



Shearsby History Group Minutes 29/05/2017

Attendees

Martin Reynolds, Martin Littlejones, Jill Littlejones, Paul Chawner, Ann Beeson, Keith Beeson, Nigel Walker, Jean Chapman, David Durran, Fiona Candlin-Gill, Madeleine Twigg.

Apologies & interested others

Ann Blaine, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Rosemary Sharp, Jane Timms, Chris Swaine, Yvonne Smith, Phil Poncelet, Alan Bird, Ann Charles, Richard Kew, Norah Burton, Gaynor Barnacle, Stuart Burton, Sue Parker, Sue Timms, Martin Price, Phil Adams, Man Lan Adams, Margaret Godsmark.

Minutes

MR - We received a thank you letter and certificate from LOROS for the £15 donation of last month's subscriptions. We welcomed new faces Fiona and Madeleine from Stonebridge Cottage.

NW - Provided a list of the variations of spelling and origins of the name Shearsby as we know it today, from Seuesbi in 1086 (Doomsday Book), through to Shewesby in 1488, Sheysby in the 16th century to its current version recorded in 1721. Full list will be added to website.

AB - The booklet by Mr Southerton which also shows the origins of the name of Shearsby was first printed in 1972. It can be referenced at

<http://www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/shearsby-village-history-lv.pdf>

DD - Brought his son Sean's school project on Shearsby (about 30 years old) to the meeting. The folder was passed around for inspection whilst we listened to a recording of Sean's interviews with villagers at the time. Interviewees were Nellie Durran, Keith Beeson, Mary Cramp, Nigel Walker and a young Tim Page.

FCG - Inquired as to the uses that Stonebridge Cottage had seen over time. Responses included a petrol garage run by Ken Reid, a general store, a fellmonger's producing sheepskins up to the 1960's, knitting machines were installed at one point, a vegetable packing business, a mowing contractor and a baker's oven servicing firm. The fellmongers employed 24 people before the war. Organic fertilizer called tag-locket (?) was also produced there.

MR - Asked if the group wished to continue over the summer months and what topics could be pursued? All wished to continue. Ideas suggested included

- Knaptoft Church ruins
- 1942 Ministry of Food Survey of Farms
- Framework knitters of Wigston
- Windmills - either a visit to one or a speaker
- Car museum at Fleckney
- Photos of village life in the 1960's and 1970's.

Next meeting

Monday 26th June, meet at 7.30pm near the village hall / The Square for car sharing.

We intend to hold the meeting in the ruins of Knaptoft Church. Shearsby was once a part of the parish of Knaptoft.

As there are no tea making facilities in the ruins you may wish to bring a flask or bottle of your choice.

If it rains we will decant to the village hall instead.