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Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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Minutes of the Organising Committee

Monday 3rd September, 2012

1. **Attendees.** Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society); Derek Batten (FOAM); Georgina Boreham (Towcester District Local History Society); Dave Derby (NARC); Julia Johns (Weedon Bec History Society); Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group); Bill Wiggins (NNPAST); Angela Evans (Treasurer); Tony Kesten (Individual Members Representative); Stephen Young (Archaeological Director); Dave Hayward (Chairman); Norman Garnett (Minute Secretary).
2. **Apologies.** Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society); Steve Jowers (History of Tiffield Society)
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** It was recorded that the reference to Gina Boreham's comments, as noted in item 7.1 of the Minutes of 23rd. April 2012 were incorrect and should be removed from the record. Agreed
The Minutes were then accepted.
4. **Matters Arising.**
 - 4.1 **Archive Storage.** Tony Kesten provided an update on the situation regarding archive storage & mentioned that Alan Watson may have an alternative possibility. Tony agreed to discuss the matter further with his contact regarding the Sir Henry Royce Foundation location. Agreed
 - 4.2 **Research Strategy Document.** Dave Hayward elaborated on the structure of this document. Tony Kesten & Gina Boreham mentioned some areas for discussion with responses by Dave & Stephen Young. Dave is to make some modifications & re-submit.
 - 4.3 **"Community Archives & Heritage Group"** Dave Hayward further discussed the possible use of the site & the provision of CLASP "links" to it.

Georgina Boreham mentioned the web-site of the Towcester District Local History Society. Gina indicated that Jeremy Cooper be contacted as regards submitting links. Gina also indicated that Towcester probably will not supply a link.

4.4 "Open Meeting - Admin. Arrangements" It was agreed to discuss this later in this meeting (refer to AOB)

5. Society Technical Matters.

5.1 Blisworth. Nothing to report

5.2 Brington. Nothing to report

5.3 Bugbrooke. Nothing to report

5.4 Daventry History Society. Nothing to report

5.5 Friends of Daventry Museum. Nothing to report

5.6 Flore. Nothing to report

5.7 FOAM. It was indicated that efforts to register this as a charity were still underway. Derek mentioned the organisation "Law Works" which can assist with advice regarding registering as a charity & provide free information. Derek mentioned the recent use of the site for a musical event. It was indicated that there will probably be no further work envisaged for this year.

5.8 Harpole. It was indicated that there would be no work on the site this year. There was to be no application for a grant this year. Jennifer mentioned a talk given to the Harpole group by Bruce Smith on the subject of "Drovers Roads". Harpole will be holding the annual "Scarecrow" event this year.

5.9 NARC. Nothing to report

5.10 NNPAST. Nothing to report

5.11 Tiffield. Nothing to report

5.12 Towcester. Nothing to report

5.13 Weedon. Nothing to report

5.14 Whitehall. Details of the past year's operations have been submitted in the annual "Newsletter"

6 Financial Matters.

6.1 Angela notified the financial position to the Committee members. It was indicated that there was little or no change. Accepted.

6.2 There were no applications received.

7 Projects & Research.

7.1 Barby Hill. Insurance is now in place. Field walking may occur over next few weeks. Notification to be sent to volunteers. Dave Hayward mentioned other details regarding the history of this area & that around the new marina. Geophys. In the area has indicated traces of Romano-British settlement. It was also mentioned that more archaeological work was to undertaken in the area of the proposed crematorium site.

Gina Boreham asked if Dave had seen "Cotswold Archaeology Report", Dave indicated that he will acquire a copy for circulation.

7.2 Tiffield. Nothing more to report at this juncture.

7.3 Bannaventa. Steve Young has applied to Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant of £50,000. Steve indicated that that each society should submit a request to participate in order that these can then be forwarded to the Fund. Steve indicated that field walking would take place in September & is to confirm this with English Heritage. The Committee agreed a vote of thanks to Steve for the organising & arrangement of this project.

It was mentioned that app. 25 - 30 hectares had been investigated, app. 30% of the total site.

FOAM enquired as to where details of the research work carried out at Bannaventa could be located. An invitation was issued to the member groups of CLASP to participate. Agreed

7.4 Lactodorum Hinterland Survey; Burcote Wood Farm Project. Gina outlined background of this project & the ambitions. Mention was made of the quality of the artefacts from the site & the quality & detail of the document with special reference to the drawings prepared by Roy Turland.

Dave Hayward mentioned organisations which//h could assist with report writing.

Steve Young re-emphasised the importance of maintaining archiving of finds.

7.5 Landscapes of Governance. Dave Hayward indicated that the main structure of the report is virtually complete but probably not before the AGM. Dave expanded on some of the aspects of his research on this subject.

7.6 Local People - Local Past. Steve indicated that there were no further developments to date.

7.7 Directory of CLASP Members Expertise. As no further contributions had been received from members it was suggested that the list be circulated as exists with a continued appeal for further contributions. Agreed.

7.8 Lending of Archive Material. This is still on-going with a suitable format to be agreed, Dave Hayward & Norman Garnett are to collaborate on this.

8 External Events.

8.1 Wellingborough Archaeology Day. Norman Garnett will contact the organisers to arrange details for representation by CLASP. Other volunteers would be appreciated.

8.2 MKHA. Tony Kesten requested the use of the CLASP display boards for this event on 10th November. Agreed.

8.3 Newport Pagnell. Tony Kesten indicated that further exploratory work is to undertaken. Dave Hayward queried if fee work could be involved, Tony Kesten mentioned that other participants do not charge.

Stephen Young emphasised the need for suitable on-going funding for the upkeep of the magnetometer.

8.4 Roundhouse, Derby. Stephen young mentioned his forthcoming presentation at this location on 15th September.

9 Trustee Matters. There was a meeting of the Trustees on Friday 31st August. A Strategy Document has been submitted by Gina Boreham & submitted to the Trustees for amendment as required.
Dave Hayward submitted a proposal that the Trustee Minutes be circulated to the Organising Committee.

10 Archive.

10.1 Already addressed under 4.1

10.2 On-going

10.3 Stephen Young mentioned that he had been contacted by the Historical Environment Record & asked to provide copies of CLASP newsletter. It was indicated that the earlier versions of these were not in electronic format. Tony Kesten asked whether this could be raised at the AGM. Agreed. Jennifer Smith & Stephen Young are to discuss the availability of photographic records.
Derek Batten mentioned the availability of the publication "My Area".

11 Planning Issues.

11.1 On-going. Dave Hayward indicated that he had had no further responses & is to follow up.

11.2 Gina Boreham mentioned the Moat Lane Regeneration project in Towcester. Proposals are on public display at The Mill, Chancery Lane, Towcester.

11.3 Dave Hayward mentioned the Upper Heyford by-pass & it's possible impact on the archaeology in the area.

12 Any Other Business.

12.1 Jennifer Smith mentioned that there appeared to be an archaeological excavation taking place adjacent to Harlestone Firs.

12.2 Gina Boreham mentioned the "ownership" of the keys to the Eastcote archive container & that these held by her & Steve Young. Agreed.

Gina mentioned that an inventory of the contents had been circulated to the Secretaries of the Organising Committee & the Trustees.

It was mentioned that the farmer at Eastcotes should be informed whenever CLASP representatives wished to visit the archive container site. Agreed.

The keys to the Whitehall store are understood to be held by Jennifer, Steve & Gillian.

12.3 It was indicated that the archaeological collection accumulated by David Hall had now been deposited at the Eastcote archive facility.

12.4. Discussion took place regarding the administration & organising of the Open Meeting at the AGM.

13. **Date of next meeting** This is to be 12th November, 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: Dave Hayward (Acting Chair), Norman Garnett (Minute Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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