

NORTH DUFFIELD CONSERVATION AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at North Duffield Village Hall.

1 No apologies recorded; 16 members attended.

2 The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2107 were distributed to members. A brief discussion followed regarding the Minute about the previous speaker, Tony Abramson. It was agreed that there should be a time limit for speakers, to help them and ensure the meetings do not run over time. The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising.

- Brian Elsey gave more details about the new archaeology project based on Southern Vale of York. This is to investigate Iron Age Settlements in Hemingbrough, North Duffield and Wheldrake. We have been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £79400. The first dig is to take place between 30/9/17 and 14/10/17 at Hemingbrough. Visitors are welcome except on the first day. Various groups are involved, including people with learning disabilities. Brian has been trying to engage with other groups, some not successfully as yet. We have received half the grant, £39700 already.
- The visit to the Northern Archaeology Store near Helmsley had been successful. The Secretary commented that it was nice for people to be able to handle some of the artefacts.
- Mark Simpson reported that the archiving work would commence again now that Tony Stevens was once again available.
- The Secretary, Joyce Baines Holgate is also a Parish Councillor and commented that a proposed development off York Road would probably be discussed by SDC in October.

4 Correspondence

The only correspondence received by the Secretary was the latest edition of Yorkshire Wildlife, which would be placed in the circulation envelope,

5 Finances

- Accounts details as follows

Heritage Lottery Funding	£39700
Spent	£2633.14
Balance	£37066.86

History Society	£1482.47
AND	£86.34
Books	£1044.75

A condition attached to the HLF is that we have access to Internet Banking. This was discussed and the proposal that the Treasurer Bob Wells has

access to the accounts via Internet Banking was put to a vote and agreed unanimously.

6 Other business.

- Following the planting of bulbs on verges last year, the Chairman, John Elwood proposed we planted wild flowers instead. The areas planted needs to be managed sympathetically and it was agreed that the Parish contractor, Jeremy Massey, was able to do this. It was agreed to also plant some further bulbs, which would be bought from funds.
- Tony Stevens has received a donation of oak saplings from his nephew. These will be planted at sites to be agreed. Joyce BH will make contact with the local NYCC Highways Inspector for advice.

Speakers

- We heard first from Brian Burgess who is our Webmaster. He gave details of how websites operate and how ours has evolved. He is now re-designing ours.
- Tony Stevens gave an update of the Village History book, which he is compiling.

Chairman

Secretary