

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of CLASP
Thursday 20 November 2008
7.30 pm at The Sun, Nether Heyford

1. Present: Alan Watson (Chair), Nick Adams, Jeremy Calderwood, Sandra Deacon, Ruth Downie, Tony Kesten, and Stephen Young (Archaeological Director). Apologies received from Angela Evans and Dave Hayward.
2. **AGM feedback and Minutes (16/9/08)** The Minutes of the AGM were approved. (Proposed: Jeremy, all agreed). Attendance had been disappointing considering the cost of hiring the hall. Might more controversy have attracted a larger audience?
3. **Minutes of last meeting (11/9/08)**– approved. Alan has handed in the Charity collection form to Waitrose.
4. **Chairman’s Report** – no report.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**
Protocol for use of AV equipment and mapping software to be discussed at next meeting.
Alan presented figures from Angela: there is currently £6670.07 in the bank, mostly earmarked. Angela to be asked for a breakdown of what is set aside for projects.
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6. **Archaeological Director’s Report** – no fieldwalking this autumn because bad weather led to a late harvest. Steve has been invited to talk about CLASP’s work to other professionals - it is being quoted at national level as an example of good practice in Community Archaeology.
7. **Funding applications & sources**
Agreed that CLASP’s work is unlikely to fulfil the conditions for a WNDC grant. Idea of buying Geophysics equipment set aside for now as cost would be too high.

Nick will look at involvement with River Nene Regional Park.

NA

Wide-ranging discussion of how best to approach funding applications led to consideration of CLASP’s role and future strategy. Currently work concentrates on Roman period because that is Steve’s area of interest and expertise, but if experts with other interests were willing to work with CLASP in a way that was

mutually beneficial, then work could be expanded. One professional currently arranging to meet Organising Committee to discuss ideas.

Need to clarify goals: in short term (next 3 years?) – complete current work and publish. Also make contacts for medium term development. Important to keep people motivated until they have the skills to work independently.

Steve and Alan will liaise to produce strategy ideas to pass to Organising Committee and member groups for discussion. **SY, AW**

Tony, with guidance from Steve, will look at possible funding sources for potential areas of work. **AK, SY**

Need to set out policies on, for example, ownership and storage of finds, so that landowners know what is involved when inviting CLASP onto their property.

8. Membership – to discuss at next meeting: discrepancies in membership figures may arise because renewals go via more than one person.

9. Heritage Web Award – all urged to vote for the CLASP website!

10. Items from Organising Committee

Emailed items from Dave Hayward and Angela Evans circulated and noted.

AGM venue 2009 – **agreed** to the proposed use of Weedon Village Hall, hire £11.85 an hour. Speaker's topic is interesting but snappier title needed! **DH,AE**

11. Any other business

Dates of next meetings:

ALL

Thursday 12 March 2009

? July 2009 Date of meeting at Whitehall Dig to be confirmed in March

Tuesday 8 September (to approve Annual Report)

Tuesday 15 September 2009 - AGM

Thursday 26 November 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.