

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of CLASP
Monday 12 May 2008
7.30 pm at The Sun, Nether Heyford

1. **Present:** Alan Watson (chair), Nick Adams, David Banner, Ruth Downie, Angela Evans, Alan Priestly, Dave Hayward. Apologies received from Jeremy Calderwood and Stephen Young.
2. **Minutes** of last meeting (29/11/08) – approved
3. **Chair's report.**

Alan Watson reported that the proposed Museum at Cogenhoe has now been granted permission to go ahead. Penguin publishing are sending some guests to the Whitehall dig for a day as a competition prize. CLASP was highly commended in the Marsh Archaeological Awards.
4. **Archaeological Director's report** – in the absence of the Archaeological Director, Dave Hayward reported that they had both attended a seminar at Nottingham University to discuss strategies and priorities for archaeology in the East Midlands. Northamptonshire had been well represented and there will be a follow-up meeting in December. With the help of Rick Whyte, he has now made a submission to WNDC on behalf of CLASP about the forthcoming developments in the Towcester area. The developers of the Danetre/Daventry expansion have put in an appeal concerning the planning application and David will resubmit CLASP's evidence to the inspector with supporting material from nearby areas. CLASP has been invited to give evidence to the Culture, Media and Sport minister on the new Heritage and Conservation Bill. Deadline is mid-June: Dave will organise. Dan Winwood (N'ton Borough Council (?)) has been invited to the Whitehall dig on 8 July, when he will be able to stay on for the CLASP committee and Trustees' meetings.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts for the last financial year are now complete and will be submitted for audit. There is £7851.99 in the funds, most of which is earmarked for specific projects. A bill is due for Harpole work.
6. **Funding applications & sources**

Internal fundraising: Angela will compile a fund-raising quiz which can be distributed at the Whitehall dig & elsewhere.
External: need to seek out suitable funders. Chair and others will consider whether Esmee Fairbairn Trust Museum and Heritage collection funding could cover CLASP work including the Repository.
7. **Item from Organising Committee's minutes of 21/4/08:**
 10. **Repository**
 - a. The Secretary reported that following discussions with WNDC they had requested that we submit a basic outline proposal for a repository at Daventry. As a result the Secretary reported that in conjunction with the Chair, Archaeological Director and Mr Banner he had now submitted a proposal to them. It was **agreed** that consideration would have to be given to the ongoing management and funding of a

repository if these proposals are successful. It was further **agreed** that this would be an issue the Trustees would have to consider.

Draft proposals drawn up by Dave Hayward were circulated and discussed. No further action agreed at present.

8. Mission Statement

Draft circulated by Alan Watson, who requested any comments by mid-June. Draft will be published in Annual Report.

9. Arrangements for AGM

Suitably well-known (but not expensive!) Chair being sought for the discussion panel. All Trustees will need to resign as laid down in the constitution. All are willing to stand for re-election except David Banner and Alan Priestley. The Chair thanked them for the work they had put into CLASP whilst serving as Trustees. Nomination slips will be circulated before the meeting and Alan Watson will contact the member organisations to seek people willing to stand.

Secretary to compile Annual Report.

The charge of £1 for tea or coffee being made by the venue will have to be passed on to those attending. Venue itself will cost £90.

10. Any other business

Alan Watson gave apologies for the Trustees' meeting on 8 July.