

CLASP

Minutes of meeting of Trustees

4 May 2006 at The Sun, Nether Heyford

Present: Alan Standish (Chair), Nick Adams,
David Banner, Jeremy Calderwood, Angela Evans, Dave Hayward, Alan
Priestley, Alan Watson, Kate Weaver
Minutes: Ruth Downie

Apologies: Steve Young.

Minutes of last meeting (9/3/06) read and agreed. Action points had been carried out.

1) Matters Arising

An architect has visited the barn and suggested a cost of over £100,000.

2) Treasurer's Report – Angela Evans

- a) CLASP has £5727 in the bank, £109.30 cash in hand and £24.27 petty cash. No bills outstanding. Cheque for £40 cannot yet be paid into bank as paperwork is with the Auditor.
- b) Possibility of £3000 from the Roman Trust? No provisos.
- c) £1000 will be received shortly from Harpole Parish Council. £1594 of the money in the bank is earmarked for Harpole work.
- d) Angela will copy the letter confirming Charity status to the bank, so tax is not paid on the interest. Letter to be returned to Alan W. **AE**

3) Secretary's Report - Alan Watson

- a) West Northants Development Corporation have acknowledged Dave Hayward's letter concerning their prospectus "Realising the Opportunity" (about the need to liaise with CLASP and others re possible damage to the historical heritage of West Northants) and have said CLASP's views will be taken into account.
- b) Dave Hayward has also written to two councils expressing concern about policies affecting local archaeology.

4) Items from Organising Committee minutes (3/4/06)

- a) Dave Hayward was thanked for the helpful and clear minutes received from the Organising Committee.
- b) Discussion of training issues was deferred to later in the meeting.
- c) Council for Independent Archaeology (CIA) conference will be hosted in Bugbrooke on 23 September.

5) Items from Funding Committee

- a) Heritage Lottery money still being pursued (by Steve).

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- b) Application for grant towards cost of projector, laptop & PA has been submitted to South Northants District Council, and will be considered in July. They will fund a maximum of 37% and pay on invoice. Estimated total cost inc. VAT: £1749.17, so further £1000 needs to be found.
- c) Framework of group seems to work well. Members are: Angela Evans, Alan Watson, Jeremy Calderwood, Steve Young. Others can be co-opted to help with specific projects.
- d) Alan Watson agreed to be the co-ordinator so all sources of potential funding should be notified to him. **ALL**
- e) This to be reviewed in six months' time when the extent of the Secretary's workload becomes clear. **AW/RD**

6) Chair's report - Alan Standish

Alan asked Trustees for views on the way forward. Current membership is 142. Should the group attempt major expansion? If so why, and what would be gained? Discussion included suggestions for publicity (Balloon Festival, application form in newsletter, history magazines) and questions of what expanded membership would actually be able or want to do (and where they would do it) within the finite resources of professional time and money available. Maybe controlled expansion led by the development of existing projects? What about the danger of losing the intimacy of a small group? Agreed to set this issue as an item on September agenda and to ask Steve and Organising Committee for their views.

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7) Archaeological Director's Report

In Steve's absence Alan Standish confirmed that Harpole work was suspended while the crop was too high, and circulated the new geophysics results from Bannaventa.

8) Training

Barbara Evans Rees' discussion paper agreed to be excellent – Alan Watson to write and thank her. **AW**

Following extensive discussion it was agreed that it would be more productive to consider the details of the paper after the questionnaires had been circulated (by Organising Committee) and members' training needs were clearer. In the meantime training opportunities are notified to members in twice-yearly mailings. Others were invited to follow Dave Hayward's example and circulate items of interest from elsewhere via email. **ALL**

Dave will circulate a website with archaeological diary information. **DH**

(Note added later: this is <http://www.bajr.org/BAJRCalendar/>)

Agreed to consider training further at September meeting.

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9) AOB

Agreed AGM preparation to be a standing item for May agendas.

AW/RD

Agreed Annual Report to be considered at next meeting.

AW/RD

10) Date of next meeting –

17 July, 6.15 at Whitehall Villa.

ALL