



## Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

### Minutes of the CLASP Organising Committee 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

#### 1. Attendance.

R. Close [Chair and Barby Hill Archaeological Project], J. Aveling [Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], S. Deacon [Trustee and Secretary of the Trustees], G. Hatton [Trustee and Barby Hill Project], D. Hayward [Chair of the Trustees and Co-opted Member for Research], J. Johns [Membership Secretary and Weedon Bec History Society], A. Kesten [Trustee and Individual Members' Representative], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group] B. Wiggins [Phoenix], S. Young [Archaeological Director].

#### 2. Apologies:

G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], A. Evans [Treasurer], N. Garnett [Whitehall Roman Villa Project], A. Kent [Bugbrooke History Society], A. Standish [NARC].

3. A summary project proposal by DH for the forthcoming urban excavation at Towcester Youth Club extension site was discussed. The full proposal would be completed over the next few weeks and circulated by email to Committee members for input. The finalised report and separate Health and Safety assessment would be reviewed by the Committee before the project commences in the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> January. DH recommended that the downloadable East Midlands Heritage Strategy should be read by all members.

4. The Archaeological Director was given the go ahead should he decide to proceed a small resistivity survey at Northampton Castle next year. However, if further work is proposed, this will be discussed at a future meeting.

5. It was noted that a small excavation project at Thrupp would take place on 29-30/11 and 1/12.

6. It was agreed that the Archaeological Director will submit a project proposal for the 2017 excavation at Thrupp at the January meeting. The proposal for Harpole would be submitted at the April meeting.

7. Sponsorship recognition. DH has a list of sponsors who have assisted CLASP and will confer with the Treasurer to ensure none are omitted. Then a definitive list will appear on the website.

8. Review of the public meeting at the AGM. This was declared to be a success. It was decided to review the raffle and its operation, as not all were happy about it. It was agreed SY would contact Roy Friendship-Taylor to invite him to speak at the 2017 AGM and Jennifer Smith would check the availability of Harpole Bowls Club.

9. The new Northamptonshire Heritage site [www.northamptonshireheritage.co.uk] was discussed briefly. The consensus of opinion was that it is not of the standard or substance that it should be. Some periods of history are better served than others. Members spoke of the omission of much data of which they have personal knowledge. DH and SY have tried to discuss the matter with the County Archivist, so far without success.

10. The Community reviewed how it might improve communication within CLASP and with the general public. DH felt that we had too many lists of members and that one would suffice. TK and Sd will review current lists. Bill Wiggins said that a board outside a dig site with our name and contact details on it would help to satisfy curiosity and might attract members. He offered to make one for us and this was gratefully accepted. It was agreed that there be a slot on the agenda for any Societies to report back on relevant activities.

11. SY reported that he and Sandra Deacon had met with the Archdeacon and the Vicar of Norton to discuss the plans for CLASP in Norton Church.

12. Rob Close disclosed that he and Fred Kay are beginning to put geophysics data into the digital archive.

13. Future meetings of the Committee will be on Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. All meetings will begin at 10.00am at Norton Village Hall.

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**Trustees:** Dave Hayward (Chair), Sandra Deacon (Secretary), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Stephen Young (Archaeology Director), Grenville Hatton, Tony Kesten. **Organising Committee:** Rob Close (Chair), Jim Aveling (Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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