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Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Minutes of the Organising Committee

Monday 13th February 2012

1. Attendees

David Adams (Daventry Local History Group &), Revd. Francis Rodriguez (Northampton Portable Antiquities Search Team), Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Georgina Boreham (Towcester District Local History Society), Jim Aveling (Blisworth heritage Society), Tony Kesten (Independent Members Representative), David Derby (NARCS), Derek Batten (Friends of Alderton Manor), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director), Angela Evans (Treasurer), David Hayward (Organising Committee, Research), Norman Garnett (Minutes Secretary).

2. **Apologies** Angela Adams (Friends of Daventry Museums), Alan Kent (Bugbrooke). Jeremy Cooper (Chairman)

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting of 14th November 2011 were accepted.

4. **Matters arising** None

5. Society Technical Matters

5.1 **Blisworth.** Nothing.

5.2 **Brington.** Not represented.

5.3 **Bugbrooke.** Apologies received.

5.4 **Daventry History Society.** Nothing.

5.5 **Friends of Daventry Museums.** Apologies received.

5.6 **Flore.** Not represented.

5.7 **FOAM.** Survey planned for 20th March 2012.

5.8 **Harpole.** Nothing to report at present.

5.9 **NARC.** A cheque for £35.00 has been presented by NARC. No projects planned at present.

5.10 **NNPAST.** Nothing to report at present but some revision may occur of earlier sites.

5.11 **Tiffield.** Magnetometer work has given some results. Future investigations to take place.

- 5.12 **Towcester.** Nothing to report.
- 5.13 **Weedon.** Nothing to report.
- 5.14 **Whitehall.** The death of Robin Vowles was recorded, condolences have been sent to Beryl & family & a donation is to be made to a suitable charity instead of flowers. Representatives from Whitehall are to attend the funeral.

Recovered timbers from the Whitehall site, sent to York for dating, could not be dated due to lack of number of growth 'rings'.

A letter of thanks was proposed for Harpole for the loan of display boards. Agreed.

Display boards are now stored at Whitehall site office.

Dates of the 2012 "dig" at Whitehall have been circulated by Sandra Deacon of the Trustees.

Dave Hayward is discussing the "hammerhead" brooch finds with relevant 3rd. parties.

6. Financial matters

- 6.1 **Treasurer's Report.** No outstanding accounts at present.
- 6.2 **Applications for Expenditure.** Nick Adams has been asked if he has submitted accounts for replacement stock of plastic bags & cardboard storage boxes.
- 6.3 **Insurance.** Angela Evans noted that insurance policies were shortly due for renewal.
- 6.3 **Trustee EGM.** Revised subscription issues are to be raised at the proposed EGM of the Trustees on 12th March 2012 at 19.30 in the School Room at Nether Heyford Baptist Church. It was mentioned that the meeting should be attended by as many involved groups as possible to promote a greater understanding of the operations & related interests of these groups. Agreed.

7. Projects & Research

- 7.1 **Barby Hill.** On-going exploratory work with test cores taken & magnetometer work progressing.
The "constitution" for the 'Barby Hill Archaeological Project Co-ordinating Committee' has now been submitted & accepted. (Copies attached).
- 7.2 **Milton Keynes.** Discussion has occurred between Tony Kesten & MK Archaeological Officer. MKHA may require magnetometer services at this site. It was agreed that MKHA could approach Fred Kay regarding this.
CLASP, as a group, may also be invited to be involved in part of this project.

Tony Kesten also mentioned that a project at Newport Pagnell may involve CLASP participation.

- 7.3 **Boddington.** Due to the large work load that this project could involve particularly with 'post survey' reports it was considered that this could be too time consuming. Survey work will now be undertaken by others.
- 7.4 **Landscapes of Governance.** Dave Hayward's research work is now investigating the relationship between the location & ratio of hill forts to the meeting places within the "hundreds".
- 7.5. **Local People - Local Past.** Stephen Young agreed to keep CLASP informed of developments.
- 7.6 **Directory of expertise.** Discussion occurred regarding to formulation of this directory. CLASP group members are to be contacted for views & submissions. Agreed.
- 7.7 **Lactodorum hinterland project.** Continuing. It is understood that Rick White has archive materials for display.

8. External Events.

- 8.1 The display by CLASP at the proposed Duston Community Centre is in hand and will occur on 17th March 2012, 1030 - 1500.
- 8.2 Heyford Village Hall Fete is to take place on Saturday 9th June 2012. It was queried whether CLASP will provide a display on this occasion.

9. Trustee Matters.

- 9.1 Tony Kesten outlined the survey of members regarding the proposed membership fee increase.. Members are to be circulated with details of the EGM and the proposed new membership subscriptions. Dave Hayward mentioned the constitutional requirements regarding contributions.
- 9.2 Jeremy Cooper has provided a listing of the Groups recent activities. (magnetometer usage etc.) It was suggested that the activities could be included in the future by each section as a separate entry in the Minutes.

10. Archive.

- 10.1 **Artefact Archive.** Alternative temporary storage has now been found in the area of Potterspury. Transfer of some of the artefacts is to take place on 7th March.

11. Planning Issues.

- 11.1 **Daventry Waterspace.** Dave Hayward explained that change of ownership had occurred. It was not known whether existing

agreements regarding research of the area will be honoured by the new owners. Dave Hayward is to send letters of enquiry.

12. AGM. It has been indicated by Angela Adams that the date for the AGM will be Monday 17 September at the Nether Heyford Village Hall. It has not been possible to arrange this for the usual Tuesday.

13. Geophysical Survey.

13.1 Training - Magnetometer. Ongoing. It was agreed that Fred Kay and David Adams are to be 'points of contact' for those wishing to receive instruction.

14. Any Other Business.

14.1 It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Harpole Heritage Group in appreciation of the loan of the display boards. Agreed.

14.2 Dave Hayward indicated that maps of the area are being made available by the CBA. These are free however a donation would be appreciated.

14.3 The Heyford Village Fete is to take place on Saturday, 9th June 2012. It was hoped that there might be a display by CLASP.

14.4 It was requested that the date of issue be provided on all documentation sent out to members, this to include membership listings etc. Agreed.

14.5 It was requested that a list of Trustees be circulated to the Organisation Committee members. Agreed.

14.6 It is proposed that the start time for the meetings revert to the original time of 15.00 hours. Agreed.

15. Date of next meeting. To be 23rd April 2012 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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