

## Worthing Archaeological Society

### Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 35 First Avenue, Worthing on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

**Present:** Mrs Connie Shirley (Acting Chairman), Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Jacqui Lake, , Mrs Margaret Maroney, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Andrew Bell, and Mrs C Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mr Keith Bolton, Mr John Green, Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, Mr John Mills and Mr Ian Robertson
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a) Under (b) the bank is still resolving this issue.
  - b) Ms Friend has submitted an updated version of the St Nicholas Church excavation Community Report for the website. **Action: JG**
  - c) Mr Green has been in touch with Stephanie Smith regarding the Big Dig at Telscombe.
  - d) Secrets of the High Woods interviews will be discussed with Alice Thorne at the coming lecture by Mr Bell. **Action: AB**
4. **Future of WAS Excavations**

There will be a Field Unit meeting for all members on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Worthing Lecture Room where possible future work will be discussed. Mrs Lane will contact Mr Bolton with the list of past work on which he can advise the meeting. **Action: LL**

#### Field Unit Update

- a) **Slindon** – Mrs Shirley will contact Mr Dommett regarding a National Trust dig on Field 20 to ask him whether he will invite CDAS to take charge as we would have no objections. **Action: CS**
- b) **Norfolk Estate** – Mr Hayden has done a preliminary project design for Goblestubbs and we are awaiting permission. Provisional dates are 28/3/15-10/4/15. Ms Friend would like a walk over early next year and Mrs Shirley would like to find previous benchmarks. **Action: GH/AF/CS**
- c) **Angmering** - Thanks to Mrs Helen Green, a successful day was held at the Village Hall feeding back information on the St Nicholas Dig to the villagers with Mr Brannlund and Ms Friend answering queries, schoolchildren's work, original watercolours and finds on display. Mr Roger Green is preparing a newspaper article. Ms Friend was approached by a young person interested in archaeology and she is considering a Young Archaeologists' Group for the Society. **Action: AF**
- d) **Surveying** - WAS took part in a woods archaeology walk with David Brown of the Small Woods Association last week. We examined possible flint mine scrapes and Mr Mike Tristram would like an augering exercise to take place over them. Work in the team will cease until the end of January/beginning of February
- e) **The Friday Group (formerly Lambleys Lane Limekiln)**
  - i) Mrs Shirley advised that she plans on running geophysics on a field close to the north of the A27 at Sompting, seeking a possible Roman road. **Action: CS**
  - ii) Mr Tristram is considering protection for the lime kiln.
  - iii) Murrells Field and the fieldwalk at Sompting write ups need completion. **Action: CS**
  - iv) WAS members who participate in Mrs Shirley's and Mr Skilton's independent activities will be covered by WAS insurance.
  - v) Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lane will let Mr Bell have lists of participants in recent walks. **Action: CS/LL**
  - vi) Ms Friend will discuss with Mrs Helen Green supply of boxes for the St Nicholas' finds. **Action: AF**

- vii) Ms Friend has been invited to Sheffield University to speak on the St Nicholas Dig on 16<sup>th</sup> February and the Committee wished her success. **Action: AF**
- f) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.
- g) **Binsted Pottery** : Mrs Turner will contact Mr Duncan Brown and ask whether he knows of a student who would undertake analysing the collection. **Action: GT**
5. **Finance** Mrs Shirley has provided an up-to-date statement which was circulated. Donations are down but receipts from Day Schools are up. The only professional invoice is that of Fishbourne for the St Nicholas metalwork. Mrs Lane is bringing donated books to the lectures for sale. The bank situation regarding regulations covering money laundering is still unresolved. She will remind members of the Easy Fundraising through online purchases which benefits the Society. **Action: LL**
6. **Membership** Current membership includes 99 paid, 26 life and 18 honorary members. Mrs Lane will remind members by email of the next subscription renewal date. **Action: LL**
7. **Secretary's report** Nothing to report
8. **Newsletter** -Mrs Lane is arranging a link through the website with Mr Green. Mrs Lane will include a request for Committee nomination in the January newsletter (prior to the AGM in March). **Action: LL**  
**Journal** - The special World War 1 edition will shortly be circulated. And the 2015 Journal is awaiting one further article before that too can be completed. It was agreed that the previous year's journal should be available on the website. **Action: CH**
9. **Website** See above
10. **Planned events:**  
 Thanks were given to Mrs Maroney for organising a successful social.  
 Day Schools - 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Dr Miles Russell on Understanding Roman Art  
 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 David Bone on Historical Building Stones of West Sussex.  
 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 David McOmish on Making Sense of Monuments.  
 There will also be a soil analysis day with Mike Allen next summer. **tba**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> January – a New Year's Walk at Chanctonbury, meeting at 12.30 in the north carpark.  
 27<sup>th</sup> February – a Field Unit members meeting in Worthing Lecture Theatre 10.00-4.00pm
11. **Any Other Business**
- a) The Society was thanked by St Barnabas for the donation from "Brenda's" walk.
- b) Mrs Lane is in contact with MPs and the Planning Dept at Worthing Borough Council regarding future archaeological advice. She will send members an update email attaching her sample letter. **Action: LL**
- c) We are continuing our membership of Worthing Heritage Alliance.
- d) The committee consider it advisable that the Facebook site set up by Mr Gunner should be a closed one and Mrs Lane will contact Mr Bolton to further this. **Action: LL**
- e) No decisions have been made on the Binsted Tile Kiln.
- f) Mrs Shirley is trying to find proof of our ownership of our War Bonds. **Action: CS**
12. **Date of Next Meeting** will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 180 Upper Brighton Road, Worthing. Mrs Lake was thanked for her hospitality.

Connie Shirley (Acting Chair)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015