



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

9th June 2008

1. Attendance. Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), Sue Brown (Daventry Local History Group), 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), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group).

2. Apologies: Alan Kent, Andrew Shaw, Stephen Young

2. Minutes of Last Meeting -

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Marsh Archaeology Awards

The Secretary showed the Committee the Highly Commended certificate that had now been received for our entry to this competition. It was **agreed** that a copy should be permanently displayed on the CLASP display boards; the Chair undertook to fit this onto the existing display.

Chair

5. WNDC

5.1 Danetre Village

The Secretary reported that he had submitted a paper to the Planning Appeal for this application to the Inspectorate. It was hoped that this appeal would be supplementary to oral evidence that could be given to the appeal.

5.2 Towcester Vale

The Secretary stated that a paper had been submitted to the Planning Process at WNDP regarding this application. The papers, as with others submitted to WNDP, are available on the CLASP website for all members to view.

5.3 Sandy Lane, Harpole

The Secretary reported that he had made contact with the new archaeologist, Dan Windwood. They had had a discussion regarding these proposed roadworks, specifically relating the possible Iron Age site to the west of the route and also where the new route was planned to cross the old Portway. A response from him is currently awaited.

5.4 Future Policies

To await Archaeological Director's return.

6. Digitised Maps

The Secretary stated that he had been unable to progress this work at this stage, further discussions were required with the Archaeological Director.

7. Repository

No additional information has been received since our proposals were submitted; the Secretary undertook to progress this with WNDP. The Secretary informed the meeting that this had been discussed with the trustees and they acknowledged that it would be necessary for them to deal with the policy regarding running the repository if our application was successful.

Secretary

8. Technical Work in Progress

8.1 Chapel Field Coins

The Chair reported that he had established that these had been inspected and that some still required photographing. The Archaeological Director had liaised with NNPAST and they were happy with the situation. Mr. Ives confirmed this.

8.2 Weedon

Mrs Johns stated that there had been no progress on the proposed small excavation at the Old Rectory; it was **agreed** that this should be progressed at the September meeting.

8.3 Braunston

Mr Dent informed the meeting that he had been informed of a potential new Romano-British site in the Braunston area. He showed the Committee some finds that had originated from the site including part of a RB brooch. As a result of sensitivities with the finder and the landowner it was decided that the precise location

should currently remain confidential. It was however hoped that later in the year we may be able to become involved in some investigations into this site. The Secretary and Mr Dent undertook to maintain contact over this issue.

Mr A Dent
Secretary

8.4 Bannaventa & other sites

Mrs Smith mentioned the possibility of a small excavation at Barn Close later in the summer as she had managed to obtain the agreement of the landowner. No further action regarding other sites could be taken until the return of the Archaeological Director.

Mrs Smith
Archaeological Director

9. AGM

9.1 Panel Chair

The Secretary reported that Dr. Francis Pryor was unable to assist with this role. Other suggestions were made and he undertook to pursue them.

9.2 Publicity

It was agreed that the Chair and Secretary would liaise regarding design and production of the posters. It was suggested that a small display utilising the display boards should be made at Daventry Leisure Centre in the week prior to the meeting, the Secretary undertook to arrange this. It was suggested that some publicity material should be passed to Daventry Museum.

9.3 General Administrative Arrangements

Mrs Smith undertook to arrange volunteers to perform various tasks at the event. It was further agreed that there should be a minimum recommended donation of two pounds for all attendees with a charge of one pound for refreshments.

10. Annual Report

All society members and officers were requested to provide reports to the Secretary of Trustees, Ruth Downie, by not later than the end of June. The Secretary undertook to provide contact details to members.

Secretary

11. Public Seminar on the Research Agenda for the Historic Environment of the East Midlands - 7th May 2009

The Secretary reported that he and the Archaeological Director attended the subject seminar at Nottingham University. The event

was designed to help shape the format of the Research Agenda within the East Midlands. A variety of agencies and organisations were present. The day consisted of a series of presentations to illustrate the needs of each archaeological era. There was opportunity for questions afterwards together with written feedback. As with others we ensured the perspective of community archaeology was fed into the discussion. There will be a further seminar in December to finalise the agenda.

12. Opening up the Past - Understanding Buildings

The Secretary informed the meeting of this event to be held on the 14th June 2008

13. Daventry Local History Group - 19th November 2008

This group was requesting a speaker from CLASP for this date. It was decided to delay a decision to the July meeting.

14. Role of Secretary

The Secretary circulated a paper to the Committee that stated his desire to stand down from the position of Secretary to enable him to concentrate on research and other developmental issues. He also circulated a role description for the post as he saw it. No one from the Committee volunteered for the position, the Chair stated that he would include an article in the newsletter regarding this; it could also be mentioned at the AGM with a view to securing a person not currently on the Committee to become co-opted on to it. The Secretary stated that he would carry on with the role for the present.

15. Treasurer's Matters

The Treasurer stated that after £1250 had been paid for geophysics a total of £709 remained as 'free' money with a total of £6128.27 at the bank. This includes £2374 from the Countryside Agency and £2500 from the Roman Research Society. She also mentioned a donation of £480 from Penguin books to support prizewinners from a competition attending the Whitehall Dig. This latter money would be passed in its entirety to Whitehall.

16. Any Other Business

The Committee was reminded that the closing date for submissions for the newsletter is the 13th July. A request was also made that copies of member societies winter programmes be passed to the newsletter editor.

Date & Place of next meeting - 17.00hrs 8th July 2008

Chair - J. Cooper Secretary - D. F. Hayward June 2008