

## Worthing Archaeological Society

### Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 5 Smugglers' Walk, Goring on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

1. **Apologies:** Mr Keith Bolton, Mrs Jacqui Lake, Mrs Margaret Maroney, Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, and Mr John Mills.
2. **Resignation:** Mrs Margaret Maroney has tendered her resignation from the Committee after many years of sterling work.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
4. **Matters Arising :** None
5. **Field Unit Forum**  
Field Unit Open Day held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February was a successful meeting.

#### Field Unit Update

- a) **Slindon** – i) A successful excavation took place in Field 20 under the direction of George Anerley on behalf of the National Trust revealing ditches and trackways. A resistivity survey will be undertaken in this field during June/July with a possible further excavation in September. **Action: CS/KB**  
ii) Graffiti on trees in Nore Wood is to be recorded on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March **Action: KB**  
iii) Recording of WW2 structures in the Dell is being planned. **Action: KB**  
iv) A geophysical survey is being planned in Warren Field. **Action: KB**  
v) A geophysical survey is being planned in Queens Field. **Action: KB**  
vi) WW1 Prisoner of War Camp – groundtruthing at a later date. **tba**
- b) **Norfolk Estate** – i) Excavation plans at Goblestubbs are finalised. Mrs Shirley will purchase 2 gazebos and organise the toilets to be delivered on Thursday. A group will go on Good Friday to clear the site of debris. **Action: CS/AF**  
ii) It is planned to return to the site of the WAS 2006 Goblestubbs excavation to dig further and backfill from 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August under the direction of Mr Hayden and Ms Friend. **Action: GH/AF**
- c) **Angmering** - Ms Friend and Mrs Turner will contact Mrs Helen Green regarding boxes for the St Nicholas' finds. **Action: AF/GT**
- d) **Binsted** – to be revisited next year.
- e) **Surveying** - Mrs Shirley has received thanks from Mr Luke Barber for the recent magnetometry survey. The team also assisted the Secrets of the High Woods team in geophysical surveying in Arundel Woods.
- f) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.
- g) **Binsted Pottery** : Mrs Turner has received a reply from Dr Ben Jervis of Cardiff University who would like to bring a small number of students on a 4 week practical placement, probably in 2017. **Action: GT**
- h) **Brinsbury** - David Field has completed a draft assessment of the flints. He theorises the site is ritual with continuity from the Mesolithic to the Late Bronze Age. Publication of his report needs to be investigated, suggestions included The Prehistoric Society or Lithics Study Group publications. Mr Brannlund is collecting the flint for a return to the college.
- i) **Fontwell** The Society has been assisting Mr Pete Skilton in a geophysical survey of a site at Fontwell.

6. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley advised that everything proceeds as normal after the end of year accounts were presented at the AGM.
7. **Membership:** Subscriptions for 107 members have been received for this year together with 14 honorary and 25 life members. Mrs Lane is progressing with her request for increased Direct Debits. It was noted that Mrs Josephine Thornton and Mr Roy Plummer both make donations while being life members.
8. **Secretary's report:** Nothing to report
9. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane is planning to circulate the Newsletter on Monday. **Action: LL**  
**Journal:** It was agreed that David Field's flint assessment would not appear in our Journal as it deserves a higher platform.
10. **Website:** Mr Bolton, Mr Green and Mr Richard Griffiths are to look at a reworked website. **Action: KB/JG/RG**
11. **Planned events:**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 - an afternoon walk around Shoreham Fort
  - 25<sup>th</sup> June – a Soils Study Day with Dr Mike Allen at Downs Barn, Sompting.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> August – a Surveying Training Day at Downs Barn.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> September – a rescheduling of David McOmish's day school on Prehistoric Monuments.
  - 26<sup>th</sup> November – a Medieval Pottery day school with Duncan Brown.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> September – an afternoon with David Bone visiting Sompting and North Lancing Churches.
  - A stand on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Lancing Local History Day
  - Winter lectures are being arranged. The first will be the Excavation at Goblestubbs on 11<sup>th</sup> October by Mr Hayden and Ms Friend.
12. **Any Other Business**
  - a) Mr Alex Vincent has reminded the Committee that next year will be the centenary of Con Ainsworth's birth and has suggested a walk around Burpham/Peppering on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This was agreed. **Action: LL**
  - b) Mrs Liz Lane advised that Annie Greg of the Worthing Heritage Alliance asked about interviewing WAS for a hospital radio programme but the Committee decided to decline the invitation. **Action: LL**
  - c) Mrs Lane advised that both she and Mr Bolton will be invited to future meetings of the Sussex Forum.
13. **Date of Next Meeting** will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the house of Mrs Patricia Leming at 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing, BN14 9FJ.

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Acting Chairperson  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2016