

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 At 63 Abbey Street at 8.00pm

Present: Rachel Radford, Madelaine Smith, Clare Driver, Fiona Rose, Glynis Hammond, John Fowler, Hugh Molloy

1. Apologies for absence – Jo Bellamy, Andrew Shepperd
2. Co-option of Hugh Molloy as an advisory, non-voting member of the committee – this item was proposed by Glynis, seconded by Fiona and carried unanimously.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed.
4. Matters arising – none.
5. Correspondence – a booklet from Cambridgeshire Association for Local History was circulated.
6. Finance report
 - Funds stand at £1,991.37. 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 a donation of £50 to Stop North Uttlesford Garden Community was agreed, pending further consideration.
7. Archive report

Photos:.

 - **A11 –c/f**

Other

 - **A13 –c/f** pending Lavinia's availability to work on 1911 census.
 - **A14 – Hugh's** work on researching newspaper articles in order to update **the Chronicle** – c/f
8. Events and Activities
 - **E68 –AGM** – attendance similar to previous years, a very interesting speaker.
 - **E69 –Summer baulks walk-** a perfect day for a walk and the birds and wildlife encountered which had been encouraged by the work done by the Wombwell's was wonderful.
 - **E70- Short-term dig at Abbey Farm-** the group confirmed there had definitely been a building on Duxford Road and made a significant number of finds. They plan to return between 30th May and 7th June next year to continue the work.
 - **E71 – Wine Tasting-**It was agreed to book the Gordon Woolhouse Room for a wine tasting on 7th February 2020.
 - **E72 – Exhibition to commemorate 40th anniversary of the church fire-**after much discussion it was agreed that we could only hold this for 2 days, 24 & 25th August. Manning over this period would be shared with Ickleton PCC.To give it a focus, Rosemary Hayes will be asked if she is prepared to give a talk at 2pm on

the Saturday. We could possibly do teas on the Sunday to encourage visitors. The phone box display for the period Sept-Dec would focus on the church and continue the theme of the exhibition. Our next Icene entry to include request from **Clare** for villagers to share their memories of the fire. Suggest we advertise to other local history societies. The exhibition will need a lot of input from committee members to put together the week before the event, **Clare, Glynis, John, Madelaine and Rachel** available to help. Details to follow.

- **E73 – November talk-** it was agreed we would try to arrange a talk about the Queens Head Public House in Newton.

9. Development Pressures

- Uttlesford Local Development Plan –nothing to report currently.
- SSE – expansion being referred back to Planning Committee at UDC.
- Genome Campus- may go to Planning Committee in July
- Agri-tech hub- appeal hearings in progress.
- A505 development & motorway service station- nothing to report.
- Car showrooms on A505 – rejected by SCDC
- Duxford village expansion & Marshalls re-location- not dependent on each other, part of the Call for Sites

10. Local Planning

11. Items for Icene and Website –exhibition about the fire, memories to Clare, save the date for the wine tasting.

Fiona will also submit a piece about Rachel's BALH award.

12. Any Other Business

Rachel reported that Ally Gale has offered to help **Andrew** with the website, which would be very useful.

The Phone Box display –see exhibition note.

Clare suggested a future Society trip might be to one of the Cambridge College Libraries that are open to the public regularly – eg Pepys Library at Magdalene College.

13. Next meeting – Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 44 Frogge Street. **Rachel** was thanked for her hospitality.

It was agreed that we would have a rota for hosting meetings and if anyone was unable to fill their slot they could swop with the next person. **Madelaine** to provide a list based on recent meeting venues.