



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the CLASP Organizing Committee on 4th February 2019

1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary, and Blisworth Heritage Society], G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], N. Garnett [Whitehall], D. Hayward [Chair of Trustees], A. Kent [Bugbrooke History Society], F. Kay [Weedon History Society], A. Kesten [Trustee and CLASP Individual Members' Representative], M. Lewis [Trustee], C. Mawby [Trustee], A. Standish [NARC], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], T. Saxby [Trustees' Secretary], S. Young [Archaeological Director].
2. Apologies: S. Deacon, J. Johns, S. Pervez.
3. Minutes of the meeting on 26th November 2018: F. Kay had been omitted from the list of attendees.
4. Matters arising:
 - a. "Hindsight" article has been written by DH and merely requires photographs to be added. In addition, RC has written about the Barby Hill Project for the same magazine.
 - b. Possible Archaeology day: DH is considering a focus on West Northamptonshire after attending a course on the South Oxfordshire region and realising that that area has much in common with our own area. He is considering the "Icon" in Daventry as a possible venue. DH
 - c. The Barn Close [Harpole] report is still in progress. SY
 - d. Northamptonshire standards in archaeology is in progress. DH
 - e. Membership stands at 49.
 - f. Our Facebook page should have details about how to join CLASP. Advise GB.
 - g. The Milton Keynes History weekend should be publicised on our Facebook page.
 - h. The Branson's Lane [Towcester] case study leaflet is in preparation for the end of the financial year. [We still await payment for our work there.]
5. 2019 Projects: Three main projects were agreed in principle pending discussion with the farmers.
 - a. Romano-British site at Crick: This to be early July and to be the opportunity to attract new members, with training arranged and the dig continuing over a weekend. (SY and DH to visit the farmer after this meeting to flesh out).
 - b. Roman site at Manshead: Test pitting proposed. Dates to be confirmed.
 - c. Anglo Saxon cemetery: Dates to be confirmed.

A number of possible other smaller projects (at Barby, Everdon, Towcester, Woughton on the Green) would be considered once proposals were received). A proposal for a possible geophysics project at Guilsborough would also be fleshed out on the proviso that the charging policy was adhered to and Guilsborough was able to provide manpower for training.

6. AGM with "in-house speakers" potentially to be held at Harpole on 9th October. RC to confirm.
7. Rule change related to two Trustees having to be at the organising Committee was approved.
8. Update about training to be given at our next meeting.
9. Alan Kent [Bugbrooke] brought up the question of whether the road from Cornhill is of Roman origin and runs to the Duston Roman complex. Alan Standish [NARC] raised the issue of HS2 and the construction of access roads, necessitating the removal of topsoil [and, most possibly, archaeology]. He was to liaise with a fellow NARC member over this [which he has since done]. He wished to remind CLASP members and affiliated societies that NARC metal detecting group is available to support local groups and to research local fields. He also wished CLASP Facebook members to be apprised of this.

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