendance for talk by Shirley Wittering, which was full of interesting information about the enclosure process locally.
- **E31 Summer Walk** –a very successful event, good weather and a lovely picnic spot kindly provided by Charles Frankau.
- **E33- Baulks Walk** – again lucky with the weather and lots of fascinating information from Sian Wombwell.
- **E34- Village Fete** – **Clare** will be involved in doing teas in the hall, **Rosie** probably will too. **Madelaine** will man the archive display, **Glynis** will help if not needed elsewhere and David Lilley always helps with this. **Rosie and Madelaine** meeting on Monday 22nd to sort out photos for display.
- **E27-** speaker booked for 14th October for talk on Gardens and the National Trust- how certain gardens acquired, fashions in gardens, garden conservation.
- **E32** – it was agreed that the proposed Cambridge Colleges walk might be considered too expensive because of entry charges to colleges and would not be pursued.

9. Development Pressures

- Uttlesford Local Development Plan- the revised plan will come out in the autumn & Great Chesterford is likely to be included. We will need to monitor.
- South Cambs Plan –the Inspector needs more information on sustainability with the development at Bourne Airfield and the plan is back with the relevant councils.
- Stansted – owners now saying a second runway is needed and are urging the commissioners to put this back in the mix.

10. Local Planning

Howey's Yard – a basement is being dug-out, despite the planning application not having been passed.

66 Abbey Street –has permission for outbuilding as an annexe, not a separate dwelling.

The Glebe – up for auction 24th June with permission for one mobile home.

Items for Icene and Website –review of Baulks walk, ? fete (but will have taken place by time it comes out).

Any Other Business

Rosie was appointed Vice Chair, to comply with the constitution.

Logo – c/f.

Replacement software – on-going – Andrew is still looking for something that will be sustainable long-term.

11. Next meeting – 16th September 2015 at 8.00pm at 83 Abbey Street. Rosie was thanked for her hospitality and was requested to pass on our thanks to James and Ann for use of their conservatory .