



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the Organising Committee 14th March 2016

1. Attendance

1.1 R. Close [Chair and Barby Hill Archaeological Project], J. Aveling [Secretary and Blisworth HS], G. Boreham [Towcester DLHS], S. Deacon [Trustee and Secretary of the Trustees], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], G. Hatton [Trustee and Barby Hill Archaeological Project], D. Hayward [Chair of the Trustees and Co-opted Member for Research], T. Kesten [Trustee and Individual Members' Representative], P. Knight [CLASP Member], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], S. Young [Archaeological Director].

2. Apologies: A. Standish [NARC], B. Wiggins [NNPAST]

3. The minutes of the meeting on 18th January 2016 were approved.

4. Matters arising

4.1 It was agreed that Milton Keynes Library should be included on our rota of the display boards. [JA to contact DM and NG]

4.2 The AGM is to be held at Harpole Bowls Club on 5th October 2016. The room has been booked between the hours of 6 and 10. Alan Standish will be asked to be the main speaker [by RC]

4.3 The Chair of CLASP expressed disquiet at the number of member societies not sending representatives to the Organising Committee meetings. He has been in contact with Daventry who are key members, especially with the forthcoming Archaeology Day being on their doorstep. Tiffield, Flore and Brington have not attended for a considerable time.

4.4 Individual members. It was agreed that members joining CLASP or renewing their membership need to be told what is available to them on the membership site. In addition all members are to receive the agenda and minutes of the Organising Committee. The role of the Individual Members' Representative should be retained. Further discussion will take place at the June meeting of the Committee.

5. CLASP Archaeology Day. DH outlined his plans for the day. Cotswold Archaeology will have the morning sessions to cover the DRFT and Barby Hill projects. The afternoon will be devoted to the Daventry link road and work which is happening at Apex Park, Monksmoor and Middlemoor in Daventry. S. Young will talk about the links between commercial archaeology and local archaeologists. There will be a brains trust session at the end of the day.

5.1 The Organising Committee is to run the corridor exhibition, check tickets, collect donations and deal with membership. We can use the rear end of the corridor prior to the Day. We will have banners bearing the CLASP logo with pictures of events and the aims and objectives of the society. DH proposes two tables in the entrance having CLASP logos on top of them.

5.2 The Archaeology Day is to be self-funding. DH has obtained a grant of £1,000 from PROLOGIS and the same amount from Cotswold Archaeology. Entrance is to be free and tea and coffee will be provided. People will buy their own food. DH expressed the hope that if this Day was a success then a similar event could be held in Towcester next year.

6. Retention and Disposal of Artefacts. The proposals were agreed with the proviso that the HER should be notified of the disposal sites. The amended paper should be placed on the website.

7. Digital Archives. Fred Kay is digitising the magnetometry results, with assistance from GH, RC and SY. These reports are to be placed on the website.

8. DH stated that we should be monitoring planning applications.

9. Gren Hatton demonstrated LIDAR and showed its possibilities for archaeology. An intriguing soil mark to the south and east of Bannaventa illustrated the point. A one-off licence would cost £1,000.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be on 6th June 2016 at 9.30 am.

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