



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the CLASP Organizing Committee 15th January 2018

1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair and Barby Hill Project], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], 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], D. Hayward [Chairman of Trustees], F. Kay [Weedon Bec History Society], A. Kesten [Trustee and Individual Members' Representative], S. Pervez [Trustee], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], S. Young [Trustee and Archaeological Director].
2. Apologies: J. Johns [Membership Secretary and Weedon Bec History Society], A. Kent [Bugbrooke History Society], B. Wiggins [Phoenix]. Brian Goodey and Bob Hunter from Middleton Cheney were unable to attend as observers.
3. The minutes of the meeting on 18th September 2017 were approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - i.] The logos of our sponsors have been placed upon our website by DH and the proposed acknowledgement to our letterhead was discussed at the meeting and agreed. DH will put our stationery master forms on our website
 - ii.] RC confirmed that members are covered by our insurance policy. DH will discuss insurance requirements for Associate Members at a meeting of the Trustees
 - iii.] It was confirmed that the Trustees have purchased a Garrett waterproof metal detector.
5. Project reports. SY updated the Committee on the situation. Branson's Lane has been written and has been sent for external approval/comments. The Barn Close [Harpole] report is almost complete. The Bannaventa report will follow that of Barn Close while the Whitehall report is still targeted to be completed by the end of 2018.
6. 2017AGM. The AGM was discussed and members agreed it had been successful with everyone very pleased with the venue. The raffle raised almost £100. It was felt that a head mike would help with the speakers' delivery, although not turning the head from the microphone would improve matters. Potential speakers for this year's AGM were named as Paul Murray, who is leading an investigation close to the "Red Lion" in Harpole parish, and Brian Giggins who has a wealth of local knowledge and is about to carry out an investigation into pre-1800 century buildings in Towcester. SY will contact Paul Murray.
7. 2018AGM. It was unanimously agreed that the next AGM will take place at the Harpole Bowls Club. JS will investigate availability on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.
8. Geophysics. F. Kay gave a concise account of the geophysics being carried out on Borough Hill, under the auspices of MOLA, and the ongoing survey of Bannaventa and its environs.
9. 2018 projects. SY is proposing an excavation at Thrupp this summer and a further dig at the Anglo-Saxon cemetery. In addition to these there was a hope that some test pits in Manshead Field would help to determine the presence of an early Christian church.
10. Weekend Project. The suggestion of a weekend excavation to allow working members to take part was discussed. It was agreed that the next Newsletter should raise the issue so that interest could be assessed. The matter would then be discussed at the April meeting.
11. External Publicity. Tony Kesten, Dave Derby, Nick Adams, Alan Standish, Dave Hayward and Steve Young are to meet the representatives of the National Grid Newsletter at Whitehall. An article

in this Newsletter would be good for our profile. SY and DH are to look into reporting our activities more regularly in “South Midlands Archaeology”, the local annual CBA magazine, and also in “Northamptonshire Archaeology”.

12. Milton Keynes Heritage weekends. In 2018: TK will find out exactly what is proposed. Subsequently it was revealed that Member societies should decide whether to put on local events. We will discuss whether CLASP wishes to do this at our next meeting.

13. Possible Second CLASP Archaeology Day. This would encompass the southern part of CLASP’s area of interest. DH will insert a paragraph asking for help in organising it in the next Newsletter with the event envisaged happening in the Spring of 2019.

14. 2018 Organising Committee meetings: these will take place on the following Mondays: 16th April, 2nd July, 10 September, 26th November at 10am at Norton Village Hall.

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

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