

Alveley Historical Society

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th February 2017

Present:

Bill Scriven, Stuart Hunt, Carol Wall, Barbara Spragg, Margaret Clayton, Richard Crow, Keith & Pam Stanton

Apologies John Wall

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes circulated prior to meeting and no anomalies were found so were accepted.

Bill opened the meeting by showing Richard some old maps of Alveley. Richard offered to try to get them copied at cost. The meeting agreed he should get a price for this service.

Interviews of Villagers

Bill wants the members to get started with talking to elderly villagers about their memories.

Margaret gave Bill a list of folks from the village who may have interesting memories and possibly be approachable. These are mainly people she can remember from her own childhood in the village.

The meeting discussed what sort of format should be used as these interviews tend to become muddled ramblings. It was agreed that childhood, family and work were good headings to begin with. Richard said he would make out a printed format for the interviewers to follow.

Clive Rochelle Memorial

Clive has spoken to Bill about having a memorial plaque made for the Spitfire pilot who crashed near to Coton Hall. He is in the process of having this made and will erect it in the hedge near to where it crashed. He has done a lot of research and has been in touch with the pilot's family in America. He is going over there shortly and will call on them while he is there.

He wants to know whether or not the members would be interested in attending the unveiling ceremony. Bill was asked to convey our interest and asked to keep us informed as to when this might be held.

The Village Hall and Storage

Bill has built the cupboards in the Village Hall and Keith said what a really good job he has made of them. The meeting expressed thanks for his hard

work. Bill said he has made three floor to ceiling cupboards each with its own mortice lock & key. He also said that the cupboards needed painting or varnishing. Keith and Stuart agreed to do this.

Pam said that we should now pay the Village the £20 annual rent they had agreed. Stuart gave her a cheque for £20 to be sent to Norma Crabtree for this.

Any Other Business

The Web-site

Keith told the meeting that Chris Noble was still looking after our web-site and will continue until we find someone else. Richard said he would have a look at it and see what is needed to run it. Richard gave his phone number and Keith said he will ask Chris to phone him to discuss this. (07967 555727).

Tim's Book

Stuart has spoken to Tim about his book and wanted to know who wanted Tim to sign their book. He said that Tim has done a slightly different copy for Stuart as his dad was in the pit.

Stuart wrote down the numbers required and how many for Tim to sign.

The Old Village

Margaret and Barbara showed the members the work they have been doing. They unrolled a large diagram – over three tables- of where the buildings were when they were young and who lived in each place. This created quite a discussion especially from Stuart and Bill who can also remember what buildings were where before the major developments of the 60's and 70's. This is a very interesting piece of work indeed.

Meeting ended at 9pm

Next meeting Thursday 16th March at the Old Chapel at 7pm.