



CLASP

Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Minutes

Organising Committee Meeting

Baptist Church Rooms

The Green, Nether Heyford

12th April 2010

1. Attendance:

Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), Sue Brown Daventry Local History Group), Alan Clark (Co-opted), Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project), Angela Evans (Treasurer - Trustee), David Hayward (Co-opted-Secretary Organising Committee), Reverend Francis Rodriguez (Norton Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director - Trustee),

2. Apologies,

Jeremy Cooper (Chair- Co-opted)

3. Minutes of Meeting: 15th February 2010 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1. Alderton (5.1)

Mr Batten reported that they were still raising funds for their excavation this year, he stated that he was now more optimistic.

(Secretary's Note: I have now heard from Mr Batten that this excavation will be proceeding. Details have been circulated by way of the CLASP mailing group. If anybody has not seen this circulation and is interested in participating then please contact him directly on 01327 811304 Or derek.batten@virgin.net . The dates are from the 19th July to the 6th August inclusive but excluding weekends.)

4.2. Brington - Finds Processing (5.3)

The Archaeological Director stated that he still had to liaise with colleagues at Brington.

Archaeological Director

5. Technical Matters (Urgent Matters)

5.1 Harpole

Mrs Smith reported that it was hoped to hold the excavation at Harpole during the week commencing 5th September 2010. This does however depend on the summer weather having enabled the crop to be lifted by that time. Their finds processing work was currently concluding the 2008 material and just about to start that from 2009. She further reported that the land at Harpole Flaxlands was now being managed by a Land Agent, contact to made through Mrs Bristow.

5.2 Tiffield/ Gayton

The Archaeological Director reported that he hoped to be able to hold field walking at these locations during the late summer/ autumn. The Secretary reported that he had emailed the new Tiffield group regarding membership but as yet had not received a response.

5.3 Towcester

Ms G Boreham reported that an archaeological investigation at the Towcester Woolgrowers site had identified a 1st/ 2nd C cemetery with cremations and a ditch. Work at the Moat Lane site had revealed evidence of a major Romano-British building; this included a piece of carved stone, not in-situ. No reports have yet been received for this work.

6. Financial Matters

Newsletter Printing Costs

The Secretary reported that he had received a request from the Newsletter Editor Mr T Johns to increase the printing costs from 5p to 8p per sheet owing to higher ink costs. The Committee agreed with this and recommended to the Trustees that they accept this request.

7. Landscapes of Governance Project

The Secretary reported on this project as outlined in the Agenda. It was agreed that he should circulate a copy of the recording sheets for this project to enable it to be discussed further at the next meeting. Members are reminded of the website for this project:-

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/project/assembly/index/htm>

Secretary

8. Newsletter - Editorship

The Secretary further reported that the Newsletter editor Tony Johns stated that he would be willing to stand aside from the role if another member wished to take on the function. He would however continue in the role until somebody else came forward. It was proposed that a vote of thanks be given by the Committee to Mr Johns for the work he undertakes with the newsletter, the Secretary undertook to pass this to him.

Secretary

9. AGM

The Secretary reported that he had been unable to obtain the services of DR Francis Pryor to speak at the AGM. It was agreed that three potential themes/

speakers should be progressed, firstly Professor Ken DARK from Reading University on the Romano-British Landscape, secondly Stuart Brookes or colleague from the Landscape of Governance Project at UCL or lastly Battlefield Archaeology.

**Archaeological Director
Secretary**

10. AOB

10.1 Rockingham Forest Trust

Mr Clark reported that it was worth looking at the website for this project to see their current activities.

10.2 Harpole

Mrs Smith reported that the display was now in Harpole school, she further reported that Harpole Parish council had made a further donation to CLASP.

10.3 Whitehall Store

Mrs Smith reported that the store at Whitehall required extra shelving. As the property was still on the market it was agreed that an approach be made to the owners to ascertain the situation for CLASP. It was agreed that Mr Culling would undertake this.

Mr Culling

10.4 Daventry Planning Appeals

The Secretary reported the Planning Appeals for Danetre Village and Churchfields had been lost, only the Monksmoor proposal had succeeded but with some onerous conditions. The Statement of Common Ground would be progressed at the appropriate time.

10.5 Magnetometer

The Secretary reported that whilst the initial application for funding had been unsuccessful it was now intended to make a second application, this time for a secondhand machine. The hearing is scheduled for the 28th May.

S. Young Acting Chair

D Hayward Secretary

Date and Place of Next Meeting:

Monday 5th July 17.15hrs Whitehall Farm, Weedon Road, Nether Heyford