



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the CLASP Organising Committee 9th January 2017

1. Attendance.

R. Close [Chair and Barby Hill Archaeology Project], J. Aveling [Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], S. Deacon [Trustee and Secretary of the Trustees], N. Garnett [Whitehall Roman Villa Project], D. Hayward [Chair of the Trustees and Co-opted Member for Research], G. Hatton [Trustee and Barby Hill Project], J. Johns [Membership Secretary and Weedon Bec History Society], A. Kent [Bugbrooke History Society], T. Kesten [Trustee and Individual Members' Representative], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], B. Wiggins [Phoenix], S. Young [Trustee and Archaeological Director].

2. Apologies.

A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer].

3. The minutes of the meeting on 21st November 2016 were approved.

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Matters arising:

- Jennifer Smith confirmed that she had booked Harpole Bowls Club for the AGM on 4th October. Roy Friendship-Taylor will be the guest speaker.
- DH reported on his meeting with the County Archivist as set out in his note sent out with the agenda.
- DH promised to check that a definitive list of all Sponsors is now on the website.
- Tony Kesten and Sandra Deacon promised to rationalise Member contact lists.
- Bill Wiggins was thanked for producing a publicity board for use at dig sites.
- DH said that we were still waiting to hear back from Northampton Castle about the proposed project.

5. The Committee was briefed on the Project Proposal by DH for the excavation at Towcester Youth Club, Bransons Lane, which occupied most of the meeting. DH has produced a very comprehensive document and the Chairman thanked DH for his labours.

6. First Aid cover for all projects was discussed and it was agreed that we needed more people involved in this. Norman Garnett volunteered to undertake training.

7. The Archaeological Director outlined some of the potential projects which will be discussed more fully at the April meeting. Areas of interest include the possible cemetery and early church at Bannaventa, the moated area and saxon tenement at Thrupp, geophysics at a number of sites including Long Buckby. A tree screen is to be planted at Thrupp and this may affect our work. (Note that Barn Close was expected to be a site but we have subsequently heard that excavation will not be possible. Some field walking is planned for September).

8. Under the agenda item of communication from member societies:

- Alan Kent showed us the report of the Bugbrooke dig, advised us that it can be read on the Bugbrooke site and was pleased with the contribution of CLASP.
- Our approach for publishing reports was discussed and SY and RC volunteered to produce a policy statement.
- Later in the year CLASP will have a display at Dollman Farm, which is in the DIRFT area

9. Next meeting: Monday, 24th April.

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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