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Â I accept Mr Kourkoulos' contention that in times when Corfu's villages were characterised by strong distinctions of class and wealth, the matter of what or was not a â€˜villageâ€™ position on â€˜enosisâ€™ was in the hands of the most powerful figures in the community. In other words villagers might hold polarised views on â€˜enosisâ€™, but only the views of the most influential villagers would be publicly expressed.Â

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do not take a political position on this matter. It is none of my business. I do think it is important to seek historical accuracy. I do not think that MrÂ Kourkoulos essay represents a convincing refutation of my understanding of the positions of the two villages in question. I think he verges on being impolite in suggesting that the version of history that I and others maintain (subject to rebuttal by historical research), is no more than â€˜gossip' and â€˜rumour'. In this suggestion, he remains fellow Corfiots, far more than !.

I apologise for my
impoliteness in being unable to write this in Greek. I am also sorry that the village blog entry of 22 November 2017 (link above) does not seem to have a link for adding a comment, as do other pages of the excellent blog, as I would have posted my reply there. I am happy for you to insert my reply on the blog, with the greatest respect to Mr Kourkoulos.

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