

North Duffield Conservation and Local History Society  
Archaeology North Duffield

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Apologies for Absence** There were apologies from Bob Wells-Treasurer, Conny Bolton, Margaret Gibson, Roberta Pullen, Gordon Taylor and Elaine Wells.

**Present:-**

John Ellwood -Chairman, Tony Stevens -Secretary. Paul Allison, Jean Apperly, Joyce Bains-Holgate, Richard Baker, Maxine and Brian Burkit, Deirdre Busfield, Rodger Carter, Beryl Clayton, Geoff and Susan Eastwood, Brian Elsey, Maureen Fernyhough, Ron Haywood, Phyllis Holling, Winnie Kraft, John Leake, David Mc Sherry, Betty Raper, Mark Simpson, Angela Stallard, Rhonda Wells, Roger Wetherall, Jean Wilkinson, Val Witty and two visitors, Chris Copley from Bubwith and David Simpson.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October were distributed and accepted as correct.

**Matters arising**

Brian gave an update on the iron working residue from the ring ditch at the excavation and on the several pieces of worked flint found. He said that this material was with the experts for positive identification and said that the presence of flint indicated that there was a possibility of a Neolithic site somewhere in our landscape

**Correspondence**

The subscription to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and magazine had been renewed

**Treasurers report**

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

**Any Other Business**

David asked what jobs still needed to be done on the roundhouse. Tony replied that Brian and he were going to Potterick Carr in the near future to help harvest some Fragmites (Norfolk Reed). We have been promised as much as we want without any charge. David volunteered his service to help.

Maureen asked about any progress on the proposed new History of North Duffield. Tony said that we have one paper copy from David Owen but as his job has huge pressures at the present time he has not been able to take it any further. The book is also on disc. David asked if we had sufficient money to publish. Tony replied that we had had two quotes; one of £4000 for 100 copies for a format in which the colour pictures would be all together in one section of the book. The other was for £8000 where the colour pictures were adjacent to the relevant text. Brian said that we did have a possible sponsor but we needed to have the book complete and ready to go to the printers before we could approach anyone. Jean commented that the entries for current organisations in the village would be now out of date. It was decided to contact members of these clubs and societies for an update. John suggested that we form a sub-committee to take the project forward as we did when the material was being written and asked for volunteers. Deirdre Busfield, David McSherry, Ron Haywood, John Ellwood and Tony Stevens offered to meet at a date to be decided.

**Speaker**

Our speaker was Sam Stones who is doing post graduate research into Wressle Castle. She gave a superb presentation on the history of the castle and the Percy Family who built it. Then she talked about the conservation work currently taking place on the surviving parts of the building. She said that as the Falkingham family who now own it had received a considerable amount of money, they were now obliged to have four open days every year. Maureen asked Sam if we could have a guided tour for one of our summer visits. Sam agreed to check things out and get back to us.