



1. Attendance: R. Close [Chair], J. Aveling [Trustee, Secretary and Blisworth Heritage Society], A. Evans [Trustee and Treasurer], N. Garnett [Whitehall Roman Villa Project], D. Hayward [Chair of Trustees], J. Johns [Membership Secretary], F. Kay [Weedon Bec HS], M. Lewis [Trustee], J. Smith [Harpole Heritage Group], A. Standish [NARC], S. Young [Archaeological Director].
2. Apologies: G. Boreham [Towcester and District Local History Society], S. Deacon [Project Communication to Members], S. Pervez [Trustee], C Mawby (Trustee).
3. The minutes of the meeting on 8th April were approved.
4. Matters arising:
 - [i]. Agenda items 3b, 3c, 3g are to be carried over to the next meeting.
 - [ii]. The presentation on the HS2 Project to be arranged for September - DH
 - [iii]. The Chairman thanked Jim and Marion Aveling and Marcus Lewis for CLASP's contribution to the exhibition running in Daventry Museum from early May to late August. Alan Standish and NARC were thanked for their exhibits.
 - [iv]. DH thanked Rob Close, Julia Johns, Angela Evans and Jeremy Cooper for creating an on line membership application capability. Extra boxes need to be added for Gift Aid – Angela Evans.
 - [v]. The Chairman thanked Trevor and Angela Saxby for their hard work at the MK History weekend. They were assisted by Ruth Downie, Gina Brown, Geoff Bovingdon and Tony Kesten. It was noted that by having ready made up boards for events in future that much time would be saved.
 - [vi]. At the moment CLASP's membership stands at 76 and the Constitution provides for two Independent Members' Representatives when membership tops 80. DH will communicate current vacancy to members.
 - [vii]. RC noted that response to further communication of the 100 club had been poor. Agreement that asking members face to face about this was the best option. Agreed to discuss next steps at the following Trustees' meeting.
5. Training. The recent taster course attracted 23 people, half of them non-members. Those taking part said they had enjoyed the experience . It was agreed that there should be follow up courses after our summer season of digs and further consolidation in our new home. The proposed briefing on QGIS mapping by Cotswold Archaeology would be better done in September after our digs. DH to follow up.

6. Fieldwork. The Whitehall Anglo-Saxon dig will begin on 5th August and run for five days with the possibility of two extra days. Manshead will begin on 25th August and run for a week. Toilets and the need for a digger will cost CLASP a considerable amount. CLASP members attending will be asked to pay a notional £10 for each dig but as this will only cover part of the expenditure additional voluntary donations would be appreciated. Crick and Guilsborough will be visited by SY, RC and FK to assess the situation. DH will speak to the farmer at Crick to agree a date. DH reported that there is a role for CLASP at Everdon Stubbs and this would be fleshed out. MOLA are conducting tours of Borough Hill on 25th and 28th July and CLASP members are assisting with these.
7. Field Centre: An outline plan for completing the move into the Field centre was presented by RC. A small group of DH, SY, FK and RC would oversee this. (Exterior painting was happening after the meeting. Tomorrow there is gravel spreading on the base for our container). Safe parking and traffic flow are being discussed with our landlords.
8. CLASP's promotion via our website and Facebook: RC summarised a note from Gina Brown and Jeremy Cooper who administer our Facebook site and website. Key points discussed were how we grow participation and how the Governance process works. Few on the Committee use Facebook and so it was agreed that RC/DH/SY would discuss further with Gina.
9. AGM. This takes place at Harpole Bowls Club on 9th October. Our speakers will be SY and FK and possibly DH about the Field Centre.
10. AOB. Alan Standish reported that at events in Preston Capes he had given CLASP leaflets to people from the locality and to some from neighbouring counties. He would be glad of more! Barn Close leaflets have been going well, too. Stephen and Helen Young raised £600 towards the cost of the Field Centre by running a disco. Suggestions for future money raising included quiz nights and outings.
11. Next meeting: 16th September.

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)