



## **CLASP**

### **Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project**

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Minutes  
Organising Committee Meeting  
Baptist Church Rooms  
The Green, Nether Heyford  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**1. Attendance:**

Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), Sue Brown (Daventry Local History Group), Jeremy Cooper (Co-opted), Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project), Alan Dent (Individual Members Representative), 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), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director - Trustee)

**2. Apologies.**

Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society), Andrew Shaw (Brington History Society),

**3. Minutes of Meeting: 01/09/08**

These were accepted as a true record

**4. Matters Arising:**

**4.1 Digital Map (4.1)**

It was noted that there were still problems with this. Whilst the map was operational on the Secretaries computer it was proving difficult to copy it to others.

**Archaeological Director**

**4.2 CBA Education Officer (4.2)**

It had proved difficult to arrange a mutually convenient date for

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this visit and therefore it had not taken place.

#### **4.3 External Events**

##### **4.3.1 Norton (9)**

Mr Dent reported that this had been had an impressive event and the CLASP input was well received.

##### **5.3.2 Buckinghamshire (9)**

Nothing further had been heard about this event.

##### **5.3.3 Milton Keynes (9)**

Mr. R Whyte is covering this event; all arrangements are in hand.

##### **5.3.4 CBA South Midlands (9)**

Ms G. Biddle spoke at this event on behalf of CLASP and was well received.

#### **5. AGM and Public Open Meeting**

##### **5.1 2008**

Whilst the attendance at the meeting had been less than anticipated the quality of debate was high. Positive feedback was received from the panellists after the meeting. A small financial loss was incurred on the night.

##### **5.2 2009**

It was agreed that the 2009 meeting would be held at Weedon Village Hall during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September. It was hoped to have two speakers, Mike Rumbold on Weedon Depot and its Transport Links and a.n.other talking on the Modern Day Use of Heritage. Mrs Johns agreed to pursue the venue and Mr Rumbold. All Committee members were asked to come forward with suggestions re the second speaker.

**Mrs Johns**

#### **6. Work in Progress**

##### **6.1 Old Rectory Weedon**

Mrs Johns and the Archaeological Director are still pursuing this.

**Mrs Johns**

**Archaeological Director**

##### **6.2 Whitehall**

The Archaeological Director stated that the results of the Archaeo-Magnetic dating on the stokehole in bathhouse 2 were

inconclusive. The results of the carbon dating on the wood from bathhouse 1 were still awaited.

### **6.3 Harpole**

The Archaeological Director and Mrs Smith reported that the short excavation held at Barn Close in September had revealed remaining archaeology underground together with fourteen coins, in excess of one hundred pottery shards and a worked stone column base. It was hoped that there would be a further excavation next year. Mrs Smith also reported that Harpole Heritage Group had established a permanent exhibition at Harpole School, she was also scheduled to talk there shortly.

### **6.4 Bannaventa**

The Archaeological Director reported that owing to poor weather it had not proved possible to carry out further work at Bannaventa this year.

### **6.5 Tiffield**

The Archaeological Director further reported that there was a possibility of work on two sites at Tiffield early in 2009

**Archaeological Director**

## **7. WNDC**

### **6.1 Planning Appeal**

The Secretary reported that he had attended the initial pre inquiry meeting for the combined appeals for the three Daventry sites. He was currently working with the consultant archaeologists for each site to respond to additional work that has now been undertaken on each site. He further understands that some trial trenching is to be undertaken on the Primrose Hill site shortly and will hopefully liaise with the Archaeologists carrying this out.

### **6.2 Grants**

It was agreed that this was a matter for the Trustees to pursue although the Secretary did consider we would be eligible for at least one form of Grant from the several that were available.

**Trustees**

## **8. Health and Safety Guidelines**

The Secretary reminded the Committee that they needed to resolve a Health and Safety Policy as a matter of urgency. Mr Dent

undertook to pursue this and report to the next meeting.

**Mr. Dent**

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## **9. Treasurers' Report**

The Treasurer reported that there was currently a total of £6665.89 in the accounts, the majority of which was committed. The quiz made a profit of £28.

## **10. A.O.B.**

### **10. 1 Mr A. Clark**

The Archaeological Director mentioned that a local historian/archaeologist, Alan Clark was interested in CLASP. He stated that he was already liaising with Alan. The Committee agreed that Mr Clark should be invited to the next meeting to make a presentation to the Committee about his archaeological interests and activities. The presentation to last for no more than twenty minutes. It was also agreed that consideration might be given at a future date to co-opting him to the Committee.

### **10.2 Membership**

The number of people not renewing their membership caused concern. The Membership Secretary undertook to follow up those not renewing and endeavour to either get them to renew or establish the reasons why they are not renewing.

**Membership Secretary**

### **10.3 Duston**

It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding with investigating a possible site in Duston village

### **10.4 Mike Pearson**

The Archaeological Director reported that Mike Pearson, currently working at SNC may be interested in becoming involved with CLASP in the future. It was agreed that this could be an asset for the Committee and that he should be invited tot he next meeting to enable him to better understand what we do. The Secretary would contact him.

**Secretary**

### **10.5 Bury Mound - Towcester**

Ms G. Boreham reported that TDLH was requesting archaeological investigations in the area of the Mount before proposed commercial development in the area began. The Secretary offered any assistance CLASP might be able to make with this.

## 10.6 Upton Lodge

It was reported that there might be an opportunity for CLASP to be involved with archaeological work at this location. This will be progressed at the next meeting.

## 10.7 Insurance

The Chair reiterated that all persons working on CLASP sites are covered by CLASP Insurance.

### Dates of Organising Committee Meetings for 2009: -

09/02; 20/04; 08/06; 06/07 (Whitehall Farm); 07/09; 09/11

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