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Minutes of the Organising Committee Tuesday 28th June 2011

1. Attendees

Angela Adams (Friends of Daventry Museums), David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Revd. Francis Rodriguez (Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Steve Jowers (History of Tiffield Society), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director), Jeremy Cooper (Chairman), David Hayward (Organising Committee, Research), Norman Garnett (Minutes Secretary).

- 2. <u>Apologies</u> Tony Kesten, Alan Kent, Derek Batten, Georgina Boreham.
- 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting of 18th April were accepted.
- 4. <u>Matters arising</u> Details of the forthcoming Towcester Archaeology Day were discussed. Posters have been distributed to several CLASP members.

5. Society Technical Matters

- 5.1 Blisworth. Absent.
- 5.2 Brington. Absent
- **5.3 Bugbrooke**. Apologies received. Sent thanks for magnetometer training. 7 members have received instruction.
- **5.4** Daventry History Society. Nothing to report.
- 5.5 Friends of Daventry Museums. Refer to item 8.1
- **5.6** Flore. Nothing to report.
- 5.7 FOAM. Nothing to report.
- **5.8** Harpole. Jennifer Smith indicated that there was to be no excavation at Harpole this year.
- **5.9** NNPAST. Awaiting crop harvest to occur in area of involvement.
- 5.10 Spratton. Nothing to report.
- **5.11 Tiffield.** Magnetometer training had been provided, may be put to use at villa dig. Local history talks planned. It was mentioned by Steve Jowers

- that Tiffield village has a web-site.
- **5.12** Towcester. Apologies received.
- **5.13 Weedon**. Nothing to report.
- 5.14 Whitehall. Nothing to report.

6. Financial matters

- 6.1 Treasurer's Report. Presented by Angela Evans. Donations to CLASP have recently been received. It was suggested that these, or part of these, could be used to purchase a GPS receiver. This will be referred to the Trustees for comment. Agreed.
 - A cheque had been raised for hire of the JCB but the invoice had not yet been received.
- 6.2 Applications for Expenditure. a) Proposed purchase of GPS receiver.b) Change of domain name.
- **6.3 Upgrade server space to 3GB.** Jeremy Cooper indicate that finance was no longer required.

7. Projects & Research

- 7.1 Landscapes of Governance. Dave Hayward has report preparation in hand. "Hundreds" representative has not responded at date of this meeting.
 - Dave Hayward mentioned that a speaker for the London conference was no longer required however a poster had been requested for this event. Steve Jowers indicated that he could provide A1 -sized posters.
- 7.2 Local People Local Past. No progress to date.
- 7.3 Barby Hill. Local representatives are to be provided for this project. Details are to be provided to Trustees. Agreed.
 - The submission and agreement of an appropriate Technical Project Proposal was required. Gren Hatton has indicated that he could provide this.
 - The identification of an appropriate person to lead the Project. This is currently under discussion.
 - The availability of sufficient funding, possibly on a phased basis is to be reviewed.
- 7.4 CLASP research e-mail group. Jeremy Cooper, Gren Hatton & Dave Haywood have structured the e-mail group for the research archive. This is to be opened gradually by sending out "invitations" to join. Jeremy will talk to Trustees regarding arrangements. Agreed. Francis Rodriguez queried if finds archive could be included. It was indicated that this could be achieved by providing "links". Steve Jowers mentioned that reference could be made to National Standards, this was to be considered as needs arose. Agreed.

8. External Events.

- 8.1 Daventry Museum will hold an archaeological exhibition on 25th. 30th. July. Access may be required to CLASP office to remove and return any items wanted for the display. Agreed.
 It was noted that the Towcester Archaeology Day occurs on 31st. July and some items may be required on this day.
- 8.2 Angela Adams agreed to contact Laura Hogan of Northampton Arts Collective regarding scope of CLASP involvement. Norman Garnett to circulate Committee members for items for inclusion in this and in Annual Report and Newsletter.

Tony Kesten will be asked to circulate individual members for ideas/items.

9. Trustee Matters. Nothing to report.

10. Archive.

- 10.1 Library and Written Archive. Electronic archive now being formulated by Jeremy Cooper, Gren Hatton and Dave Hayward (refer to item 7.4). Written library is now listed and Francis Rodriguez has offered to assist Sandra Deacon with cataloguing.
- 10.2 Artefact Archive. Still under consideration, the future usage of the current location is still under discussion. Steve Young is following up on this.
- 10.3 David Adams enquired if other/additional storage is found could space be provided to archive material held by Daventry Local History group. Agreed.

David is to provide details of archive material.

11. Planning Issues.

- 11.1 Daventry Waterspace. Application submitted, no response forthcoming to date.
- 11.2 (new) BRITARCH. Concern was expressed by Dave Hayward regarding proposed changes to rulings re-planning requirements as espoused by a Cllr. Melton of The Fenland Council, as mentioned in BRITARCH. Decision made to await further developments. Agreed.
- 12. AGM. This is to occur on 12th September 2011 at Harpole Bowling Club.

13. Geophysical Survey.

13.1 Training - Magnetometer. Ongoing. Approximately 20 persons have now been instructed.

Jeremy Cooper suggested that a list of trainees be formulated. Agreed.

14. Any Other Business.

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- 14.1 New members. Jennifer Cooper enquired whether there had been any potential new members as a result of the CLASP presence at the Nether Heyford Fete.
- **14.2.** Dave Hayward mentioned approaching deadline for submission of items for inclusion within the Newsletter. Deadline date is 21^{st} . August 2011.
- 15. <u>Date of next meeting.</u> To be 5th September 2011 in the Baptist Church Rooms at The Green, Nether Heyford at 15.00 hours.

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), Norman Garnett (Minute Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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