

COGENHOE AND WHISTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE AGM 11TH MARCH 2020, HELD AT COGENHOE AND WHISTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30PM

1. Apologies for absence: Richard & Grace Deacon
2. Minutes of previous AGM 13th March 2019: No questions arising. Adoption Proposed by Elizabeth Packer, Seconded by Ann Alexander. Minutes approved unamended and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes: None
4. Chairman's report presented by Peter Alexander: The full report is attached in the Minute Book
 - The completed Green Plaque scheme with Trail Leaflet was entered into competition at the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum and won a High Commendation.
 - Successful and informative guided tour in June at Delapre Abbey.
 - Enlightening talk by Ted Barnes in October on Cogenhoe Brand [farm land in the adjacent parish] which was investigated as part of the ongoing Map Project.
 - In February the Society presented to Jon Bailey on behalf of the Village Hall a Lego constructed model of a Yorks coach now on display in the entrance.
 - Work still proceeding on the 4 village residents who lost their lives in WW2.
 - The Map Project proceeds slowly as new discoveries are opening up many new unexpected avenues to explore.
 - We have started a sequel to the Green Plaque project to explore what other people and premises are worth commemorating
 - Underpinning our work is the continuing programme of monthly talks.
 - As part of improving our service and publicity we now email members each month a reminder about the forthcoming talk. We are also endeavouring to make our website more dynamic.
 - Albert Stanton stood down from the committee and I would like to thank him for supporting me and previous chairmen.
 - The year was overshadowed by the loss of Tony Loader in December and then recently the resignation of his wife Val Loader. Their contribution has significantly helped bring us to where we are today, particularly with the Oral History project.
 - Thank you to all the committee members whose support ensures we run smoothly.
 - Also a big thank-you to members who support, especially with kitchen duties. So thank you to Elizabeth, Tessa, Jean and Bettyne.
 - The committee has reduced from 9 to 5 members and we would welcome members who may wish to join or assist with tasks such as the website.

In following discussion it was mentioned that:

- We are attempting to revise the Heritage Matters Newsletter, initially on an ad hoc basis, and would welcome assistance. We are also moving towards using emails and the website as a means of communication.
- If members have any Heritage matters, no matter how small, they would be willing to have published then please let us now.