



## CLASP

### Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project

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#### Minutes of the Organising Committee

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. April, 2013

1. **Attendees.** Jennifer Smith (Harpole Heritage Group); Bill Wiggins (NNPAST); Alan Kent (Bugbrooke History Society); Julia Johns (Membership Secretary); Steve Jowers (History of Tiffield Society); Roger Penny (CLASP member); Tony Kesten (Individual Members Representative); Stephen Young (Archaeological Director); Dave Hayward (Chairman); Norman Garnett (Minute Secretary).
2. **Apologies.** Georgina Boreham (Towcester District Local History Society); Jim Aveling (Blisworth Heritage Society); Derek Batten (Friends of Alderton Manor)
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** It was mentioned that Dave Derby is to receive the Minutes of the Committee meetings by post.  
Tony Kesten queried three points in the previous minutes these were discussed & agreed.  
Jennifer Smith proposed changes to the format of the minutes; this was seconded by Tony Kesten. Motion agreed.  
Previous minutes were then accepted.
4. **Matters Arising.**
  - 4.1 **GPS Equipment.** Steve Young has been in touch with Friends of Daventry Museum to discuss the requirements & use of the GPS which is to receive funding from them.
  - 4.2 **Delegation of the Archaeological Director's responsibilities.** Proposals have been received & discussed & are to be presented to the Trustees. Further comments by the Trustees Chairman were still awaited.
  - 4.3 **CLASP Strategy Document.** This has been discussed at the Trustees meeting. Details are still to be collated & distributed.
  - 4.4 **Replacement of the Minute Secretary.** Roger Penny has accepted the position. Agreed
5. **Society Technical Matters.**
  - 5.1 **Blisworth.** Nothing to report. Not represented.
  - 5.2 **Brington.** Nothing to report. Not represented.
  - 5.3 **Bugbrooke.** Alan Kent indicated appreciation of Bill Wiggins' visit to the recent Bugbrooke Historical Society meeting.
  - 5.4 **Attendances** continue to be good with 20 – 30 persons present at the meetings.
  - 5.5 **Daventry History Society.** Not represented. Recent merger with Friends of Daventry Museum was noted.
  - 5.7 **Friends of Daventry Museum.** Nothing to report. Not represented
  - 5.8 **Flore.** Nothing to report. Not represented. Steve Young mentioned that a contribution had been made by Flore to the upkeep of the projector which had recently been loaned to them.
  - 5.9 **FOAM.** Nothing to report. Not represented
  - 5.10 **Harpole.** Jennifer Smith indicated that the Parochial Parish Council had supported Harpole Heritage Group's proposal to provide a commemorative plaque to mark the crash site of the World War II Wellington bomber in the area.
  - 5.11 **NARC.** Nothing to report. Not represented.
  - 5.12 **NNPAST.** Last meeting had to be cancelled. Bill Wiggins mentioned the involvement of NNPAST in a recent film by English Heritage regarding the ethics of metal detecting. It was noted that CLASP were apparently the only organisation contacted by English Heritage for this purpose. He also mentioned a request

by Long Buckby Heritage Group regarding the loan of artefacts for the purpose of displays held by them. Bill asked if other groups would be willing to assist where required. Agreed to in principle.

**5.11 Tiffield.** The recent resignation of the group's Secretary was noted. The current years' activities have now been reviewed. Steve Young mentioned a common interest in the future activities at the Tiffield "villa" site & positive response within the group had been noted.

**5.12 Towcester.** Nothing to report. Not represented.

**5.13 Weedon.** Julia Johns & Steve Young discussed the recent developments.

This is expanded on in the "Archive" section of these Minutes

**5.14 Whitehall.** A public meeting at Nether Heyford was proposed to outline the project over the past years. There is to be an outing to Avebury by Whitehall CLASP members. It is proposed that minor, selective excavations may take place at Whitehall this Summer at a date to be arranged. Jennifer Smith queried the re-interment of the Whitehall skeletons. It was mentioned that a site had been selected & that a date would shortly be announced.

## **6 Financial Matters.**

**6.1 Treasurers Report.** Details of the current financial position were provided by Angela Evans and accepted.

**6.2** Dave Hayward mentioned a request by Rick White for funding for the purchase of reference books on Samian-ware. Rick is preparing a report on Samian-ware relative to the Whitehall & Bannaventa sites. Approval for expenditure was proposed by Jennifer Smith & seconded by Alan Kent. Accepted.

## **7 Projects & Research.**

**7.1 Barby Hill.** Poor weather conditions affected work on this site. Some metal detecting & surveying has occurred with Fred Kay & Colin Evans.

**7.2 Tiffield.** On hold at present.

**7.3 Lactodorum Hinterland Survey.** Nothing further to report at present

**7.4 Landscapes of Governance.** Steve Young stated that work is on-going. Supported by English Heritage who are undertaking research into Roman rural activities.

**7.5 Local People – Local Past. Bannaventa.** Steve Young indicated that work is on-going. Geo-phys. Work & field-walking have been undertaken. Support from English Heritage has been provided.

Dave Hayward mentioned the trackways indicated in the geo-phys print-outs.

Steve Young mentioned that English Heritage are carrying out investigation into Roman-period rural activities in the area

**7.6 Lending of Archive Material.** Format completed. Copy to be sent to Steve Young.

**7.7 Directory of CLASP Members Expertise.** This has been finalised & has now been circulated to the member societies..

**7.8 Hannah Hill, Long Buckby.** Bill Wiggins submitted Google Earth images to the Committee. Ina Boreham has also forwarded other images of the area to Bill Wiggins. Bill explained activities in the area & Steve Young discussed "finds" from the site.

**7.9 Boudicca.** Dave Hayward indicated that he has not heard from Martin Marix-Evans, with whom he has been in touch

## **8 GPS Equipment**

**8.1** Refer to Item 4.1

## **9 External Events**

**9.1** "Northamptonshire Terrestrial Minerals Assessment Seminar" was attended by CLASP representatives.

## **10 Trustees.**

**10.1** The CLASP Strategy Document has been forwarded to the Trustees. Their comments are awaited.

## **11 AGM**

**11.1** This is to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Bugbrooke Community Centre at Camp Hill Close and not at Bugbrooke Village Hall as previously noted in the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> February

**12 Archive.** Steve Young indicated appreciation of the work done by Julia Johns to initiate the discussions regarding the possible location of an archive store & resource centre at Weedon Barracks site. Steve enlarged on the various area of the site which may be suitable & indicated that further studies are required in the

feasibility & funding of such a project. A proposal document has been submitted to the site representatives by Steve Young outlining the perceived future use of the site by CLASP &, possibly, other similarly interested groups. There was a proposal to involve the Trustee members in future discussion as & when this occurs. Agreed

**13. Planning Issues.** Dave Hayward mentioned further developments at the DIRFT area (DIRFT III). Dave indicated that the areas involved were extensive & has witnessed the proposals for this work. Dave also indicated that English Heritage had concerns regarding the proposed areas under consideration. Dave is to register CLASP as an "Interested Party".

**14. Any Other Business.**

**14.1** Julia Johns submitted membership figures 78 members for 2011 – 2012; 57 members for 2012 – 2013. Julia also indicated that donations were down compared to previous years.

**14.2** Steve Jones enquired regarding the perceived areas in Northamptonshire where CLASP members were located. Dave Hayward responded.

**14.3** Jennifer Smith enquired whether NARC & NNPAST would be willing to provide displays at the proposed Whitehall meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> May. Agreed.

**15. Date of next meeting** This is to be 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 15.30 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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