



## **CLASP**

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

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### **Minutes**

### **Organising Committee Meeting**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Baptist Church Rooms**

**The Green, Nether Heyford**

#### **1. Attendance:**

David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Derek Batten (Friends of Alderton Monument), Dave Darby (Northampton Artefact Recovery Club), Jeremy Cooper (Chair- Co-opted), Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project), Angela Evans (Treasurer - Trustee), David Hayward (Co-opted-Secretary Organising Committee), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society), Rev Francis Rodriguez (Norton Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director - Trustee),

#### **2. Apologies,**

G. Boreham, A. Kent

#### **3. Minutes of Meeting:**

5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - These were accepted as a true record

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

##### **4.1 Whitehall Store (5)**

No update

##### **4.2 NALH Meeting**

It was **agreed** that the Committee should recommend to the Trustees that Mr & Mrs Adams attend the NALH Meeting at Harpole on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October to represent CLASP and their costs for lunch should be met by CLASP.

**Mr D Adams**

#### **5. Technical Matters**

##### **5.1 Alderton**

Mr Batten described the summer excavation here as having had spectacular results. Forty five volunteers had taken part, their work had revealed a very high status stone built 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> century building. It is still not known what the

building is or represents. Currently only 10% of the site has been investigated. The next question is where to look at on the site next, Northants Archaeology are undertaking a geophysical survey on the site for free.

### **5.2 Blisworth**

It was reported that Blisworth has been in summer recess

### **5.3 Brington**

The Archaeological Director stated that he would visit Brington when the CD-ROM for the latest phase of the Local People-Local Past project was completed. He would discuss the results of the work done to date in the Brington area and also the question of processing the remaining finds at that stage.

**Archaeological Director**

### **5.4 Bugbrooke**

No report

### **5.5 Daventry**

Mr Adams reported that Pevsners book regarding Daventry was being updated. He also mentioned that he understood that the Friends of Daventry Museum wished to join CLASP. The Committee welcomed this news and would formally consider an application at its next meeting, the Secretary requested that a formal application to join be forwarded to him before the next meeting so that it could be placed on the agenda

**Mr D Adams**

### **5.6 Flore**

Mr Culling reported that their group held their AGM the previous week and had agreed a donation of £25 to CLASP. The committee expressed their thanks for this donation.

### **5.7 Harpole**

Mrs Smith reported that the excavation at Barn Close had started that day and had made a good start. Full report to the next meeting.

### **5.8 NARC**

Mr Darby reported that a donation had been made to CLASP, again the thanks of the Committee was noted.

### **5.9 NNPAST**

No meeting has been held but some cursory detecting has been carried out in the Bannaventa area but more is intending to be done after crop sowing.

### **5.10 Tiffield**

No report

### **5.11 Towcester**

No report

### **5.12 Weedon**

Investigatory work still requires to be undertaken at Weedon Wharf, the maps from Alan Clark are still awaited. (*Secretary's Note: I attempting to contact Alan.*)

### **5.13 Whitehall**

The Archaeological Director reported on this years excavation having located the first tessellated pavement in this part of Northamptonshire. He also mentioned the two pieces of structural timber that were found. It is intended to lift these for preliminary conservation on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6 Financial Matters**

### **6.1 Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer reported that a £500 donation had been received from the Robert Kiln Trust towards the cost of the Magnetometer together with £230 in donations. £2500 remains from the Roman Research Trust grants and £1291 from Harpole. There is £1745 of uncommitted monies. A total of 4800 volunteers hours have been recorded.

### **6.2 Applications for Expenditure - Recommendations to Trustees**

6.2.1 Flyer Reprint - £150 agreed

6.2.2 Newsletter costs - £45.89 agreed

6.2.3 Toilet Hire Harpole - £80.00 agreed (Harpole money)

6.2.4 Theodolite Battery - It was agreed that the Treasurer would explore with Martin Weaver the possibility of repairing the existing battery before agreeing to purchase a new one.

## **7. Projects and Research**

### **7.1 Landscapes of Governance**

The Secretary reported that he had started looking at sites across our area, initially from documentary evidence but had also visited Tiffield with Tony Marsh to look at a potential site there.

## **8. Magnetometer**

### **8.1 Funding**

The Secretary reported that at this time we had raised a total of £7230 out of a total of £8190. *(Secretary's note: the situation changed after this and full details will be reported to the next meeting. We have now raised the full amount.)*

### **8.2 Volunteers**

The Secretary provided an update with volunteer recruiting to train in both use of the machine and subsequent data analysis and report writing. It was also agreed that the subjects of storage and insurance would need resolving.

## **9. AGM & Public Open Meeting**

### **9.1 Speakers**

The principal speaker will be Dr John Baker from the Institute of Name-Studies, University of Nottingham who will speak on the Landscapes of Governance Project. This will be followed by an update from the Archaeological Director who will provide an update of CLASP's technical work for the past year.

## **9.2 Displays and Administration**

Mr Batten undertook to pursue the Village Hall booking from that had not yet been received. It was agreed that there would be ample table space at the hall to meet the requirements of all the displays. Mrs Smith provided a list of volunteers who would be undertaking the various functions.

## **9.3 Publicity**

The Secretary undertook to issue a press release to the local media.

**Secretary**

## **10. Archive**

There was no progress to report on this matter apart from the possibility of use of the Norwood buildings at Harpole.

## **11. Newspaper Article re Historical Sites Under Threat**

This article that had been circulated with the agenda was noted and currently on further action was envisaged.

## **12. Metal Detecting Standards**

The committee **agreed** that CLASP needed to define a Metal Detecting Standard for its own use, albeit that it would in all probability be based on accepted national standards currently in existence. Revd. Rodriguez undertook to lead a small working group. Mr Darby will arrange a representative from NARC and the Trustees will be asked to provide a third member.

**Mr Darby  
Trustees**

## **13. Planning and Development**

### **13.1 Daventry**

The sale of the land at the Monksmoor site was noted.

### **13.2 Harpole**

The approval of land at Norwood, Harpole for 781 homes was discussed and noted.

## **14. Society Websites - CLASP page**

NARC has allocated a page on their website for CLASP activities and suggest that this could be a precedent for all societies if they so wish. NNPAST stated that would be enthusiastic to do something similar.

## **15. Trustees Minutes - 14/07/10**

These had been previously circulated and were noted.

## **16. External Events**

Members were reminded of Weedon Village Fete to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. CLASP and some member groups would be providing displays at the event. All necessary arrangements were agreed.

## **17. Any Other Business**

### **17.1 Library**

The Archaeological Director reported that our member Alan Priestley had donated his collection of archaeological books to CLASP. The collection consists of fifty to sixty books. The AD stated that he knew of an archivist who would

assist and that Gillian Biddle was willing to look at a lending system. A site to store the books had still to be identified and agreed - suggestions for this were requested.

### **17.2 Heritage Heroes Award**

The Secretary notified the meeting that the CBA had nominated CLASP for this award.

**Next Meeting - Nether Heyford Baptist Church Rooms, 15.30hrs, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

J. Cooper - Chair

D.F. Hayward - Secretary

September 2010