



**Community
Landscape
Archaeology
Survey
Project**

Minutes of the CLASP Organizing Committee held at
Nether Heyford Baptist Rooms on 16th April 2018

1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], S. Deacon [Trustee and Secretary of the Trustees], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], N. Garnett [Whitehall Roman Villa], 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], S. Pervez [Trustee], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], S. Young [Trustee and Archaeological Director]. Brian Goodey and Bob Hunter from Middleton Cheney attended as observers.
2. Apologies: G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], D. Hayward [Chairman of Trustees].
3. The minutes of the meeting on 15th January 2018 were approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - a. The stationery master forms are now on the website. A request was made that compliment slips be put on as well. RC to do.
 - b. Associate Members' insurance cover will be discussed at the next Trustees' meeting.
 - c. Harpole Bowls Club has been booked by JS as the venue for the AGM on 3rd October 2018. Paul Murray has declined to speak at the AGM and S. Young will ask Brian Giggins to replace him.
 - d. A note about the weekend excavation has been put by RC in the CLASP newsletter.
 - e. TK briefed the Committee about CLASP's submission into the next Gridline article. SY has provided a submission on CLASP to the CBA. Article is to be produced for "Northamptonshire Archaeology".
 - f. DH has requested support in the CLASP Newsletter for help in organising a second Archaeology day. Unfortunately he has not received any response to date.
5. Project reports: The Bransons Lane report has been completed. The report for Barn Close [Harpole] is expected to be completed soon. A case study for Barn Close has been produced in leaflet form and is also available on our website. DH is to send it to our clients. SY remains hopeful that the report on Bannaventa will be completed by end year.
6. 2018 projects: We have the possibility of excavating at Thrupp on both sides of the road. The timing of the dig on the south side will depend upon the lifting of the crop but on the north side (in the grass field) there are no such restrictions. The Manshead Field project is still under negotiation. The Anglo-Saxon cemetery excavation is, again, crop dependent and will most likely take place in late August and/or early September.
7. The proposed weekend dig: This is most likely to be at Thrupp on the north side of the road and is proposed for the period Thursday 26th July to Tuesday 31st July. SD to gauge Members' interest.
8. General Data Protection Regulation Policy: Salma Pervez (Data Protection Officer) spoke about this topic. Members of CLASP will have to be asked before end May for their consent to CLASP retaining their personal information. Our renewal of membership forms will also have to be altered before the next AGM. RC and SP will flesh out a response to these new changes. The Trustees will be discussing this topic at their next meeting
9. Digital archives: RC briefed the Committee about the work which is going on with our digital archives and demonstrated how much information is held by CLASP and how we are adding to the sum total of archaeological knowledge. We have 70,000 files in our archive.
10. Physical Archive: SY told the Committee that our proposed archaeological store and workroom at Norton Church was not going to happen and that Norton Church is to be closed. Discussions are starting as to the future of Daventry DC's artefact store and whether DCC/MOLA and CLASP could work together to document the archive.

11. Society and Member briefings: F. Kay told of the geophysics surveys at Bannaventa and Borough Hill and circulated a copy of the surveys on Daventry Golf Course. He mentioned that CLASP were to survey the area around the Radio Station for MOLA [about 8 hectares] and also mentioned that MOLA would be grateful for more help on the Saturdays when they were working. Jennifer Smith talked of the new display put up by CLASP in Harpole School. Alan Kent spoke of developments in Bugbrooke and said that the results of the dig near the church are now to be found on the internet. Brian Goodey and Bob Hunter told us that 30 people had attended last year's dig in Middleton Cheney and that they are involved in tracing the course of The Portway, which runs through Aynho. They are investigating dew ponds, streams, place names, old maps etc.
12. Our next meeting is on 2nd July 2018

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)