

Worthing Archaeological Society

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing on Tuesday 7th June 2016

Present: Mr Keith Bolton (Chairman), Mrs Connie Shirley, Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Andrew Bell, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mrs Patricia Leming and Mrs C Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, and Mr John Mills.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising :** None
4. **Field Unit Update**
 - a) **Slindon** – i) Field 20 – a resistivity survey will take place in September, followed by an excavation in Easter 2017. **Action: CS/KB to liaise with NT**
 - ii) Tree graffiti recording continues. **Action: KB**
 - iii) Recording of WW2 structures in the Dell is being planned. **Action: KB to chase up**
 - iv) A geophysical survey is being planned in Warren Field. **Action: KB**
 - v) A geophysical survey is being planned in Queens Field. **Action: KB/AF**
 - vi) WW1 Prisoner of War Camp – groundtruthing at a later date. **Action: KB/RG**
 - b) **Goblestubbs** - Excavation planned for 13/8/16-27/8/16, with clearing the site and backfilling old trenches on 5/8/16 and 7/8/16. Mrs Shirley will organise the toilets to be delivered on 10/8/2016. **Action: CS/AF/GH**
 - c) **Angmering** - The boxes for the St Nicholas' finds are at Slindon awaiting packing. **Action: GT**
 - d) **Binsted** – A new line for the A27 has been drawn through the centre of Binsted. The society have been asked to examine the sites it excavated and to survey (both resistivity and magnetometry) anything not yet discovered. The survey team will reconnoitre on 10/6/16. **Action: CS**
 - e) **Surveying** - Mrs Shirley was granted permission to use the total station for teaching purposes at Culver Farm on 7/7/16. She also plans on surveying in the field north of A27 at Sompting for a possible Roman road in July, subject to crop coming off. **Action: CS**
 - f) **Research Group** – Mr Green is currently cataloguing Slindon papers at the Record Office.
 - g) **Binsted Pottery** : Mrs Turner advised that Dr Ben Jervis of Cardiff University, James Sainsbury from Worthing Museum, Sioned Vos and herself will meet on 13/7/16 to discuss work on the pottery. **Action: GT**
 - h) **Brinsbury** - No further information.
 - i) **Fontwell** – Work halted due to lambing season but will be resumed. An article has appeared in the Bognor Observer about a neighbouring field.
5. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley advised that there is no budget for the current year but all proceeds satisfactorily. The Charity Commission has requested the names of the Committee as everyone is a Trustee and this needs to be updated. Mrs Leming volunteered to coordinate this. **Action: PL**
6. **Membership:** We have a total membership of 120 paid up members (103 paid, 23 life, 15 honorary and 14 new members) Seventeen have not paid so far this year. Mrs Griffiths will be taking over membership when the website is set up.

7. **Secretary's report:** A report has been received from Rob Hedge of the project Assessing the Value of Community-Generated Historic Environment Research organised by Historic England and Worcestershire County Council to which we were one of approx. 600 organisations to completed a survey.
8. **Newsletter:** Has recently been circulated.

Journal: Articles are promised.

9. **Website:** Mrs Griffiths advised that a meeting is being organised with Carly Bradshaw, a student of Brighton University, Mr Bolton and Mr Green to discuss redesigning the website. It was suggested that some method of making payments direct to the website and giving multiple people access should be considered. **Action:**
KB/JG/TG

10. **Planned events:**

12/6/2016 – Amberley Museum

Soils and Seeds Study Day with Dr Mike Allen will be postponed.

21/6/2016 – Midsummer – meet up with Alex Vincent at the Spotted Cow, Angmering, at 7.00pm

3/7/2016 - an afternoon walk around Shoreham Fort.

24/7/2016 – Binsted Strawberry Fair 2.00-4.30pm

6/8/2016 – a Surveying Training Day at Downs Barn.

18/9/2016 - an afternoon with David Bone visiting Sompting and North Lancing Churches.

24/9/2016 - a rescheduling of David McOmish's day school on Prehistoric Monuments.

26/11/2016 – a Medieval Pottery day school with Duncan Brown.

25/11/2016 – the Autumn Social will be arranged as usual.

A walk to Nomansland (date to be arranged) for the Brenda memorial walk in October.

Winter lectures are being arranged. The first will be the Excavation at Goblestubbs on 11th October by Mr Hayden and Ms Friend, followed by lectures by Keith on previous WAS work. Other possibilities are Jane Russell, David Rudling, Caroline Evans, Rob Wallace, Mark Roberts and Robert Hutchinson.

11. **Any Other Business**

- a) Mr Alex Vincent is organising a walk around Burpham/Pepperering on Sunday 14th May 2017 in commemoration of Con Ainsworth's birth.
- b) Mrs Liz Lane declined Annie Greg of the Worthing Heritage Alliance's request for an interview for a hospital radio programme.
- c) Mrs Leming suggested a Timeline would be a good addition to the exhibits stand at exhibitions. She will investigate this further. It was also suggested that the display board be renewed.
- d) Mrs Lane will collect outstanding material from Mr Plummer which will be lodged at Worthing Museum.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** will be Tuesday 13th August 2016 at the house of Mrs Jacqui Lake at 35 First Avenue, Worthing.

Keith Bolton
Chairman
8th June 2016