

Meeting at Great Bowden Cemetery 21<sup>st</sup>. January 1.45pm.

- Subject.
1. The Gunnsbrook water Course
  2. Is the Inspection Chamber inlet- outlet constricted in any way?
  - 3 Cemetery tap. Burst feed pipe.
  - 4 The missing Cemetery Gate.
  - 5 The loose brick Entrance Gate Pier.
  - 6 The Irish Yew stumps 5no.yet to be cut off to ground level.

The Chairman. Great Bowden Parish Council.

Dear Tim

Please find as attached a copy re. Emails of the 21<sup>st</sup>. sent to The Engineer Ms. Caroline Averille, subsequently passed on to H.D.C. Officer Mr. John Parrott.

A meeting held at the Cemetery, was an immediate response same day convened at 13-45 hrs. approx. same day.

Attending. Caroline Averille, John Parrott, and Alfred Herbert. Compass Volunteer.

GUNNSBROOK.

This the second viewing this week. The first was undertaken Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. am. By C. A. and at pm. By A.H. A number of photographs where taken by each, Alf. emailed 19no, to C.A. Featuring the exposed water course, the field, Dingley road, the field to the cattle drinker and the discharge outlet into the River Welland.

Wednesday Meeting 13-45hrs.

The Gunnsbrook.

It was noted, the high levels of water flooding the field etc., as viewed Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Jan. 09. That on Tuesday am. The water level was completely dropped down to the normal level, running unimpeded.

It was agreed that since the new pipe was set in the field, also the great benefit we have derived from the diversion of the Dingley road water at the Cemetery Gates, and the observations made since, flooding has not reoccurred in the Cemetery.

To date the target is achieved. Subject of course that maintenance is carried out each Autumn – Winter at the culvert head.

After a storm ceases, normality is resumed seeming almost over night, observations will continue.

The missing Entrance Gate!

We found the timber gatepost has served its time. The gate is in storeage with H.D.C. The tall brick- stone capped gate pier can be rocked by hand, this indicates that the lime mortar jointing has at ground level softened

up during the last 130yrs, or so. There is no evidence that the abutting brickwork is bonded to the pier!

Data. Weight a good 2 tonne, Height about 9ft.

The Tap. Re. The burst feed pipe located under the entrance surfacing spilling into the driveway.

Comments.

The Iron Gate, Gate pier.

John declared that he had no knowledge of any funding available to do the job!

The Tap and Feed Pipe.

John advises that he will try to get help, but is likely to take some time!

The Inspection Cover, this was lifted, viewed by John and Caroline, water in the trap obscured the view. Preventing an assessment to be made, as to weather or not

During the passage of time, scale or sediments had built up partly reducing the inlet-outlet diameters of the chamber. The question came up because at the Cattle Drinker during the invasion of surface flood water, the gater discharged successfully through to the river, even if the river water levels were higher than the discharge outlet!

Irish Yew Stumps. John advised that when the trees were cut down there was insufficient room for the chain saws to do the job.

Meeting concluded 14-30 hrs.

Yours sincerely

Alfred Herbert Compass Group Volunteer.