

Ketton History Group Meeting 13 November 2019

The meeting spent the majority of time studying and discussing the sale of Capt. Spencer-Churchill's estate on the 20th June 1919 at the George Hotel Stamford. The sale was of the late Lord Northwick's estate that had been inherited by the Captain.

The lots to be auctioned included 7 farms, 13 cottages, stone quarries and about 2000 acres in total. The details of the lots for sale and a plan of the land for sale was examined in detail allowing those present to familiarise themselves with the position of the lots that were offered.

Interestingly of the 7 farms for sale only one had been bought by the tenant by private treaty, that was Geeston Farm and Geeston House, by Mr. R.H. Close. Other farms were bought by Mr. T. H. Burroughes and Mr. T.C. Molesworth.

Two Barley and sheep farms with cottages and 302 acre did not receive a bid. Likewise the Stone Quarries and Fire Clay beds, brickworks etc. failed to attract a buyer.

The fields listed in the sale were discussed as many of the roads in Park View are named after them. The older members could remember the field names from their childhood.

This was the last meeting in 2019. The programme for 2020 will be published later.