

# Worthing Archaeological Society

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 35 First Avenue, Worthing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Present:** Mr Keith Bolton (Chair), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Jacqui Lake, Mrs Margaret Maroney, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Andrew Bell, Mr John Green and Mrs C Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, Mr John Mills and Mr Ian Robertson
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted with the correction on page 2 No. 10. ii Matt Pope's study day is on 21<sup>st</sup> February.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a) Mrs Maroney is working on the flyer for the next lecture. **Action: MM/LL**
  - b) Mr Lane and Mrs Shirley are designing the new banner **Action: Mr Lane/CS**
  - c) Mr Skilton will run the surveying course with possible trainee surveyors.
  - d) Mrs Lane has paid £10 to the Worthing Heritage Alliance for the Society to be mentioned on their website.
  - e) The booking system for lectures has changed – Mrs Shirley has paid October-December 1014 and will shortly pay for January, February and March. Invoices are no longer available. **Action: CS**
4. **Field Unit Update**
  - a) **Slindon**
    - i. The surveying team completed Fields 18 & 19 prior to tree-planting and the next planting on the same field will be in February.
    - ii. Field 20 – Mr Bolton has drafted a project design but will need to discuss with the National Trust the sensitivity of the archaeology in that field and how to approach marking out the tree-planting areas. **Action: KB**
    - iii. Downs Barn – Mr Bolton submitted a project design in November but will chase up. **Action: KB**
    - iv. Mr Bolton will speak with Mr Wardle regarding the garage next to the shed. **Action: KB**
    - v. Mrs Shirley wants advice on how to invoice the NT for Juliet Smith's watching brief. Mr Bolton will contact the NT. **Action: KB**
  - b) **Walberton – Lower Farm** Professional consultants have been appointed regarding the solar array and Mr Brannlund has given them all the relevant information from our digs.
  - c) **St Nicholas' Church, Angmering** Mrs Shirley has heard nothing from Mrs Francis but the work is booked provisionally for 5<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Shirley will contact Mrs Francis. **Action: CS**
  - d) **Lambleys Lane Lime Kiln** The tarpaulin was laid and is still in place. The drawings are being completed.
  - e) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.
  - f) **High Woods** Mr Bolton attended a Committee Meeting.
  - g) **Nutley** Mrs Shirley has been approached by a WAS member asking for help with excavating a lime kiln at Nutley in 2016 and asked for permission to use WAS equipment. The Committee agreed and offered manpower as well.

5. **Finance** Summary - Mrs Shirley advised that subscriptions received are less than last year's. Last year's donations were £1821 and this year's £535 but there were one-offs last year which boosted the figure. War Bonds continue to perform well. General receipts last year were £1683 and this year over £2,300. Gift aid is up. We are paying more for printing, hire of the lecture theatre, lecturers' fees, insurance, and professional fees. Day schools are making a profit and Field Unit expenses are less than last year. The accounts are being completed and Mrs Lane will approve them. **Action: CS/LL**

6 **Membership** Mrs Lane advised that Mrs Joy Martin, a former Committee member, has recently died and Mrs Lane will put a piece in the Newsletter.

Subscriptions: 40 people have paid, there are 20 standing orders, 27 life members and 17 other, making a total of 104. There are 5 new members and 46 people who paid last year but not yet for this year.

7. **Secretary's report** Mrs Hutchins advised that a member of the Wealden Buildings Group is getting rid of his library and asked whether the Society would like them. The Committee agreed and Mrs Lane suggested Mr Lane would go to Hampshire to pick them up. Mrs Hutchins will contact Mr Gregory. **Action: CH**

8. **Editor** Mrs Hutchins advised that the Journal has been sent to Jan Hamblett. Mrs Lane will arrange to have 50 hard copies printed. **Action: LL**

**Newsletter** Mrs Lane will be emailing the next edition next week.

9. **Website** It was agreed that the website is full of information.

10. **Planned Events** Matt Pope is giving a day school on Neanderthals on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Mrs Turner is planning for next year: a day school with David Bone on Building Stones, one on flint with herself and Bob Turner, and is considering approaching Mike Allen to do a day in the Downs Barn on Snails. A possible day on clay pipes will also be considered. It was agreed that day school lecturers' fees should be raised to £200. Walks: Mrs Shirley is planning a "South Down Murder" walk around Buncton and Chanctonbury, and one from Angmering up to Highdown. Others possibilities are Harrow Hill and/or Thundersbarrow. It was agreed that participants will be asked for donations to the Society in future.

11. **Election of Officers at the forthcoming AGM** The present Committee will stand. Mr Bell will take over as Programme's Secretary from Mrs Mahoney. A proposal increasing the subscription to £25 per year will be included. Mrs Hutchins to send the Notice of AGM to Mrs Lane for distribution. **Action: CH**

## 12. Any Other Business

Mr Bolton has been asked by Mr Anthony Brooks to review Building Stone of West Sussex by Roger Gordiner and Roger Birch. **Action: KB**

13. **Date of Next Meeting** will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 180 Upper Brighton Road, Worthing. Mrs Lake was thanked for her hospitality.

Keith Bolton  
Chair  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2015