

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 At Craftsman Barn, Butchers Hill at 8.00pm

Present: Rachel Radford, Madelaine Smith, Fiona Rose, Clare Driver, Andrew Shepperd

1. Apologies for absence – Rosie Macdonald, John Fowler, Glynis Hammond.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed.
3. Matters arising – none.
4. Correspondence – newsletter from Cambridge Wildlife Trust put into circulation.
5. Finance report
 - Funds stand at £988.74 with invoice for room hire for wine tasting and our share of insurance still to be paid. It was decided that subs for 2016/17 should remain at the current level.
6. Archive report

Photos:

 - **P1** –decided to remove from action points as this is done as a matter of course when we hear of any photos available.
 - **P6** – videos now on the One-Drive but need editing. Fiona suggested that it might be a possible project for an Anglia Ruskin student to undertake and Clare agreed to make some initial enquiries

Land and Fields:

- **L1** – Andrew will now put this on the new website.

Other:

- **F2** – issues still to resolve on this, **Andrew** to continue to work on it as and when time allows.
- **A2** – **Clare** still hopeful we may get some documents from Willy Gough; need to review next time.
- **A3** – It was suggested that the AGM might be a good opportunity for **Glynis** to share some of her research so far on the WW1 project, perhaps by way of some of the evidence she has gathered in a small informal display.
- **A9** – photographs from Cambridgeshire Collection now on Gallery and filed away.

7. Events and Activities

- **E37 – Wine tasting** – a successful evening and a healthy profit.
- **E42 – Litter Pick**- a worthwhile event, with more new and younger families taking part.
- **E43 – May Day walk** – **Rachel** has organised for us to do a walk roughly the same as the first one we did with a picnic in a meadow at Valance Farm which Robert Drage has kindly said will be mowed for us. A shorter version will be led by **Clare** to enable everyone to meet up for the picnic.
- **E44 – AGM** – **John** will be asked to arrange drinks and nibbles and **Madelaine** will organise the glasses. Set up 6.45/7pm. £3 for non-members as usual to cover their refreshments.
- **E45 – Geophysical survey** –possible suitable sites in Ickleton for such a survey have been identified and **Rachel, Andrew** and **Madelaine** are meeting with the organisers on 14th April to discuss further.
- **E47 – Fete** – date now changed to 9th July. Suggestion that we ask Geofizz people about possibly putting on a display for us.

Development Pressures

- Uttlesford Local Development Plan –we have written to Ickleton Parish Council and surrounding Parish Councils asking them to express our concerns about the traffic impact

of a new settlement near Stump Cross, since the matter is not open to public consultation.

- Genome Campus expansion and Agri-tech hub – Martin Dougherty is to make a presentation to the village in the Village Hall meeting room at 7.30 on 23rd March that we urge everyone to attend. The Managing Director of SmithsonHill (the partnership behind the proposal for an Agritech development on the land on the opposite side of the A1301 from Hinxton) will be at an open session of the Parish Council on 20th April that we also urge members to attend.

8. Local Planning

- Solar Farms – no planning application in yet for actual panels, only track for wire.
- The Glebe – application currently withdrawn.
- Conversion of Rectory Farm buildings – will be going ahead.
- Field behind Brookhampton Street – no further information received.

9. Items for Icene and Website –AGM, further details of May Day walk, review of Litter Pick and Wine Tasting, new items on Gallery, subs, invitation for nomination of new committee members.

10. Any Other Business

- Logo – c/f
- Replacement software – now installed, all photos imported.

11. Next meeting – Tuesday 17th May 2016 at Andrew's. Fiona was thanked for her hospitality.