



Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of CLASP

On Monday 28th May 2102 at 7.30pm

At the Nether Heyford Baptist Church Rooms

Present:- Nick Adams, Dave Hayward, Tony Kesten, Angela Evans, Alan Watson, Stephen Young, Sandra Deacon.

Apologies:- Norman Garnett

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

Matters Arising>-

BHAP:- DH reported that both the Insurance and the Constitution problems had been attended to. We will get a copy of the new constitution in due course.

Northampton Archaeological Society:- AW reported that he had not received any of the information he had been promised. He will be attending their meeting on Thursday, and will e-mail the trustees with his report.

We should get an update of information every two months from now on.

Bury Field Common:- TK reported that the recent geophysical survey in which CLASP members assisted was very successful. Fred Kay and Tony Kesten (Monday and Wednesday 14th and 16th May), Sandra Deacon (Monday) and Rick Whyte (Wednesday) assisted Nick Crank, MK Council Archaeologist, and volunteers from Archaeological Surveys and Consultancy and Cotswold Archaeology to survey an area of this Common in Newport Pagnell where Roman and Iron Age artefacts had been found when a council employee was digging the foundations for a bench. The initial results are attached, will be featured in TK's next report to the MK Heritage Association and at MK Archaeology Day on 10th November. DH asked if CLASP would be asked for any further help and TK replied that while it is too soon to be clear given that the Report has yet to be put together there is a possibility of eventual test pitting, and it was possible that a new Community Archaeology Group might be formed for this purpose. The

MK News freepaper had carried both a report and a subsequent letter from TK explaining what CLASP is and how it became involved .

Artefacts Storage:-

Pattishall:- The 70- 100 boxes in the container at Pattishall (about 25-30% of the total) have been put in numerical order and Gina Boreham is sorting out exactly what we have there. TK Asked how suitable such containers (There is another at Whitehall of course) are for storage and SY replied that while the container is not ideal because of its translucent roof it is not likely to harm the material stored there.

18 Gallowhill Road:- This building was not considered suitable for various reasons, and the maximum length of stay we would be likely to have was only 15 months.

A lengthy discussion followed as the new occupants of Whitehall are not desperate for us to remove the rest of our archive, but it **will** have to be moved sooner or later. The following are some of the suggestions were made:-

DH - High Street shops project

SY - Contact NFU to see if there is a farmer with a defunct building - NA thought this unlikely

DH - A container on a piece of unused land

DH - The Wickes Storage Depot at Heyford - he will look into this re the above container idea

SY & poss DH will talk to Gren Hatton about the DIRFT project.

SY - Buildings at Risk - nothing suitable local. DH - will talk to Derek Batten at Alderton.

SY feels we need a list of positive approaches, being much more imaginative in our suggestions, and feels that we will need to speak to many many more people, before we find a solution to this problem, but will get there in the end.

All Our Stories - HLF Grant:- This is a new project being run by HLF in support of the BBC's *The Great British Story - A Peoples History* , to be presented by Michael Wood. See website for details.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/AllOurStoriesMountStewart.aspx>

Amounts of between £3 and £10,000 may be applied for. TK reported that he and David Adams had attended a seminar at De Montfort University Leicester recently, where he had confirmed that even if charities were in receipt of HLF

funding already these new grants could be applied for if there was a new project starting.

The trustees then discussed at length the possibilities of the above for CLASP or their member societies.

TK reported that at De Montfort they were keen to push a new 3D photographic programme for archives, websites etc. It was suggested that Jeremy Cooper might be interested for the Whitehall website, and TK had an exchange with him after the meeting in which Jeremy totally dismissed CLASP participation.

In the light of the reaction from Jeremy it is unlikely that DH and TK will take this to the next Organising Committee meeting.

Geophysical Equipment funding and Charging Policy- DH submitted that the Trustees now need to consider and formulate a policy regarding the future funding for the Magnetometer, the Resistivity Meter, and the GPS equipment, yet to be purchased, as this has been discussed before and no decision made. He submitted that there would be three potential categories of user of the equipment.

1. CLASP Members - Society and Individual with CLASP approved projects ie Towcester.
2. CLASP Projects externally funded ie Local people local past-Bannaventa
3. External Organisations with and without Find Interpretive Reports. ie Barby where CLASP is currently charging £160 per day.

Another lengthy discussion followed during which AE reminded the trustees that we needed the sum of £500+ per annum for insurance and another as yet unknown sum every two years for servicing, and that there must be a CLASP member with the equipment at all times otherwise the insurance is invalid.

It was eventually decided that we should continue to charge £160 per day for users in sections 2 and 3 but for members in section 1 the fee would be £125.

AE will keep a separate section in her accounts for any monies received from the above. We do now have a formalised approach that must be made complete with research proposals for any member or organisation wishing to hire our equipment, but this raised the question of the Strategic Plan which has never been finalised. The latest version of this will be circulated to trustees shortly.

Treasurers Report:-

AE reported that we have the following monies in our account

Harpole Heritage 1450.85

HLF 6430.64

Roman Research Socy 2500.00

Ordinary 1174.24

This is after the insurance has been paid

There will be an informal meeting some time during the Whitehall Excavations to finalise arrangements for the AGM, and the next meeting of the trustees will be on the 29th August 2012 at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Rooms Nether Heyford.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm