

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 At 44 Frogge Street at 8.00pm

Present: Rachel Radford, Madelaine Smith, Clare Driver, Fiona Rose, Jo Bellamy, Andrew Shepperd, John Fowler, Hugh Molloy

1. Apologies for absence – Glynis Hammond
2. Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed.
3. Matters arising – none.
4. Correspondence – none
5. Finance report
 - Funds stand at £1,907.84, membership income for year £954. There was discussion about how we might spend some of the surplus for the benefit of the Society, the village and the area in general. Possibilities included a donation towards work on the church wall-paintings, conservation of some items in our archives. At this stage only the purchase of some display pillows for books and other archive materials was agreed. The proposal for a donation towards the church wall-paintings to be put to the membership – **Rachel** to send out a Communication once appeal has been launched.

John asked for new membership form to be put on the One Drive- **Jo** agreed to make final amendments and upload. She was thanked for all her efforts in designing the form.

6. Archive report

Photos:

- **A11 –c/f**

Other

- **A14 – Hugh** has some new data from other newspapers and it was agreed that he would get together with Andrew to discuss how to integrate it with the original.
- **A15 –Re-photograph postcards – Andrew** to contact the owner to arrange.
- **A16 – Hugh** to speak to Patrick Bloomfield re possibility of us indexing the church records in the vestry cupboard.

7. Events and Activities

- **E71 – Wine Tasting-** booked for 7th February 2020.
- **E72 – Exhibition to commemorate 40th anniversary of the church fire-**was well received and we had visitors from outside the village.
- **E73 – November talk- Andrew** is liaising with Mike Cole the leader of the dig at Abbey Farm to arrange for someone to come to talk to us about the work done there. He will email us with possible dates.
- **E74 –Cemetery chapel – Hugh** to source suitable covering for the bier which the Society will pay for and **Clare** to source dust sheets for pews. **Hugh** to inform Parish Council about woodworm found for them to take action if appropriate.

- **E75 – New Year’s Day Walk** – agreed it is a worthwhile event, **Fiona** agreed to lead and **Clare** to co-ordinate refreshments.

8. Development Pressures

- Uttlesford Local Development Plan –there were 2 weeks of public hearings. The Inspector will report on findings and next step by end September.
- SSE – nothing significant to report.
- Genome Campus- likely to go to Planning by 24th October.
- Agri-tech hub- Inspector to send to Secretary of State by end of November.
- A505 development & motorway service station- in abeyance, overtaken by possible Duxford Expansion, Marshalls and Aero Park.
- Car showrooms on A505 – rejected by SCDC, could appeal at last minute, shown on Duxford expansion plan.
- Duxford village expansion & Marshalls re-location- not dependent on each other, part of the Call for Sites

9. Local Planning

Open Spaces gave useful opinion on Back Lane access situation.

10. Items for Icene and Website –November talk, New Year’s Day Walk, save the date for the wine tasting. Clare doing a certificate for us to recognise Alexander and Amy’s sterling voluntary work litter-picking for the village.

11. Any Other Business

Request from Orwell History Society for a guided walk in Ickleton and the church – **Rachel** to write to Paul Shakeshaft to ask if he would be willing to give his talk again and she will contact them to agree to us doing something fairly informal for them, suggesting they reciprocate. Date they requested is 30th June 2020.

12. Next meeting – Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 83 Abbey Street. **Clare** was thanked for her hospitality.