

Alveley Historical Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2017

Present: Bill Scriven, Stuart hunt, Carol & John Wall, Richard Crowe, Keith & Pam Stanton

Apologies Barbara Spragg

Minutes of Last Meeting

As the August meeting was held in the village hall sorting out the cupboards no minutes were taken.

Projects

The meeting started with the members looking at some of the photographs that Bill has produced for our exhibition next year.

All were impressed with the quantity and quality of his work and found the photos very interesting.

This was followed by much discussion as to the best venue and time for the exhibition. Costs were discussed and it was decided that the Chapel would be the most viable and the middle of May the best time. Bill said he will pop into the chapel and talk to Sally Page and negotiate with her about this.

Alan Nichols' book.

Alan Nichols had e-mailed the members about his latest book on Alveley which can be ordered online. The purchase of one book initially for the Society was discussed and it was agreed that this should be done. Richard Crowe volunteered to purchase a copy himself and donate it to the Society. His offer was gratefully received. He ordered the copy online before the end of the meeting.

Trip to Harvington Hall

Pam gave details of where to meet next Thursday 28th September for the Society's trip to Harvington Hall. The tour should begin soon after 11.30am so it was agreed to meet on the car park shortly before that.

Another trip to plan

Keith gave the meeting details of a trip advertised by Whittles coaches on Saturday 3rd March 2018 to the Liverpool World Museum to see the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition. The cost is £36 per person. Carol and John said they were interested and both Bill & Stuart said probably – they would ask if their wives wanted to come too. Opening it up to other people in the community

was discussed and it was thought that we should put it into the Parish Magazine. This is to be left until after the Harvington Hall trip when we can put in an article about this at the same time. Pam will ring to see if she can make a provisional block booking of 12 seats.

Florrie Woods

The members were saddened to hear of the death this week of Florrie. We had planned to talk to her about her memories of growing up and living such a long life in Alveley. We are very sorry to have missed the opportunity to record her memories. It was decided that Pam should send a card of condolence to her family on behalf of the Society.

The members were also saddened by the sudden death of John Raybould and the passing of Reg Collins, both of whom had worked hard for the village community.

Maps

Richard said that the map he took a while ago has been digitised free of charge. He has circulated a copy in PDF format. He can print off a large scale copy of the central area if we need it for the exhibition. It was suggested that it might also be valuable to print off a modern map of the same area for comparison purposes. This could also be used to mark spots relating to the photographs in the exhibition.

Street Scene

Keith reported that the Parish Council is changing all the street lights to LED and that those in the Conservation Area will be of a Heritage style. All the rest will be of a modern design

The meeting discussed the desirability for all those along the ridge, including those outside Townsend, the Chapel and Yewhurst, to be of the Heritage style in order to be in character with the listed buildings. It was felt that the street furniture should enhance the character of this area. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Chairman of the Village Plan committee expressing our feelings on this matter.

Finance

Bill told the meeting that the printing and paper for the photos was rather large at £114. 15. Bill was given a cheque for the amount and all felt that it was good value considering the time and effort he has put in.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting: Thursday 19th September.