

Whiston Heritage Society
Annual General Meeting
May 2nd 2017

12 members were present. Apologies were received from Mesdames Marples, Eyre and Young and Mr. Pike

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were received as correct – Proposed Mr. Lowe, 2nd Mr. Bradbury – carried. Chairman's Report – Mr. Rivington spoke with enthusiasm on the research that had been carried out over the year and expressed the wish that this should continue in the future – with perhaps some emphasis on the period before 1066.

The Treasurer, Mr. Tompkin read to members details of the audited accounts, as sadly Mrs. Eyre was unable to be with us on this occasion. Members thanked Mrs. Eyre for her excellent work in once again auditing the accounts and Mr. Tompkin for his good work as treasurer – proposed Mr. Savage 2nd Mr. Lowe – carried unanimously. The current balance of the Society still remains a healthy £3876.19 which reflected a small overall loss during the year.

The Secretary then gave his report – thanking the church for allowing us to continue to meet in the church rooms. Membership has altered over the year with some new members joining and others leaving including the death of Mr. Lilleyman and the surprising resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Staniland. The Society website continues to attract interest and a number of queries have been posed many of which we have been able to answer. Over the year a number of topics have been dealt with and other important moves were the installation of the Waterloo Well Plaque, the picture presentation at the Village Hall and the successful sale of some of our excess books. Members present suggested that it would be a good idea to give copies of Whiston at Play to local schools – as we have such a considerable stock left. He closed by hoping that the Society would continue forward under the guidance of our now fully active committee, and remain successful.

There then followed the election of officers.

Chairman – Mr. Tompkin proposed Mr. Rivington as Chairman this seconded by Mr. Savage. Carried.

Secretary – Mr. Tompkin will continue in this position for a further year.

Treasurer – Mr. Tompkin agreed to continue to do this and with no objections raised he will continue the dual role until a new Treasurer is found. Both carried unanimously.

Committee – the members are Mrs. Bradbury, Mr. Pike and Mr. Savage, Mr. Hopps and Mr. Lowe.

They were re-elected unanimously. Mr. Tompkin pointed out that there was a single vacancy should anyone else wish to join. No one stepped forward at the meeting. The committee now meets regularly and the next meeting would take place in August.

The next AGM will take place in 2018 – on May 1st

Following the above members agreed that the present level of subs (£5 per person or couple) should continue payable from this meeting.

It was agreed that meetings would continue to be held in the Church Meeting Room.

Members voted to accept the changes to the Constitution as made by the committee at their January meeting.

Members agreed with the suggestion made by the committee that Mr. David Dyson be invited to be the Honorary President of the Society – Mr. Savage agreed to contact him with this offer.

The committee is looking into providing transport for members who do not have a car to facilitate their ability to attend meetings.

The committee has suggested holding a day visit in July with possible venues – Bolsover castle, Roche Abbey, Worksop Priory or Sheffield Manor castle. Members are to be circulated to find out what, if any, interest there is in this proposal.

Barn artefacts – members expressed dissatisfaction with the current situation and the Secretary is to contact the Parish Council with a view to arranging inspections and making an inventory of the items currently in the Barn also he will ask should it be possible to put a show case in the village hall for some of the items on display.