



Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of CLASP held at The Olde Sun Nether Heyford on the 6th August 2013-08-06

Present:- Alan Watson, Stephen Young, David Hayward, Angela Evans, Sandra Deacon, Roger Penny (not a trustee but the secretary of the Organising Committee)

Apologies:- Tony Kesten, Nick Adams.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting were the newly revised Strategic Document. AW to e-mail the secretary the final revised document.

Archive:- SY reported that he was pursuing 2 options.

- 1) Weedon Ordnance Depot . He has written the initial document stating our intentions as to how we could use the centre. £3k is needed to write a professional business plan, and it is hoped that this would come as a grant from the Architectural section of HLF. If this were to come to fruition the initial phase would be to move into the gatehouse where we would have a display area, a retail outlet, and somewhere for processing finds. There would be no room for the actual archive which would remain at its present location for now.

It is estimated that £12m will be required to put all the buildings into useable condition and hopefully £5/6m of this would come from HLF. It is proposed that eventually half the site would be used by heritage organisations and the other half would be developed by another organisation such as Landmark Trust who would put in holiday lets. Other contributors would be the National Trust, 44th Regiment of Foot Re enactors, and possibly DDC. The 2nd phase would be for us to have one or possibly two of the old warehouses which would then be used for the archive. The whole project is likely to take 10

years. And eventually we would have a photographic area, a library area, and a conservation area (Graham Morgan has offered to advise and teach us).

SY reported that The fire museum is looking to find new premises and leave the depot.

- 2) The new owner of Whitehall would be prepared for us to have the buildings we presently use on a long lease, provided they are restored to good condition. Once again HLF would be approached for funds, so SY will find out from them which project they would be more likely to support.

DH Proposed that the Trustees support the investigations into the Weedon Project. Angela Evans seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

AGM 10th September:-

All the trustees were willing to stand for re-election. AW will distribute the nomination forms. Mark Holmes will speak at the Open Meeting after the AGM. SY reported that his talk on the 13year excavation at Whitehall Farm would not be at the AGM but in October probably the 7th if the hall was available. RP is to record the talk and transcribe it into a document . The DVD of the Saxon burials will be premiered at this meeting.

Strategy Document:- DH proposed some final amendments in Sections 9,12, 15, and 16. These were agreed by the Trustees and the document will be put before the members at the AGM for acceptance.

Finance:- DH had received an application from Rik Whyte for £80 to purchase a volume of the text books he requires for the research into our Samian ware, and the resulting reports which he writes for us. After some discussion it was agreed that we would buy the book for the CLASP library and let Rik have it on long term loan.

AE reported that we have £12,048.35 of useable monies in the account.

DH reported that he had received 2 cheques from Gren Hatton at Barby £900 for the use of the magnetometer, and a further cheque for £25 being a donation from the group to join CLASP.

DH also proposed that funds should be transferred from the Bannaventa section of our funds into the magnetometer fund for the use we had made of it there. SY will liaise with AE to sort out a figure.

SY reported that the commercial unit of Northants Archaeology, now part of MOLA have suggested borrowing our magnetometer from time to time and in return they will lend us theirs. The idea was welcomed but the insurance could be a problem AE reminded us that the instrument is only covered when being used by a member of CLASP. SY will suggest to them that they join us possibly as an Affiliated Group. This means that a new grade of Affiliates would need to be approved at the AGM.

A.O.B;- The trustees agreed to direct the Organising Committee into the possibility of promoting our activities via Social Media networks.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 2nd September, and the meeting closed at 9pm.