

ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF MEETING 10th NOVEMBER 2021
MEMORIAL HALL ELSENHAM

Those Present:

Ray Franklin Chairman	Mike Rea	Margaret Rea
Do Hackett	Joan Weyers	Therese Clear
Tim Snow	Anne Player	Kevin Wood
Valerie Austin	Brenda Davidson	Carol Wylde
Barbara Joiner	Graham Joiner	Brian Tulley
Sue Waite	Tony Bailey	Lynda Bowcock
Jill Hunt	Keith Hunt	

Apologies:

Chris Bush	Diane Bush	Keith Merrifield
Pam Merrifield	Roger Kendrick	Sue Johnson
Campbell Dunn	Lynda Dunn	Paul Salvidge
Heather Salvidge	Moyra Jackson	Ian Jackson
Peter Clear	Dave Verlander	Lynda Jolly
Helen Mudge	Jill French	Tricia Holyomes
Trevor Hackett	Ian Beeston	Jean Beeston

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present to our first meeting in eighteen months.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting 08th September 2021

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Speaker, Ray Franklin

Our booked speaker was unable to join us so at rather short notice our Chairman, Ray Franklin, prepared a pictorial presentation of Bishop's Stortford old and not quite new.

Dating from around the turn of the 20th century to almost present day, the selection of photographs sparked a lively debate amongst the audience and much additional detail was gleaned to add to Ray's notes.

The last few photographs were of unknown locations and the help of the audience was requested to help identify where they might have been taken. After more discussion it was concluded that these last few photographs were actually taken in and around Stansted Mountfitchet.

It was a most enjoyable presentation and out thanks go to Ray for stepping into the breach.

6. Open Forum and Any Other Business

6.1 St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Heather Salvidge has offered to decorate the tree but would appreciate some assistance, so are there any volunteers who would be willing to help? The theme has been chosen and suitable decorations planned.

Brenda Davidson and Joan Weyers volunteered to assist Heather and their offer was quickly accepted and arrangements made to meet.

6.2 Archaeological Investigation

Jean Woolvin rang us to say that archaeologists had been digging behind the cricket field in advance of the Henham Road development. A little digging around (pun intended) has revealed a number of similar investigations associated with the extension to Isobel Drive and the new development by the motorway to the north of Stansted Road. Word of mouth suggests unfortunately that nothing of particular significance had come to light. We will now be trying to find copies of the various reports for our records the first port of call being Uttlesford Planning.

6.3 Covid Diaries

Ray Franklin reported that a package of material has been placed with Saffron Walden Museum relating to life in Elsenham during lockdown.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March 2022 when Anthea Hawden from Raking Light will be coming to speak about "Church Graffiti" with particular emphasis on our own St Mary's.

ENDS

Minutes Agreed: March 2022
Ray Franklin - Chairman