

## **Bawtry Heritage Group**

### **Notes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

#### **1 Present/Apologies**

Present – Kevin Gilfedder (part of mtg), Peter Holland, David Kirkham, Mike White, Mick Maguire

Apologies – Diana Kirby, John Linsley, Leslie Gilfedder

#### **2 Matters arising from 7<sup>th</sup> May meeting**

**Garfield Weston Grant** – 9 month extension requested.

**Bawtry men killed in WW1** – not on website yet.

**Photographs depicting festival times in Bawtry from Margaret Clapham** – to go on website News & Events.

**Children's picture trail** – now on website.

**Pics of Austerfield Manor** – not on website yet – entry for the Manor needs writing.

**Bawtry pram race video** – to go on website News & Events.

**Community Wealth Builder Heritage Microgrant** - application made for £500 – largely for the cost of a data projector.

#### **3 The Hunt for Roman Bawtry project**

No positive responses from the community. Therefore our 17<sup>th</sup> June event will consist of a presentation re what we know about Bawtry in Roman times (DK) followed by a presentation about the project – i.e. what else we'd like to know & how we hope to find out (MM). We hope to recruit participants for the garden archaeology aspect of our project from the audience. We will not have a finds table, although will be prepared for the possibility some people may turn up with some. The Gilfedders' metal detectorist contacts will, however, bring some of their finds to show the public the sort of items that may be found, although these will not necessarily be related to Bawtry or the Romans.

Work has commenced on the desk top review to underwrite the project.

MM initiated a discussion regarding how we should regard the possibility of working with detectorists, prompted by one emailing us re possible sites in Bawtry. MM has sought advice from S Yorks Archaeology. We felt there could be some positive potential, albeit with risks. Agreed to proceed with caution.

#### **4 Town Trail waymarking**

Bawtry wharf lectern – BTC gave permission for siting the lectern at the entrance to Wharf Street recreation ground. DK has applied for planning permission & identified a lectern supplier.

Whereas at the last meeting we resigned ourselves to the possibility several waymarkers (i.e. those not easily associated with a particular building or site - such as RAF Bawtry, the Pilgrim Fathers, the planted town, Roman Bawtry, the Battle of the Idle) might have to go into the market place. MM pointed out that the land at the front of BCL could be a better site – especially for the RAF Bawtry waymarker given the presence there of the War Memorial. As the land is owned by CDC permissions ought to be straightforward. MM to discuss with BCL.

PH raised the possibility of developing the Town Trail into more of a directed pathway which could incorporate non-heritage related sites – giving the possibility of collaboration from other organisations/groups. The inclusion of some commercial premises could provide financial sponsorship.

## **5 AOB**

**Children’s essay/picture competition** - MM reported good response anticipated from Mayflower School & Air Cadets.

**Bawtry Festival guided walks** – agreed take 5 minutes at end of 17<sup>th</sup> June presentation to finalise details. DK to confirm organisers have obtained 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance.

**Doncaster Local History Fair** – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at DGLAM. Discuss at next mtg..

## **6 Next meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024; 18.30 at New Hall.