

North Duffield Conservation and Local History Society
Archaeology North Duffield

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21ST April 2015

Apologies for Absence There were apologies from John Ellwood -Chairman, Bob Wells-Treasurer, Maxine and Brian Burket, Brian Elsey, Phyllis Holling, Roberta Pullen, Angela and Simon Stallard, and Elaine Wells.

Present:-

Tony Stevens -Secretary. Paul Allison, Jean Apperly, Joyce Bains-Holgate, Richard Baker, Connie Bolton, Deirdre Busfield, Rodger Carter, Beryl Clayton, Jeff and Sue Eastwood, Maureen Fernyhough, Margaret Gibson, Winnie Kraft, John Leake, David McSherry, Betty Raper, Rhonda Wells, Roger Wetherall, Jean Wilkinson and Val Witty.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17th March were distributed and accepted as correct.

Matters arising

Tony reported that the planning application for 35 new houses near Springfield farm behind the houses on the west of Green Lane had gone ahead.

He also reported on the visit to the roundhouse by Wilberfoss School, he said that it had been a great success and from the feedback from the teachers and children it was obvious that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

He said that we had been booked for visits by Burton Salmon Primary School in April and by North Duffield Primary School and Camblesforth School in May.

Treasurers report

As the treasurer was not present there was no report but Bob has assured that we are still solvent.

Any Other Business

Tony read out Brian's report about the archaeology project in which he said the book of the project was now with the printers, Quicks of York. It was costing £5,500 for 300 copies. The money had come from the Lottery fund grant.

It was reported that a planning application for 80 new houses behind and alongside the Methodist Chapel on the south side of the A163 Selby Market Weighton road was likely to go ahead in the near future. There was much discussion about this and Joyce went home and brought the plans for members to see. The main concerns were that the school is already full and cannot be extended without encroaching on to the playground (which has already had a pre-fab classroom built on it) or the school field. Tony said the quality of learning at the school would be greatly compromised if the children had nowhere to play and let off steam outside the classroom.

Other questions were raised about the adequacy of the water and sewage supplies. The pumping station has already had to be enlarged and the sewage farm is too small. The ongoing problems with parking in Main Street near the shop were mentioned and it was the general feeling of the members that the general infrastructure of the village with 115 new houses (and 16 more at Skipwith) just would not be able to cope. Tony was instructed to write to the Parish Council and to Selby District Council expressing the concerns of the society.

Speaker

Our speaker was Anne Hanson from the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group who gave us a fascinating presentation on British Bats. She showed us pictures of all the different kinds and played us the sounds that they make. She then brought a bat which had been injured and was recovering.