



Community Landscape Archaeology Survey Project

Minutes of the CLASP Organizing Committee on 8th April 2019

1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], S. Deacon [Project Communication to Members], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], D. Hayward [Chair of Trustees], J. Johns [Membership Secretary], F. Kay [Weedon Bec HS], M. Lewis [Trustee], C. Mawby [Trustee], T. Saxby [Trustees' Secretary], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], A. Standish [NARC], S. Young [Trustee and Archaeological Director]
2. Apologies: S. Pervez [Trustee]
3. The minutes of the meeting on 8th February 2019 were approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - 4.1 A possible Archaeology Day conference is on hold. (DH). There may be a talk on HS2 later in the year. DH praised SY and FK for their exposition of CLASP's work at Bannaventa and Borough Hill at the CBA South Midlands meeting at Bugbrooke on the previous Saturday. He was pleased at the presence of CLASP members and MOLA's generous acknowledgement of CLASP's efforts at both Upper Heyford and on Borough Hill.
 - 4.2 The Barn Close [Harpole] report is still in progress as external archives need to be added. [SY].
 - 4.3 Actions in relation to Northamptonshire Standards for archaeology are on hold. (DH)
 - 4.4 CLASP will participate in Daventry Museum's summer exhibition May to August. (JA)
 - 4.5 Committee briefing required on CLASP's Facebook page maintained by Gina Brown.
 - 4.6 Agreed to implement capability for members to be able to renew and join CLASP on line. (RC)
 - 4.7 Payment for our excavation at Branson's Lane in Towcester still being chased. (DH)
 - 4.8 Harpole confirmed by RC as the location for this year's AGM. The speakers will be "in house".
5. The resignation of Tony Kesten means that CLASP's involvement in the Milton Keynes History weekend [15/16 June] lacks a leader. [TS to consider]. The role of the Independent Members' Representative on the Organizing Committee [which was performed by Tony] needs to be filled. DH is to flesh out a statement of the role and place it on both our website and on Facebook.
6. Excavations. The Crick dig cannot take place this year because cattle will be present. Agreed we should keep to the 3-10 July dates and organise an Archaeology week on archaeological techniques at New Creation Farm. (SY to flesh this out with help from DH, RC, FK and AS). DH will produce a communication about this. The Anglo-Saxon cemetery dig is scheduled for a seven-day period in the period 1st to 10th August. Manshead is to take place in the last week of August or early September.
7. New Creation Farm: Hoping to occupy the site from 1st May subject to the lease being finalised. Help will be sought from members. DH has put in a bid to cover some of our removal costs. Weedon Bec HS has donated £500 to CLASP. Harpole HG is donating £500 a year to CLASP over the next three years. period. Several individuals have made donations also. CLASP has almost achieved the first year's rental monies.
8. The proposed "100 Club" was discussed. More information is required so potential members can understand what is proposed and how they can sign up. Action DH with support from RC.
9. Website consolidation: DH briefed the Committee on what is proposed.
10. Next meeting: 1st July

Trustees: Dave Hayward (Chair), Angela Evans (Treasurer), Stephen Young (Archaeology Director), Marcus Lewis, Jim Aveling, Salma Pervez, Chris Mawby

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