

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wirksworth Archaeological Society

The AGM took place at 7pm on Friday the 27th of January 2023 by Zoom video call

### Attending

Bill Bevan; Anton Shone; John Wheeldon; Ian Cooper; Apologies: Helen Wolf; Phil Searle; Pete Chivers

#### 1. Nominations for the Executive Committee:

President: Bill Bevan; Co-ordinator: Anton Shone; Membership Officer: John Wheeldon. Were taken "en group", Prop: AS; Sec BB; unanimous. The post of Field Officer is vacant.

#### 2. Co-ordinator's Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Was previously circulated. AS summarised the final progress made in the Meadows We are most grateful for the efforts of all involved. A detailed report is in preparation.

#### 3. Accounts

The Co-ordinator presented the accounts, the surplus for the end of this financial year was £201.44. Funds in the bank at the start had been £40.60; income £405, in subscriptions and reserves; expenditures of £244.16. AS noted the good news that the Insurance bill was not increasing this year at about £170 and the bad news was that HSBC is applying charges to Community Accounts of about £60.00 a year.

#### 4. Any other business

AS reported on planned fieldwork for 2023, which is a rather esoteric list of things which have been deferred due to us concentrating on the Meadows for three years, all subject to the usual permissions (with some post meeting updating):

Final tidy up of the last spoilheap in the Meadows

Test Pits in Wirksworth:

Water Lane

St John's Street

North end of Ian Avenue

Red Lion "waste ground"

Road investigations

Brassington Lane at Street Croft near Wetherwick

"Street" south of Windley on Lidar Route - Longcliffe to Little Chester (this will be our last fieldwork attempt to find this road: the other 6 attempts by us and others have found only natural features and no road at all).

Mercaston Street (Long Lane to Bradley Nook) at Vicarwood or near Mercaston Hall.

Possible newly identified Lidar road south of Arbor Low in direction of Tissington.

Walk outs

Search for the Eastward Stone north of Brassington Lane (See April 2020 report) also related to Victorian diversion of Brassington Lane at Dale Quarry.

BB reported on the church Lottery application which is about church repair works but will include a modest amount for some archaeology related to our question about the origins of Wirksworth. This would expand our work with professional and other assistance, to cover a number of areas around the church with activities including magnetometry, resistivity and ground penetrating radar. We hope to see in particular if the churchyard overlies any previous features and also if we can find and date the person to whom the Wirksworth Stone relates.