

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022 Via Zoom

Present: Mr Keith Bolton (Chairman), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Nigel Rumble, Mrs Patricia Leming, Dr Jacqueline Lake, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mr Brendan Wyatt, Mrs Jennie Williamson, Mrs Donna Wiltshire and Mrs C Hutchins

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Donna Wiltshire to the Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Vicky Lillywhite and Ms Amie Friend
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted with the following alterations: Mrs Gill Turner was not present; and regarding St Nicholas' Church Angmering, Mrs Liz Lane will contact Ms Amie Friend about the Parish Council.
3. **Matters Arising:** Under Finance, at the end of the paragraph, Mrs Patricia Leming will apply to other network banks to avoid charges by HSBC.
4. **Field Unit Update:** a) **EPIC:** Mrs Shirley, Mrs Gill Turner, Dr Jacqueline Lake and Mrs Donna Wiltshire will liaise about how much of the report should be given to the landscape, history and geology as well as the Finds relating to the site. **Action: CS/GT/JL/DW**
Old Salts Farm : No further news.
5. b) **Malthouse:** Mrs Shirley advised that the geophysics/resistivity planned will be postponed until May.
c) **Slindon** (i) Finds Shed: Finds processing has been resumed.
(ii) Stableyard: Mr Bolton is working on the report for the trench. It was agreed we should send a copy of the report to Mr John Green when completed. **Action: KB/CH**
iii) Mr Bolton has spoken with Mr James Brown of the National Trust about access to Warren Barn Field and Queens Field and these projects are now unlikely to take place this year.
d) **Rampion 2:** Mrs Lane advised there is nothing to report.
e) **Climping:** Mr Bolton has met with Mr Bill Watkins and advises that his collection is extremely interesting. The next field day will be on Friday 8th April. **Action: KB**
g) **The National Trust Chalk South Downs Project**, named "Changing Chalk": nothing to report.
h) **Blacksmith's Corner:** Mr Bolton has not heard from Mr Pete Brannlund. After a discussion, it was agreed that Mrs Gill Turner should contact Mr Brannlund on a suitable occasion. **Action: GT**
j) **Measured Survey at Steyning:** Julie English has not been in touch with Mr Bolton but she can be approached for news at her forthcoming lecture. **Action: KB**
k) **Brinsbury:** Mr Bolton has a meeting with Mr James Sainsbury and Mrs Turner at the Museum on Friday 1st April. **Action: KB/GT**
l) **Bignor:** Mr Bolton is awaiting a response from Mr James Kenny. The dates of the Activity weekends will be published in the forthcoming Newsletter, we have the use of a Portocabin for storing material and have access to

water. It was agreed to use the Society's gazebos every weekend.

Action: KB

6. **Finance:** Mrs Leming circulated the current accounts before this meeting and she explained the figures in detail. Money from the sale of Mr Pete Skilton's equipment has been put towards training as she thought this would please him. It was agreed to purchase a Zoom professional licence as the Covid situation meant that further meetings might need to be held online.

Action: CS

Mrs Leming is pursuing internet banking to overcome excessive charges by HSBC and it may be that the Constitution is re-written. Mrs Leming asked Dr Lake to collect Day School fees in cash as this is the most economical way to pay them into the bank.

Action: PL

7. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that 85 Ordinary members have paid for 2022 to add to the 17 Life and 15 Honorary members, making a total of 117.
8. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane advised that the next Newsletter is being distributed now. **Action: LL**
Journal: Mrs Hutchins advised that new articles are already being made available.
9. **Website:** Mrs Griffiths advised this is running smoothly and that we will not be paying the extra charge for a private members' page.
10. **Study Days:** 7th May 2022 – Dr Ben Jervis on the Binsted Pottery.
David Rudling to give a study day on Roman Burial Practices - tba
These days will be in the Education Room of Worthing Museum.
Dr Lake is liaising with Mr Ian Cundy of Malvern Maritime Archaeology to decide on the costs and numbers of a suitable weekend for the Intertidal training course weekend.
Action: JL
11. **Lectures:** On Tuesday 12th April Judie English will speak on: 'Reconstructing the Anglo-Saxon and early Medieval Landscape using Place-names and maps' at Worthing Sixth Form College.
Mrs Griffiths is planning on inviting Simon Stevens, James Brown and Jamie Kaminski to give lectures next season at Worthing College.
Action: TG
12. **Other Events:** (i) The next Field Unit Forum will be held on 10th May at St Botolph's Church Rooms, Heene, 7.30-9.00pm.
(ii) Mrs Shirley is arranging a geophysics day at Lancing College on 16th June with the College.
Action: CS
13. **GDPR:** Mrs Leming and Mrs Donna Wiltshire will meet next week to discuss the handover. **Action: PL/DW**
14. **Trustees:** Mrs Leming will be contacting committee members for up-to-date details. **Action: PL**
15. **Any Other Business:** None
16. **Date of Next Meeting will** be on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 7.00-9.00pm at St Botolph's Church Rooms, Heene.