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Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Minutes of the Organising Committee

14th February 2011

1. **Attendance**
2. Angela Adams (Friends of Daventry Museums), David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Derek Batten (Friends of Alderton Monument), Dave Darby (Northampton Artefact Recovery Club), Georgina Boreham (Towcester District History Society), 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),
3. **Apologies** Brian Culling (Flore Heritage Society and Whitehall Villa Project)
4. **Welcome** The Committee welcomed Michael Heaton and Enid Jarvis from Spratton Local History Society to the meeting. A formal proposal was made that Spratton Local History Society should be admitted to CLASP as a member organisation. This was unanimously agreed.
5. **Minutes of the Meeting:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the 15th November 2010 were accepted as true record. It was noted that neither of the Daventry Groups appeared to have received a copy.
6. **Matters Arising**
7. **5.1 Whitehall Store**
 1. Mr Adams stated that it appeared he had recently visited the wrong store, arrangements were now in hand to visit the correct site.
 2. **5.2 Minute Secretary**
 1. The Secretary asked if societies had managed to identify a possible candidate to undertake this role; it appeared however that none had. (Secretary's note: I have now identified an individual member, Norman Garnett, who is prepared to take on both this role and that of the representative for the Whitehall Villa project.)
 1. **5.3 Starting Time**
 1. Owing to a clash with the finishing time for the users of the hall prior to our meeting it was **agreed** that in future meetings would commence at 15.00hrs. The Treasurer undertook to resolve any problems arising from today's confusion.
1. **Technical Reports**
2. **6.1 Blisworth**
 1. Mr Aveling reported that they had various talks and events including one by the Archaeological Director on the Romano-British situation in the area.
2. **6.2 Brington**
 1. It was noted that the Archaeological Director and the Secretary are to speak to this group in October. The Archaeological Director mentioned that he felt it would be appropriate for a letter to be sent to Stephen Mattingley thanking him for his past support to CLASP. The Secretary undertook to do this in conjunction with the Archaeological Director.
2. **Secretary**
3. **6.3 Bugbrooke**
4. Mr Kent reported that the plaque unveiling referred to in para 7.3 of the last Minutes was a success. He confirmed that the 2nd Book of Historical Photographs of Bugbrooke for the period 1930 - 1980 was now on sale in village shops.
5. **6.4 Daventry History Society**
 1. Had recently held a successful exhibition in the museum. One particular talk of interest that had recently heard had indicated that the alter in St Marks Chapel in the local presbytery garden had originated from St Pauls private chapel at Ashby St Ledgers house.
2. **6.5 Daventry Museums**
 1. Mrs Adams mentioned a successful quiz night that they had recently held that involved identifying the contents of an old shop. She suggested that this might provide a method of fund raising for CLASP. Mrs Adams had the details of the organiser for this event if CLASP wished to hold one of these events.
2. **Treasurer**
3. **6.6 Flore**
 1. No report
 2. **6.7 Friends of Alderton Manor**
 1. Mr Batten mentioned that it was unlikely that there would not be a dig this year but hoped for extensive work in 2012 and 2013. He now has the Northamptonshire Archaeology report for the last excavation and he will provide an electronic copy to anyone requesting by email. A good article regarding Alderton was published recently in the journal of the Castle Studies Group.
2. **6.8 Harpole**

- 1 Mrs Smith mentioned recent talks on the Battle of Britain and by the Black History Association. She further mentioned that planning permission for development of Briscoe's Barns had recently been submitted.

6.9 NNPAST

1. The Revd. Rodriguez reported that their new season of field work had recently started in the Bannaventa area.

1 Tiffield

1. No report

2. 6.11 Towcester

1. Ms Boreham reported that the Lactodorum Hinterland Survey looking at all the possible Romano-British sites in the parishes bordering Towcester had completed it's interim report which was received by the Committee. Members expressed their thanks for what was a comprehensive report.

2. 6.12 Weedon

1. No report.

2. 6.13 Whitehall

1. The Archaeological Director reported that currently English Heritage had no funds to assist with the conservation of the roof timbers recovered last year. He reported however that he was still pursuing further support and investigation from elsewhere.

2. **Archaeological Director**

3. 6.14 NARC

1. Mr Darby reported that they were still carrying out fieldwork at several locations. Mention was also made of a display that NARC would be providing in Kilsby Village Hall on the 5th March.

1. Geophysical Surveying

2. It was reported that we had now taken delivery of the Magnetometer and the initial training day for four members in the basic use of the machine had taken place. Mr Adams offered to undertake the role of administration of the machine and the subsequent training programme. It was further reported by the Archaeological Director that Mr Kay had offered to store the machine and issue and receive it as required. It was agreed that a small group consisting of Mr Adams, the Archaeological Director and the Secretary would resolve procedures and other issues.

3. **Mr Adams**

4. **Archaeological Director**

5. **Secretary**

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7. Financial Matters

8. 11.1 Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer reported that because all the grant money had not yet been received for the magnetometer the Ordinary Money was currently £1155.06 in debt. Having received the grant from the Countryside Agency for Local People - Local Past Phase Two that element was now £8521 and the Roman Research Trust was £2500. There was currently £644.81 in the Harpole money but £400 was owing for the JCB.

2. 11.2 Weedon Bec Fete Donation

In response to a query from the Secretary the Treasurer stated that this had been out towards the Magnetometer cost.

1. Archive

The Secretary reported that he had been in contact with Halcrow's re Norwood Barns. They have taken the matter up with the developer but it appears that they have made no decision as to the way forward with the barns and we will have to wait until that happens.

1. 10. Projects and Research

10.1 Landscapes of Governance

The Secretary reported that his research and fieldwork for this project were progressing well. He hoped to have the fieldwork completed by the end of March and the report ready for submission by the time of the next meeting.

Secretary

1 10.2 Local People - Local Past

- 2 The Archaeological Director reported that the Phase Two was complete and the report had been published on the website. He hoped to produce CD ROM's for member societies as soon as possible. He mentioned that he had informal discussions with the HLF and they would probably look favourably to us moving into Phase Three with a grant application for £50,000.

3 **Archaeological Director**

4 11. Metal Detecting Standards

- 5 This is now to be taken directly to the Trustees for their consideration. The Archaeological Director stated that he would liaise with the Chair of Trustees.

6 **Archaeological Director**

7 12. Individual Members Representative

1. The Secretary reported that he had spoken to Tony Kesten and he would like to come onto the Organising Committee as the Individual Members representative. He suggested that the Committee should formally co-opt him onto the Committee today and he would attend the next meeting. This

was formally proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Kent, there was a unanimous vote in favour.

2. **Secretary**

3. **13. Festival of British Archaeology**

1. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the Festival of British Archaeology to be held between the 16th and the 31st July. Ms Boreham reported that TDLH were hoping to do a display on the 31st July. Mrs Adams reported that Daventry Museum were having a display on the 16th July and she would put it to the Museum Management Group that this should be in conjunction with the Festival. Both NARC and NNPASt supported the Festival and possible CLASP involvement. Mrs Adams suggested that we should establish whether Northampton Museum was putting any event in conjunction with this festival. (Secretary's Note: I have spoken to Northampton Museum and they are not involved with this as they do not have an archaeological element to their displays.)

2. **14. Magnetometer**

3. **14.1 Administration and Training**

4. The Archaeological Director reported that the training day went very well. Four members attended and instruction was given in assembly of the machine and basic use. Explanation was also provided in downloading data from the machine. It was noted that there will be ongoing costs with insurance, calibration and servicing. For example a service will cost £200. It was mentioned that there would have to be charges to groups using the machine to cover these costs. Hopefully we will be able to generate income by using the machine externally. Mr Adams agreed to develop Procedures to cover use of the machine and also oversee a future cascade training programme. This work would be done in conjunction with the Archaeological Director and the Secretary. The Archaeological Director also mentioned that he had been able to procure access for CLASP to a resistivity meter. Fred Kay has agreed to store the machine at his house.

5. **Mr Adams**

6. **Archaeological Director**

7. **Secretary**

8. **14.2 Work Programme**

9. The Archaeological Director stated that he shortly hoped to undertake some work at Bannaventa to enhance the training of the four volunteers already trained. Mr Kent intimated that Bugbrooke will be interested in doing some work in due course to establish the extent of the old Bugbrooke settlement.

10. **14.3 Publicity for Donors**

11. The Secretary mentioned the requirement for publicity for donors to be included on CLASP correspondence and the website. The Chair said he would progress this once he had received the material from the Secretary.

12. **Chair**

13. **Secretary**

14. **15. AGM 2011 - Speakers and Venue**

15. The Secretary reported that he had agreed that the subject for discussion would be the archaeology of DIRFT. In addition to the Archaeological Director providing an update on CLASP activities there would be two other speakers, Gren Hatton from Kilsby a CLASP member and the principal archaeologist who undertook the work at DIRFT Phase Two. The venue is still being finalised.

16. **16 Health and Safety**

17. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to Agenda paper 'A' regarding national work to develop a standard health and safety package. It was agreed that we should defer developing our policy until this national work was completed.

18. **17. Proposal to Establish an IFA Voluntary and Community**

Archaeology Group

19. After a full discussion it was agreed that we should not make a decision as to whether we should support and join this proposed group until it's structure and mandate were published.
20. 18. CBA and English Heritage
21. Introduction to Standards and Guidance in Archaeological Practice
22. The Secretary advised the Committee that this work was delayed. Once he has received the proposals he will advise the Committee.
23. 19. External Events
24. None
25. 20. Planning Issues
26. 20.1 Daventry
27. The Secretary reported that it appears that the Churchfields development was to be resurrected to a slighter smaller project. It was agreed that CLASP would monitor these proposals. It also appears that the dormant Primrose Hill shopping development may be coming to fruition although it appears that still do not have a large store interested. The Waterside proposal has been submitted but as of now neither the Secretary or Mr Adams have been able to access the Archaeological Report.
28. (Secretary's Note: I have spoken to Daventry District Council re the Waterspace development and they will send a copy of the archaeological report when the delayed planning application is submitted.)
29. 20.2 Alderton
30. Mr Batten reported that planning applications had been submitted for a sixteen turbine wind-farm at Alderton by Tove Energy. This in the area of the possible site of Boudicca's 'last stand' A second application has been made for a biomass incinerator between Alderton and Paulerspury but this is within existing farm buildings.
31. 20.3 Towcester Vale
32. Ms Boreham reported that the planning application for this development had been resubmitted to WNJPU. TDLH were monitoring the situation
33. 21. Trustees Matters
34. No meeting held

Date and Place of Next Meeting: -

15.00hrs Monday 18th April 2011 at the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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Executive Committee: Alan Watson (Chair), Sandra Deacon (Secretary), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Stephen Young (Archaeology Director), Nick Adams, Jeremy Calderwood, Tony Kesten

Organising Committee: Jeremy Cooper (Acting Chair), Dave Hayward (Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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