



## **CLASP**

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

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### **Minutes of the Organising Committee**

**Monday 25th. June 2012**

#### **1. Attendees**

David Adams (Daventry Local History Group), Angela Adams (Friends of Daventry Museum), Georgina Boreham (Towcester District Local History Society), Jeremy Cooper (Chairman), 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), Bill Wiggins (NNPAST), Stephen Young (Archaeological Director), Norman Garnett (Minutes Secretary).

#### **2. Apologies** Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society), Derek Batten (FOAM), Dave Derby (NARC), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society), Revd. Francis Rodriguez (NPAST), Alan Standish (NARC).

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the previous meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup>. April 2012 were accepted.

#### **4. Matters arising**

**4.1** Jeremy Coopers resignation as Chairman was received and accepted. Dave Hayward was proposed and seconded as replacement Chairman and was mutually accepted.

Dave Hayward proposed a vote of thanks to Jeremy for his guidance and assistance whilst in the role of Chairman. Agreed

Jeremy was invited to continue association with CLASP Organising Committee as a co-opted member when required. Agreed.

**4.2** Dave Hayward presented a copy of the document "East Midlands Heritage Strategy" recently published. One copy of this is to be retained as a reference work for CLASP members.

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

**5.1 Blisworth.** Not represented.

**5.2 Brington.** Not represented. Dave Hayward mentioned that Brington have visited the Whitehall dig.

Dave Hayward has suggested to them that they might like to elect a representative to the CLASP Organising Committee.

- 5.3 **Bugbrooke.** Not represented
- 5.4 **Daventry History Society.** 5.1 It was mentioned that they had recently had a talk by Martin Heath of Northampton Radio.
- 5.5 **Friends of Daventry Museums.** It was mentioned that there may be an opportunity for members of the Friends of Daventry Museum to visit the Whitehall site.
- 5.6 **Flore.** Brian Cullen is recovering from a serious illness, however he has been well enough to recently visit the Whitehall site. The Committee wish Brian a continued and speedy recovery
- 5.7 **FOAM.** The report from FOAM mentioned the use of the Ground Penetrating Radar had been carried out which had revealed evidence of further foundations which would be worth excavating if money were made available. Derek Batten is having meetings regarding the setting up of a Charitable Trust to take over the ownership of The Mount
- 5.8 **Harpole.** i. Book launch of the research of the World War II aircraft crash site has now occurred and copies are available. "FLIGHT LP826", researched and written by Patricia Betts. Cost £8.50 per copy, postage extra; from Jennifer Smith telephone 01604 831294  
ii. Jennifer expressed her thanks for the flowers which were sent by CLASP.
- 5.9 **NARC.** NARC were not represented but Dave Hayward mentioned further projects occurring at Preston Capes and Maidford.
- 5.10 **NNPAST.** Bill Wiggins was welcomed to the Organising Committee meeting as the newly appointed representative of NNPAST. Bill will be replacing Revd. Francis Rodriguez.  
The committee expressed appreciation and gratitude for the help which Francis has provided over the years.
- 5.11 **Tiffield.** Not represented.
- 5.12 **Towcester** Nothing to report. (However refer to section 8)
- 5.13 **Weedon.** Nothing to report.
- 5.14 **Whitehall.** Excavation work continues on the existing areas and with trial trenches opened up on the East side of the main work area. Traces of what is thought to be a boundary wall have been found.  
The site will be closed up on 6<sup>th</sup> July

## 6. Financial matters

- 6.1 **Treasurer's Report.** Angela was not able to attend, accordingly, no accounts were presented on this occasion.
- 6.2 **Reimbursement of expenses** incurred when Dave Adams and Tony Kesten attended a conference in Leicester on computer graphics relative to

archaeological sites. Item was supported by the Committee.

## **7. Projects & Research**

**7.1 Bannaventa.** Refer below to item 7.4

**7.2 Tiffield.** Steve Young discussed the site. Some 5 hectares of ground have been investigated as part of this on-going project. It is anticipated that further exploratory work, probably in the form of test-pits, will be undertaken later this year.

**7.3 Landscapes of Governance.** Dave Hayward indicated that work is in hand on this project however the work at Whitehall has taken up much of Dave's time at present. The project will resume following the end of work at Whitehall

**7.4 Local People - Local Past.**

i. **Barby Hill.** Dave Hayward discussed findings at this site. Also mentioned were the exploratory works which have been undertaken nearby on the site of the proposed marina at Onley where evidence of a Roman-British settlement had been identified.

ii. **Bannaventa.** Steve Young discussed the geophys. work undertaken on this site recently. Extensive signs of settlements have been recorded and it is proposed to carry out field-walking on the site, probably around late August/early September.

**7.5 Directory of expertise.** It was agreed that responses to this had been limited. It is intended therefore to re-circulate members and to stress that expertise need not be strictly related to purely archaeological matters and could include other areas such as surveying, archiving, record keeping, report writing etc.; any areas in which other members may require advice or assistance.

**7.6 Lactodorum.** It was agreed that this should be included within the Project & Research section of the Agenda and Minutes.

The "Hinterland" survey project was discussed. As part of this discussion Gina Boreham mentioned the forthcoming "Archaeology Day" at Towcester. (refer to section 8. "External Events")

**7.7 Project & Research Request Documentation.** A proposed document was submitted by Dave Hayward. Discussion followed regarding some of the wording of this document. Comments were made regarding the definition of "adjoining areas" and the interpretation of the historical periods which the request could be construed to apply to. Dave Hayward agreed to adapt the relevant areas.

Steve Young indicated that it would be helpful if the "Archaeological Directors' Comments and Recommendations" could be made verbally rather than written.

It was agreed that the amended copy would be circulated for adoption.

**7.8 Bury Fields.** Recent exploratory work, including a geophysical survey, undertaken with the aid of the CLASP magnetometer operated by Fred Kay, was described by Tony Kesten. (Refer to the forwarded Trustees Minutes for further details.)

## **8. External Events.**

**8.1 Towcester DHLS.** Gina Boreham provided details of an "Archaeology Day" to be staged in Towcester on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Comprising of a tour of the town and talks provided by a "Blue Badge" guide, Brian Giggins. Commencing at the Richmond Road car-park at 19.00.

**8.2 "East Midlands Heritage"** Dave Hayward mentioned the "launch" of this publication. To be held at a seminar in Derby on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Steve Young will be delivering a presentation on CLASP and it's work.

**8.3 "Archaeology Day", Wellingborough.** This is to occur on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Volunteers were invited to represent CLASP and oversee a display stall at this event. Norman Garnett agreed to attend. Other volunteers were requested.

## **9. Trustee Matters.**

- i. The Minutes of the Trustee Committee meeting are forwarded with these minutes.
- ii. Dave Hayward mentioned the costs and conditions under which the magnetometer could be loaned out. Discussion followed. (Refer to Trustees Minutes)

## **10. Archive.**

**10.1 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.

**10.2 Procedures for Lending of Materials.** It was agreed that this is necessary. Tentative formats have been submitted but it was agreed these require modification to be more applicable to our situation. It was agreed that it may be advisable to form a small working group to formulate a suitable wording. Norman Garnett is to arrange this.

## **11. Planning Issues.**

**11.1 Daventry.** Dave Hayward discussed the possible CLASP involvement in the research work proposed for the Mulberry Development site in Daventry. A copy of the letter from the developers was given to David Adams of Daventry LHG who has agreed to attend the consultation meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**12. Annual Report** Articles for submission to the annual report are now sought from the various member groups. These should be forwarded to Ruth Downie ([ruth.downie184@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.downie184@btinternet.com)) Tony Kesten volunteered to "progress chase" on submissions from groups.

**13. Newsletter** Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter are now requested, please forward these to Tony Johns ([tony@tonyjohs.co.uk](mailto:tony@tonyjohs.co.uk))

**14 AGM** Discussion occurred regarding guest speakers for the AGM. Stephen Young has volunteered to provide an update on "Local People - Local Past".  
Dave Hayward also volunteered to deliver a presentation on "Hundreds Meeting Sites".

**15. Any Other Business.** i. Daventry LHG and Friends of Daventry Museum mentioned the new conference facilities in Daventry at the ICON Centre and it's potential for use by the member groups.  
ii. Daventry members asked if representatives of CLASP would be willing to conduct talks on the operations of CLASP and it's achievements, aims and objectives. It was agreed that this could occur.

**16. Date of next meeting.** To be 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012 at 15.00 at Nether Heyford Baptist Church Rooms.

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

**Organising Committee:** Jeremy Cooper (Acting Chair), Norman Garnett (Minute Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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