

# CLASP

## Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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### Minutes

### Organising Committee Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### Whitehall Farm, Nether Heyford

#### 1. Attendance:

David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Derek Batten (Friends of Alderton Monument), Dave Darby (Northampton Artefact Recovery Club), Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), Jeremy Cooper (Chair- Co-opted), , David Hayward (Co-opted-Secretary Organising Committee), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Rev Francis Rodriguez (Norton Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director - Trustee),

2. Apologies: Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project), Angela Evans (Treasurer - Trustee)

#### 3. Minutes of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010:

The Minutes were accepted with the following amendments; para 5.1, last line delete, 'Bristow' substitute 'Briscoe'; para 10.2, second line delete, 'made' substitute 'authorised'

#### 4. Applications for Society Membership

##### **4.1 History of Tiffield Society**

Application for membership of CLASP by this society was **agreed** unanimously by the Committee.

##### **4.2 Northamptonshire Artefact Recovery Club**

Application for membership of CLASP by this club was **agreed** unanimously by the Committee

#### 5. Matters Arising

##### **Whitehall Store(10.3)**

No report received owing to apologies from Mr. Culling

#### 6. Technical Matters

##### **6.1 Alderton**

Mr Batten reported that the annual excavation at Alderton will commence on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and run for three weeks. Visitors are welcome on Friday afternoons when Brian Giggins will be present to talk to visitors.

## **6.2 Blisworth**

No report

## **6.3 Brington**

The finds processing here is still outstanding but the Archaeological Director hopes to progress during the next couple of months.

**Archaeological Director**

## **6.4 Bugbrooke**

No report

## **6.5 Daventry**

The Secretary reminded the Committee about the results of the Daventry Planning Appeals, those for the two largest schemes at Danetre Village and Churchfields had been lost but the smaller project at Monksmoor had been successful. He also reminded the Committee that we had an agreement to have some involvement with the archaeological work on the site as and when the development takes place. We will maintain our interest with the developers however it would seem that nothing will happen for some time. The Secretary also mentioned the benefit that the archaeological knowledge of area had achieved from the considerable surveys and other research that had been undertaken into archaeological heritage of the area. This will undoubtedly be of value to CLASP in the future.

Mr Adams mentioned that he understood that the 'Gasworks' site project would go ahead in the near future but there was no update on the Primrose Hill site.

## **6.6 Flore**

No report

## **6.7 Harpole**

Mrs Smith reported that the excavation at Barn Close would take place for the three days commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> September with the site being opened on the 6<sup>th</sup>. She requested that the Chair place an appeal for volunteers onto the website and CLASP telephone. The Secretary undertook to circulate details via the CLASP mailing group.

**Chair  
Secretary**

## **6.8 NNPASt**

Rev Rodriguez stated his members were waiting for the harvest to be lifted before they could undertake further surveys.

## **6.9 Towcester**

MS G Boreham expressed the thanks of her society for the support given by the Archaeological Director to her members during his series of visits that trained them in pottery identification. The Bury Mount heritage feature is now open as is the adjacent Water Meadows site. This latter site is believed to be a ritual burial site. The Bury Mount site features a time-line around it. The investigations into the Tesco extension site by Birmingham Archaeology

has revealed a well whilst the investigation at the Aldi site revealed a small cemetery.

She also mentioned that Sponne school in conjunction with Martin Marix Evans had produced a relief map of the possible site of the battle between Boudicca and the Roman legion at Paulerspury.

#### **6.10 Whitehall**

In the absence of Mr Culling the Archaeological Director updated the meeting on the finds to date emanating from the current excavation at this site.

### **7. Treasurers Matters**

#### **7.1 Applications for Expenditure**

Mrs Smith made application for £4.94 to cover the cost of materials expended in connection with processing artefacts - **recommended** to Trustees.

**Trustees**

#### **7.2 Magnetometer**

The Secretary updated the Committee on the result of our bid to Northamptonshire Community Fund to purchase this equipment. We had requested approx £8000 but had been awarded £5000 that leave us £3000 to raise. The Committee discussed several sources to obtain this funding including membership loans/ donations and bids to SNC Council, Milton Keynes Heritage Association and other charities. This would now be referred to the Trustees for further discussion.

### **8. Projects and Research**

#### **8.1 Local People-Local Past**

The Archaeological Director reported that he was in the process of speaking to the HLF officials and had achieved a revised date for the completion of Phase Two of the project. He also stated that he would meet with the Secretary to formulate a programme of field activities for the autumn.

**Archaeological Director  
Secretary**

#### **8.2 Landscapes of Governance**

The Secretary mentioned the previously circulated regarding this project being run by University College London. He stated that any assistance with this would be appreciated, he had approached David Wilcock from Towcester regarding the Greens Norton Hundred and hoped to do more work with him. Mr Adams stated that would also assist. The Secretary stated that he would co-ordinate this work over the summer period. he would carry out the work himself over the summer months.

**Secretary**

### **9. AGM**

#### **9.1 Speaker**

The Archaeological Director stated that his attempts to organise an

appropriate speaker from Reading University had to date been unsuccessful but he would try one more time. It was **agreed** that if this speaker was not possible the Secretary should endeavour to get a speaker re the Landscapes of Governance Project.

*(Secretarys note: I am pleased to say that I have now arranged Dr John Baker from the Department of English studies at Nottingham University to speak on the Landscapes of Governance project and hopefully including an input on the transition period from Romano British to Anglo-Saxon which is his speciality. His only costs will be petrol money from Cambridge.)*

## **9.2 Administration**

It was **agreed** that hopefully all member societies would have a small table display of their activities at the meeting. *(Will society representatives please bring their requirements for tables to the next meeting.)* To facilitate viewing of the displays it was **agreed** that there should be a slightly longer refreshment break during the evening. The Archaeological Director and the Secretary stated that they would ensure that the CLASP display stand and any other equipment was transported to the meeting. Mr Batten suggested that users of the hall normally utilised the white walls as a screen. The Chair appealed for prizes for the raffle.

Door/ Donations/ Annual Subscriptions - Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Raffle - Mrs Angela Adams

Display Harpole - Mrs J. Smith

Register - Mrs J Smith

Host Speaker - Secretary

Whitehall Display - Ms G Biddle

## **10. CBA Bursary Project**

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to this bursary scheme, details of which had been circulated with the agenda. If any CLASP members were interested they should respond directly. Details had been circulated via the CLASP mailing group.

## **11. Archaeological Research Centres**

It was **agreed** that this paper should be passed to the Trustees for further discussion.

**Trustees**

## **12. Secondary School Involvement**

After discussion it was **agreed** that currently CLASP had insufficient resources, especially appropriate personnel to support an initiative that involved structured and constant input to secondary and that we should advise the Trustees accordingly.

**Trustees**

## **13. Weedon Bec Fete - 18/09/10**

The Secretary reported that CLASP had been invited to participate with a static display at the Weedon Bec fête. Owing to time constraints he had been compelled

to state to the organisers that in principle we would participate. The Committee **agreed** with this. An appeal for volunteers was made to assist with this event. The Rev Francis Rodriguez stated that he would investigate the participation by NNPAST with this event. The Secretary undertook to pursue other volunteers

**Rev Rodriguez  
Secretary**

#### **14. Flyer**

Consequent to the latest new society members joining CLASP it was **agreed** that we were now in a position to pursue the production of a new flyer. The Chair stated that we should aim for a target date of the AGM to have this produced. This was **agreed**.

**Chair  
Secretary**

#### **15. Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)-Adult Learning**

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the circulated letter from NCC inviting CLASP to host adults into CLASP activities. It would appear that these persons would be suffering from various conditions and this involvement would be part of an overall therapeutic process. Whilst the Committee were not against this in principle it was felt that more information should be obtained as to degrees of support that would be required and the physical difficulties with working on an open archaeological excavation. It was further commented that CLASP activities themselves are sporadic and do not provide a consistent level of activity and therefore support. It was **agreed** that the Secretary should seek further information from NCC, especially as to supervisory requirements and if it was still felt appropriate then invite a representative to the Harpole excavation to establish the appropriateness of this type of work.

**Secretary**

#### **16. AOB**

##### **16.1 Newsletter**

The closing date for submissions for the next CLASP newsletter would be the 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was hoped that all organisations would make submissions with 'news' type stories and future happenings etc. Submissions directly to the editor, Tony Johns, by email if possible please [tony@tonyjohs.co.uk](mailto:tony@tonyjohs.co.uk)

**All Committee Members**

##### **16.2 Annual Report**

The closing date for the annual report submissions will be the 6<sup>th</sup> August. All members are asked to make reports of their activities for the past year to the Trustees Secretary, Ruth Downie, again by email if possible please. [downie@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:downie@ukonline.co.uk)

**All Committee Members**

##### **16.3 NALH Annual Meeting - Harpole**

Mrs Smith reported that Harpole Heritage Group would be hosting the annual meeting this year of Northamptonshire Association of Local History. She

invited CLASP to hold a small display at this event. This was **agreed** in principle, details to be resolved at the next meeting.

*(Secretary's Note: Suggest that details of this are displayed at the AGM, also details are circulated via the CLASP Mailing Group and Newsletter, also information is placed on the CLASP telephone at an appropriate time.)*

#### **16.4 Strategy Document**

Concern was expressed that nothing further had been heard regarding the Strategy Document. The Secretary undertook to pursue this at the next Trustee's meeting.

**Secretary**

*(Secretary's note: This was discussed at the Trustees and it was agreed there that a small working group would be established to finalise this. Ms G Boreham would be invited by them to participate as a member. Arrangements being overseen by Secretary of Trustees.)*

July 2010

Chair: Jeremy Cooper

Secretary: David Hayward