



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the CLASP Organizing Committee 18th September 2017

1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair and Barby Hill Project], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], D. Hayward [Chairman and Trustee], J. Johns [Membership Secretary and Weedon Bec History Society], F. Kay [Weedon Bec History Society], A. Kent [Bugbrooke History Society], A. Kesten [Trustee and Individual Members' Representative], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], B. Wiggins [Phoenix], S. Young [Trustee and Archaeological Director].
2. Apologies were received from G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], S. Deacon [Trustee and Secretary of the Trustees], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], N. Garnett [Whitehall Roman Villa], M. Lewis [Trustee].
3. The minutes of the meeting on 26th June were approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - i.] Sponsorship list on our website: As there are too many sponsors to list, Dave Hayward and Jeremy Cooper are working on a rolling display of names and logos. Stationery will be amended to make just a general announcement of our gratitude to sponsors. However, specific documents produced by a particular body will be acknowledged.
 - ii.] Key roles in CLASP: Fred Kay said that he was practising website management at the moment in support of Jeremy Cooper. Julia Johns said that she thought Tony was willing to continue with producing the Newsletter providing everyone produced contributions in a timely manner. We will continue to identify key roles for which we need cover and make an appeal to the membership on the first instance and then externally.
 - iii.] Matters arising from this summer's digs: The Chairman thanked Norman Garnett on behalf of the Committee for taking on the role of Logistics Manager at our two digs. It was agreed that toilets would be provided at our next dig but that there should be a charge for each week. Dogs can be brought but the owner must ensure they are under control at all times. Name tags should be worn on digs. The question arose as to whether there is an insurance requirement for members to sign their membership cards. [RC to investigate].
5. Reports: The Norton Lodge geophysical report has been completed. The Branson's Lane report is almost finished. The Barn Close report is still in progress.
6. AGM: Preparation will begin at 6pm. The raffle will be £1 per strip. The pop-up banners will be used and the display boards used at MK50. NAS are not able to attend this year. Roy Friendship-Taylor will require a table.
7. Barn Close: We have not been able to obtain permission for fieldwork this year. We will try to ensure access is authorised for 2018. Harpole Parish Council has asked CLASP to ensure that unused monies from grants given by the Parish Council for Harpole activities should return to them in the event of CLASP ceasing to exist. This point is to be emphasised and recorded in the Trustee's meeting which follows this meeting.
9. Future projects: Mr Adams has agreed to allow us to dig again in Big Spring next year. There is more work to be done on the garden building behind Thrupp Lodge. At Bannaventa SY and DH have consulted the County Archaeologist about being involved with the archaeology on the ground where the new roundabout is to be constructed on the Watling Street/ B4036 junction. The Anglo-Saxon Cemetery digs have now revealed 17 bodies interred in two distinct periods of time. These are 420-480 AD and 570-630 AD. SY feels that there are more graves awaiting discovery. It is possible that Nether Heyford PC will offer us a grant to help our work.
10. The Committee proposed the purchase of a Garrett Orange waterproof metal detector and the Trustees agreed to consider this at their meeting following this meeting.
11. Communications: It was agreed that more use should be made of the website and members should be encouraged to make more use of it. Fred Kay offered to put news of digs on to the site.
12. Everdon Stubbs: DH reported on Everdon Stubbs where the Woodland Trust has requested CLASP's assistance to carry out an earthworks survey of a small area of the wood. He feels that a small group of volunteers led by Colin Evans would be able to achieve this in a day. This will take place later in the Autumn.
13. Atlas of Hillforts of Britain and Ireland: DH reported that this had now been published and can be viewed at <https://hillforts.arch.ox.ac.uk/>. Additional information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlas_of_Hillforts_of_Britain_and_Ireland.
14. Borough Hill: DH reported that MOLA [Northampton] had invited CLASP to join them in a survey of Borough Hill initially by drone and then by magnetometer survey.
15. Our next meeting is at Norton on Monday 11th December at 10 am. PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE.

Trustees: Dave Hayward (Chair), Sandra Deacon (Secretary), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Stephen Young (Archaeology Director), Tony Kesten, Marcus Lewis, Jim Aveling

Organising Committee: Rob Close (Chair), Jim Aveling (Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary)

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