

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting Minutes held on Monday 22nd May 2017
at 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing

Present: Mr Keith Bolton (Chair), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mr Andy Bell, Mrs Gill Turner, Dr Jacquie Lake, Mrs Patricia Leming, Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Liz Lane and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Theresa Griffiths
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** Were accepted subject to item 3 “Ms Friend” should be substituted for Mrs Leming and “13th April” for 3rd April on page 1 No. 3.
3. **Matters Arising** - a) The walks proforma will be available on the website for future walks.
b) Mrs Shirley is completing the annual report for the Charity Commission.
4. **Field Unit Update**
 - a) **Slindon** - Field 20: Mr Bolton is asking for assistance in locating other lozenge-shaped sites. **Action: KB**
 - Mr Bolton will organise a fieldwalk on the Warren Barn field in August. **Action: KB**
 - Mr John Crane and Mrs Sue Brown are planning a Secrets of the High Woods legacy initiative for further groundtruthing on the Slindon Estate in the autumn and the Society will be happy to take part and publish their work on the website.
 - Enquiries regarding the new shed are ongoing. **Action: KB**
 - Two members of the National Trust staff will be speaking at the Binstead Arts Week on archaeology etc on the estate on 9th June in Binstead Church.
 - a) **Goblestubbs** Ms Friend confirmed that the excavation will be laid out on 3rd and 4th August, with digging from 5th to 17th August. Ms Liz Walker was suggested as a possible supervisor and will be approached.
 - b) **Binsted Pottery** Mrs Turner advised that there has been a change of plan. The pottery will not be transported to Cardiff but Dr Jervis will be in Worthing this summer and has asked the Society for help with further cataloguing.
 - c) **Brinsbury** Mrs Turner advised that Mr Pete Brannlund has nearly completed the archaeological report and, if necessary, David Field and/or David McOmish will help him prepare it for publication in the Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society.
 - d) **Research Group** nothing to report.
 - e) **Surveying** - Mr Mike Tristram has asked the Society to look at and record the remains of a building in Malthouse Meadow at Sompting. Details will be sent out soon. **Action: CS**
 - Geophysical work will take place at Burstye Farm. **Action: CS**
 - Mrs Shirley will be teaching surveying at Culver this year and will be using WAS' equipment for this.

- f) **Fittleworth** Mrs Turner advised that the field will be ploughed and a fieldwalk will take place next year. Mr Steve Cleverly of CDAS will be organising this and WAS will provide help with cataloguing flints already picked up by the farmer.
5. **Finance** Mrs Shirley circulated current accounts and advised that the donations item is incorrect as we have received at least £500 for the windows on the pier project. Mrs Shirley has paid Towergate Insurance but will look at other insurance companies before renewal next year.
6. **Membership** Mrs Lane advised there are 123 paying members, 22 life and 18 honorary members.
7. **Secretary's report** Nothing to report.
8. **Newsletter** Mrs Lane will send out the next edition next week. She advised that Worthing Museum's series of summer walks and autumn talks will be published in it.
9. **Website** Nothing to report.
10. **Planned Events – Day Schools:**
- Flint Knapping with Bob Turner at Downs Barn on 17th June
 - Bronze Age with David McOmish at Worthing Museum on 30th September
- Other day schools tba.
- Lectures:**
- Mr Bell advised that James Sainsbury, Gordon Hayden and Nigel Rumble will give lectures in 2017 and the 2018 lectures will shortly be arranged. **Action: AB**
- Mrs Leming will look into finding a new venue, possibly within Worthing, for the Autumn Social on 24th November. **Action: PL**
11. **Any Other Business**
- The designs for the Con Ainsworth window were discussed and Mrs Lane will take back suggestions to the glass window-maker. The John Pull window will follow after installation of the first one.
 - Mrs Lane fed back from the Sussex Archaeological Forum that Sally Christian grants are available.
 - Mrs Lane advised that Con Ainsworth's 100th birthday walk led by Alex Vincent was successful.
 - Mrs Leming advised that the T-shirt shop is no longer trading but a neighbouring shop has taken over T-shirt printing. She will investigate. **Action: PL**
 - Mrs Leming advised that in her opinion Parliament Week is not suitable for the Society.
 - Mr Bell asked whether suitable people, not members, could be given access to WAS' Facebook page and was advised that it is a closed group and exceptions cannot be made.
12. **Date of next meeting** will be Monday 21st August at 5 Smuggler's Walk, Goring. Mrs Leming was thanked for her delicious muffins.