

Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of CLASP

Tuesday 1st August 2011-08-02

7.30 at The Old Sun Nether Heyford



Present:- Alan Watson, Steve Young, Angela Evans, Dave Hayward, Norman Garnett,

Apologies:- Tony Kesten, Nick Adams.

Minutes:- The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising:-

Magnetometer Training:- Everyone who was interested in doing so had now had some training, except Norman, who will contact Fred Kay in due course.

Metal Detecting Code of Conduct:- AW & SY will liaise and confer over the papers from the two clubs involved as there are still one or two issues that need resolving.

Finance- AE gave us the following figures:-

Harpole Heritage:-	704.06
Lottery Heritage	5930.64
Roman Research Tst	2500.00
General funds	766.15

The question of putting up the fees was discussed. We need in the region of £1000pa running costs, but in fact our income is only about 50% of this.

Costs

Website 100.00

Newsletters 75.00

Insurance 555.00 possibly more this year because of Magnetometer insurance

General running costs

200.00

Income from Subs 375.00

Donations from Clubs 150.00 These are only estimated figures.

It was therefore decided to put it to the *AGM* that we increase the fees to £7.50 per individual member and *AE* will write to the member organisations asking for a donation, especially those that have never contributed in the past. If we do have a shortfall this year we could if absolutely necessary meet it from project funds, but we must not make a habit of this. *AE* will inform *Julia Johns* the membership secretary of the price rise.

We shall still be short of funds for everyday running, but hopefully we can get some income from the magnetometer hire. *DH* also feels there could be more funds available from where he got the Magnetometer monies, although this would not help everyday running costs.

Easing the load for Stephen:- The trustees have agreed that *TK* should go ahead with work on his paper, *SY* will continue to put together project proposals for funding, but is happy for other tasks to be taken on board by volunteers. *SD* to advise *TK* of this.

Anyone wishing to add tasks etc to the paper should contact *TK*.

Archive:- As the property currently housing our archive has been sold and the new owners will be taking possession in about 3 months, *AW* & *SY* will put together a letter to *SNDC* at *Daventry* to ask if there are any vacant properties which they would be prepared to let out to a Community Organisation for a peppercorn rent, with the possibility of them gaining a grant for its maintenance, or improvement.

DH suggested the *Weedon Depot*, currently owned by *Gladedale*. *EH* have taken an interest in developing this property, and *Dave* will find out who to contact regarding us having some storage and possibly display space there.

There is also the possibility that *Phase 3* at *DIRFT* may include some sort of *Heritage Centre* and we should watch out for this happening.

AGM:- The trustees will have a meeting at 7pm before the *AGM*. *AW* will send everyone nomination forms which must be signed and sent back to him before then. The speaker is confirmed but *DH* has asked him to re-title his talk.

Everything else is in hand. *Ruth Downie* is putting together the *Annual Report*, *AE* has sent hers, *AW* and *SY* to do. Hopefully all the member societies have sent in theirs.

Organising Committee:- We were asked to provide and man a stand at the Fishmarket Arts centre for the Northampton Heritage weekend from the 8-11th September, however, after some discussion it was decided that although this would be very good publicity for us, we didn't have the manpower especially at such short notice.

The Barby Project:- This is a potential Iron Age settlement possible Hill Fort which is of High Level Status. Gren Hatton has put together a proposal for investigating the site and it is available to view on the CLASP website under CLASPRA4 (a copy is attached to these minutes). The matter was discussed at the Organising committee meeting an agreed in principal provided there is no cost to CLASP. We may in fact make some money here as he wants to hire the Magnetometer at £250 per day for 3 days. Individual CLASP members have been invited to participate in fieldwalking this autumn.

The trustees felt that here was a case where don't know how to respond as we still do not have our procedures in place for dealing with this kind of proposal. Only the organising committee know details of the proposal, so Gren Hatton is to be asked to present it to the trustees in person at our next meeting on 28th September. SD to email him.

Date of next meeting after the AGM - 28th September at 7.30pm at the Old Sun Nether Heyford.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm