



## Shearsby History Group Minutes 29/02/2016

### Attendees

Paul Chawner, Jean Chapman, Rosemary Sharp, Martin Price, Martin Reynolds, Keith Beeson, Ann Beeson, Sue Parker, David Durran, Nigel Walker.

### Apologies & interested others

Gaynor Barnacle, Richard Kew, Ann Blaine, Bea Sprez, Sue Timms, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Martin Littlejones, Jill Littlejones, Ann Charles.

### Structure

Tea and coffee provided by Asda. A subscription of £1 each was collected to cover the hall hire.

### Discussions

- It was proposed by Martin Reynolds that the meetings might be held quarterly with set targets to be achieved and reported on. The group rejected the idea favouring the relaxed and enjoyable format we currently have. Meetings will continue monthly, though some consideration will be giving to skipping July and August holiday months at a later date.
- We discussed the milepost location. An old map shows it as being on the "old road" but no one recalls seeing it there in recent years. We pondered if it had been taken for scrap metal.
- Photos and press reports belonging to the Burton family were shown, along with a written "History of the Village Green" by John Burton. (Thank you to Nora)
- The last will and testament of Richard Simons who died in 1890 in Shearsby was shown. We might check the census to find more detail on Mr. Simons and his family?
- The council houses in Welford Road were first built in 1951. Thus Butterpot Lane pre-dates that time.
- Martin Price introduced an Ordnance Survey map of the area from 1900. In those days Shearsby was the same size as Countesthorpe and Lutterworth. There were lots of railways featured on the map which would have primarily been for agricultural use, transporting milk and farm stock. Every village had a mark for a Smithy and an Inn.
- Saddington Reservoir is a feeder for local canals. Last year Ospreys were observed there.
- We will consider inviting Margaret Godsmark to the meeting.
- We wish to record memorable events from recent years before they pass into forgotten history.

Next meeting - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Monday) at 7.30pm in the village hall.