



CLASP

Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

Please reply to D.F. Hayward MBE, The Secretary, Organising Committee, CLASP.
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Organising Committee **Minutes of Meeting**

- 1. Attendance.** Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), Jeremy Cooper (Co-opted), Alan Dent (Individual Members Representative), Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project) Angela Evans (Treasurer - Trustee), David Hayward (Co-opted)-Secretary Organising Committee), Brian Ives (Norton Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society), Andrew Shaw (Brington History Society), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group),
- 2. Apologies** Sue Brown (Daventry Local History Group), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director - Trustee)
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting -**
These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 Milton Keynes Archaeology Day (5.6)**
The Chair reported that this was a successful event. Rick Whyte did a lot of the work to see this through. This will help to build on our relationship with Milton Keynes Heritage Group.
 - 3.2 Newsletter (6)**
This has now been circulated and well received, primarily by way of the website. It was **agreed** that sufficient additional copies should be produced to circulate copies to local libraries and the County Archives.
 - 3.3 Marsh Awards (15)**
Whilst we had not won this our entry has been classified as 'Highly Commended'. It would appear that we were one of several awarded this status. The total number of entries to the competition is not known.

3.4 Channel 4 TV Awards (18)

It appears that this event is not being held as no details of it could be traced.

3.5 Heritage Lottery Fund Status (16)

The Chair reported that had taken necessary action to update the CLASP Logo to reflect any changes.

3.6 Orange Award for Community Archaeology (21.1)

Our submission to these awards was unsuccessful

3.7 Whitehall Excavation (21.2)

It is confirmed that this will take place during the previously published period, that group has circulated details to interested persons.

4. WNDC

4.1 Daventry Consultation

The Secretary reported that he had attended a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Primrose Hill/ Millennium Way development at Daventry. This was currently at an early stage although it did appear that the developers were having an archaeological survey undertaken. This consultation was ongoing. Regarding the Working Men's Club site the Secretary was still endeavouring to obtain details of the archaeologist undertaking the watching brief here. The Secretary also reported that we had submitted papers to WNDC detailing our concerns regarding the three proposed housing developments at Churchfields, Danetre Village and Monksmoor. The Archaeological Director and himself had also attended a meeting with the Archaeological Contractor appointed by WNDC to provide them with an independent view on the proposals. We would continue to monitor the situation with these proposals. At the suggestion of the Chair it was agreed that the three papers would be placed on the members only part of the CLASP website.

**Chair
Secretary**

4.2 Towcester

The Secretary stated that he still awaited a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement for the development proposals at Towcester. Ms. Boreham stated that TDLH intended to make comment on these proposals and intended to utilise the assistance of Brian Giggins with this work. The Secretary stated that we would not wish to duplicate any work being undertaken by TDLH

and would hopefully be able to work with them. Once he had received his copy of the EIS he will contact TDLH.

Secretary

4.3 Future Policies

In the absence of the Archaeological Director discussion on these was adjourned.

5. Annual General Meeting

5.1 Public Open Meeting - Format and Speakers

The Secretary confirmed that participants for the platform debate had been confirmed. Both WNDC and English Heritage had confirmed. The third member would be the Archaeological Director. It was agreed that there was a requirement for a Platform Moderator. After discussion it was further agreed that the Secretary should approach Dr Francis Pryor to assume this role.

Secretary

5.2 Administration

5.2.1 Costing Including Refreshments.

The Treasure reported that she had already been invoiced for the hire charge of the Saxon Suite at a cost of £90, this has been paid. Refreshment charges were £1 per cup, she had discussed this with the Management at the Leisure centre and agreed that provisionally they would provide for one hundred persons with the capacity for additional on the evening.

5.2.2 Entrance Charge

It was agreed that there should be a charge of £1 per hot drink. To recoup further costs it was agreed that we should proactively seek donations from those attending.

6. Trustees Meeting Minutes

The Secretary reported that the Secretary of the Trustees had agreed to prepare the Annual Trustees Report in future. He asked that Committee Members send their submissions to her in good time to enable her to produce the report on time.

8. Technical Work in Progress

8.1 Easton Neston

Ms G Boreham reported that owing to constraints with access owing to farming considerations it may only be possible to undertake work here for a single day in August with a maximum of ten participants. Full details will be known closer to the time. It was mentioned that Bob Kings had done some work here some time

ago, The Secretary stated that he would undertake to speak to Mr. Kings.

Secretary

8.2 Weedon

After discussion regarding the delay in this work at the Old Rectory in Weedon it was agreed that Mrs Johns would speak to the owner with a view to a date being arranged for a weekend in March. The Chair stated that if the Archaeological Director was still unavailable at that time he might be able to arrange archaeological cover.

Mrs J Johns
Chair

8.3 Harpole

Mrs Smith reported that the metal detecting survey carried out on the 13th November had revealed little in the way of finds. She also queried the current location of the coins belonging to George Briscoe that were to be photographed. It is understood that that these are still with the Archaeological Director.

9. Financial Matters

The Treasurer reported that £500 had been received from Harpole Parish Council and it appears that a further £1000 will probably be made available in the next financial year. The funds currently contain £1804.25 from Harpole, £2374.45 from the Countryside Commission and £3000 from the Roman Research Trust. There is £1244.90 of 'free' money although this includes £500 relating to Whitehall.

10. Membership Numbers

The membership Secretary stated that the number of individual members currently stood at about seventy. The Committee thanked Mr. A Dent for the work he had done writing letters to 'non-renewed' members.

11. Metal Detecting Standards

No further action at this stage.

12. AOB - Chapel Fields Coins

Mr Ives queried the current situation regarding the coins found at Chapel Fields Buckby Wharf as the landowner was enquiring. The Archaeological Director sent the coins to Dr Mark Curtois for a report; no further information is available at this stage.

J. Cooper
Chair

D. Hayward
Secretary

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