

**Meeting 2 7.30pm, Tuesday 20.04.10 at the Marquis of Granby,**

**Waltham on the Wolds**

Those attending:

Richard Snodin

Mavis and Alan Luntley

Gillian Lane

David Bowles

David Burr

David Stirling

James Houghton

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Eric Smethurst, Nicola and Mark Wotton (belatedly)

**2. Minutes of inaugural meeting, 23.03.10:**

The minutes of the inaugural meeting were accepted.

**3. Election of officers: secretary, treasurer, vice chairman:**

Chairman: Richard Snodin

Secretary: David Bowles

Treasurer: Eric Smethurst

Vice Chairman: James Houghton

In addition, David Burr was elected as a committee member.

**4. To accept, and adopt, a constitution:**

A four page constitution had been circulated before the meeting, this had been reduced in length by Alan Luntley to a single page, this document was accepted; a copy of this document signed by Richard Snodin and David Bowles will be kept on file.

**5. Banking:**

Eric Smethurst, as Treasurer, will organise the bank account.

**6. Finance and fundraising:**

Alan Luntley suggested that we approach the Parish Council for some start up funding, it was agreed that David Burr would make a formal request at the next Parish Council meeting for £200.00. Alan also suggested we approach Pedigree for sponsorship.

Richard Snodin is in contact with Christine Barrett, of Voluntary Action South Leicestershire, she has offered to attend our next meeting to give us some advice on setting up and planning our finances.

## **7. Open discussion: possible projects etc.**

There followed a lengthy discussion about the aims and objectives of the group, and which projects we might pursue, these included:

**Wells and pumps:** some work has already been done on identifying these, it was suggested that we should continue this work by identifying, mapping and photographing these.

**Oral history:** we should try to speak to long standing villagers, to record their memories of times when the pumps and wells were in general use; these conversations should be recorded and stored electronically. It was felt that these conversations would extend to many other interesting topics, all of which would be valuable.

**Gillian Lane** will investigate the possibility of borrowing/procuring a sufficient number of suitable machines (digital sound recorders) to facilitate this.

**Alan Luntley** suggested we produce an introductory leaflet similar to the one produced by the Bottesford group, this would be circulated to all households in the parish. A copy of the Bottesford leaflet was given to those present, there will be the opportunity before the next meeting to look at this leaflet and consider how a similar document, relevant to Waltham and Thorpe, might be created.

**David Burr** has a contact in the printing trade; he will use the Bottesford leaflet to get a quote from them.

**Eric Smethurst** will approach Lonsdale Print Solutions, (who print wotwata) for a quote.

**Gillian Lane** will get a copy of a document which releases copyright, contributors will be asked to sign a copy of this document, this will release copyright to the group.

**David Burr** had some information on the history of the charter fair and a charter for a weekly market, he will hand this information over to the group.

**David Stirling** suggested we create a wish list of projects for the group to pursue, it was agreed that **all** should create a wish list of projects and bring it to the next meeting, this will then form the basis of a project list for the group as a whole.

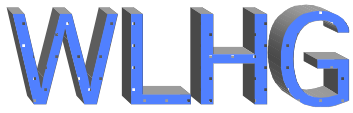
**David Burr** spoke about the "Belvoir Angels".

**James Houghton** suggested a heritage trail in and around the villages; this could take the form of a printed document, the points of interest on this trail could be marked in some way, with plaques perhaps, he is able to get some information as to how these plaques could be funded.

**Gillian Lane** suggested a competition to find the oldest house in the two villages; this might encourage people to look into the history of their own homes. **Gillian** also pointed out that the empty house, at the northern end of the village, formerly occupied by **Kevin Morgan**, is falling into disrepair, we should take steps to photograph the inside. **David Burr** knows the agent for the owner; **David** will enquire about gaining access for this purpose.

It was generally agreed that we should, as a matter of course, make every effort to photograph old buildings to create a record.

**James Houghton** suggested we produce a regular newsletter. **James** also suggested we try to get the local school involved with the group.



**8. Any other business:**

The Church in Waltham is open on Saturday September 11 for an English Heritage event, the group has been asked if it would like to put on a presentation.

James Houghton suggested the next meeting be used to start laying out the introductory leaflet.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 4 May 2010 in the Marquis of Granby

The meeting ended at 2145 approx

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