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Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Minutes of the Organising Committee

Monday 23rd. April 2012

1. Attendees

David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Angela Adams (Friends of Daventry Museum), Georgina Boreham (Towcester District Local History Society), Dave Derby (NARC), David Hayward (Organising Committee, Research), Steve Jowers (History of Tiffield Society), Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society), Tony Kesten (Independent Members Representative), , Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director), Norman Garnett (Minutes Secretary).

2. Apologies Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Derek Batten (FOAM), Jeremy Cooper (Chairman), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary), Revd. Francis Rodriguez (NPAST).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting of 13th February 2012 were modified (Item 11.1) and accepted.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Tony Kesten explained his suggestion for an "on-line" museum. This was agreed to in principle but it was also agreed that this be put on hold until consultation had taken place with Jeremy Cooper regarding the form that this could take.

Tony Kesten also mentioned a forthcoming conference on 25th May in Leicester on the subject of computer aided graphics relative to reconstructing building images. It was agreed that CLASP should attend and Tony Kesten and David Adams are to be representatives.

4.2 This forms item 5.12 in "Society Technical Matters".

4.3 This forms item 7 in "Projects and Research"

5. Society Technical Matters

5.1 **Blisworth.** Not represented.

5.2 **Brington.** Not represented.

5.3 **Bugbrooke.** Alan Kent indicated continuing interest from history groups regarding the life of Frank Wright pioneer in the development of radio

communication and former headmaster at Bugbrooke school. Anyone who is interested in this subject should contact Pat or Alan Kent (01604 830518)

- 5.4 **Daventry History Society.** i. It was indicated that 2 of the 3 proposed exhibitions by had now been completed.
- 5.5 **Friends of Daventry Museums.** i. It has been proposed to show archive films of old Daventry. Steve Young mentioned the film library at Wellingborough museum., curator is a Mr. Nunney
ii. A new treasurer has now been appointed.
iii. Funding has now been approved for the provision of a new GPS unit.
- 5.6 **Flore.** Concern was expressed regarding Brian Cullen. A member of CLASP is to contact Brian
- 5.7 **FOAM.** There is to be no excavation work this year. A newspaper article regarding the research work carried out of the former medieval manor house was submitted to the committee.
- 5.8 **Harpole.** i. Book launch to occur on 12th May, 8 - 12 noon.
ii. It was mentioned that only geophys. and metal-detecting operations may occur this year. Funding is available.
- 5.9 **NARC.** It was indicated that a total of some 80 coins had been recovered as part of a 4-day project on the Alderton manor site. Dave Hayward mentioned further projects occurring at Preston Capes and Maidford.
- 5.10 **NNPAST.** Further work had been hampered by farmland conditions.
- 5.11 **Tiffield.** Regular monthly talks are well attended.
Magnetometer work has given some results, these are to be elaborated upon.
- 5.12 **Towcester.** i. Gina Boreham has submitted the "Descote Final Geophys. Report" and the "Descote Final Report" for review. This has been circulated. Compliments on the standard of the work and the subsequent report were passed to the Towcester District Local History Society.
ii. Gina Boreham mentioned the archiving of other organisation's materials. It was agreed that this could be accommodated.
iii. Gina also mentioned on-going developments in the Towcester area including that of the proposed Tesco store. Discussion followed.
- 5.13 **Weedon.** Nothing to report.
- 5.14 **Whitehall.** i. The archive store at Whitehall has been extended.
ii. Bones have been sent to York for review.
iii. Review of glass & ceramics is underway.
iv. Steve Young indicated that an annual review of the work at Whitehall may be scheduled for May. (Since then, further discussion has indicated that this may occur later in the year)

6. Financial matters

6.1 Treasurer's Report. Angela was not able to attend, accordingly, no accounts were presented on this occasion.

7. Projects & Research

7.1 Barby Hill. i. Dave Hayward expanded on the submitted and circulated report documents and suggested that these be placed on the CLASP web-site. Gina Boreham suggested further modifications to the contents and discussion followed. Further comments from Committee members were invited.

ii. Dave Hayward indicated that the issues of "ownership" and insurance had now been agreed to however there would be no more fieldwork until both these matters were finalised and minuted. Gren Hatton's document addresses the ownership issue and Dave Hayward indicated that this was acceptable. The Committee commented favourably on the scope and quality of Gren Hatton's report.

iii. It was recorded that a donation of £640 had been received for work undertaken on Barby Hill.

7.2 Tiffield. Steve Young discussed the magnetometer results. Readouts have been circulated by Fred Kay. 5 hectares of ground have been investigated as part of this on-going project. A report will be issued upon completion of the geophys. Discussion took place on the general aspects of magnetometer work and results interpretation.

7.3 Landscapes of Governance. Dave Hayward indicated that due to the increasing scope of this project that it may be prudent to divide this into more manageable sections.

7.4 Local People - Local Past. i. Stephen Young indicated that LAF have been approached for funding. 2 phases of this project are now complete.

ii. Geophys. work has now commenced at the Bannaventa site with indications obtained of enclosure systems and trackways

7.5 Directory of expertise. Discussion occurred regarding to formulation of this directory. It was agreed that this should be circulated again in a form which could also include resources which individuals may have access to in addition to individual skills.

7.6 MKHA. Tony Kesten mentioned the association with MKHA and future projects were discussed with reference to perhaps CLASP involvement.

8. External Events.

8.1 Milton Keynes History Association. There is to be an Archaeology Day at Milton Keynes in November 2012. Tony Kesten volunteered to provide a presentation on that day.

9. Trustee Matters.

Nothing to report at this time.

10. Archive.

10.1 Artefact Archive. Dave Hayward updated on recent developments regarding press and radio exposure. In addition to recent Interviews with the Northampton and Daventry press it was mentioned that the Chronicle & Echo had attended the Tiffield site.

10.2 Permanent storage facilities. The search for these continues. Approaches have been made to local groups, estate agents and local councillors but there have been no positive results as yet.

10.3 Library and Written Archive. On-going.

10.4 Procedures for Lending of Materials. It was agreed that this is necessary. Tentative formats have been submitted but it was agreed that these require modification to be more applicable to our situation. Norman Garnett will re-work the format and submit for comment.

11. Planning Issues.

11.1 Daventry Monksmoor. Dave Hayward has been in touch with Daventry Planning Department. Dave indicated that this project was 1 of 3 similar submissions for development. It was confirmed that, as yet, the developer has not responded. Dave indicated that he would follow-up.

12. Any Other Business.

12.1. Concern was expressed over the Chronicle and Echo's photographic archive in light of the changes to the publishing of this newspaper. Angela and David Adams agreed to contact the newspaper regarding the future storage of these records.

12.2 David Adams submitted information regarding the history of the Fishmarket site.

12.3 Jennifer Smith submitted details of a potential guest speaker for any group requiring one. (Sarah Bridges, County Archivist, Records Office, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton, NN4 8BQ. ph. 01604 762129)

15. Date of next meeting. To be 25th June 2012 at 17.15 at Whitehall.

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
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