

## Notes for FOBC report to Annual Parish Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

- Caroline Wills-wright elected as Chair and Tracey Stringfellow, CEO of HTL, elected as ex officio member of the committee. Thanks to Bruce Talmage for all his sterling work whilst Chair.
- Re-enactment in August was as ever extremely well supported and a great success with a fantastic range of contributors giving real insight into the medieval era, HOWEVER, after careful consideration FOBC and HTL agreed that in view of how much time and energy this takes up we will not host a re-enactment this year, instead a number of smaller events when time and resources permit.
- We (FOBC) are in constant communication with HTL to resolve maintenance issues on the Castle grounds, the Bradbury field / Hagnaby road ditch. We welcome the appointment of HTL's new site manager, Niamh Carney, who is working hard to bring things up to scratch. Arrangements are now in place to fence off the area of land so generously donated by Maurice and Sylvia, you will hopefully have noticed the new fencing and gates at the Moat Lane entrance.
- In March, alongside the Church Council and the Parish Council we announced exciting plans for the Butcher's Shed following the award of a grant for refurbishing the building, to include water, power and a toilet, and the work is due to be completed by the end of March 2025. This, alongside the gas house, church and village hall work that was presented, will be a great addition to the facilities we have both for residents and visitors. Exciting times!
- We will be holding our AGM in June where you can find out more, and become a member if you have not already done so.  
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