

Worthing Archaeological Society

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 35 First Avenue, Worthing on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Present: Mrs Connie Shirley (Acting Chairman), Mrs Jacqui Lake, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Andrew Bell, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, and Mrs C Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mr Keith Bolton, Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Patricia Leming, Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, and Mr John Mills.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising:** Under Finance Mrs Shirley advised that the correct wording should be that “the budget is not yet approved” rather than “there is no budget”.
4. **Field Unit Update**
 - a) **Slindon** – i) Field 20 – a resistivity survey has taken place and a possible excavation will be discussed at the next Field Forum. **Action: Field Forum**
ii) No further update on Tree Graffiti recording. **Action: KB**
 - b) **Goblestubbs** - A successful excavation was completed in August. The old Trench 2 was continued and sherds from 2 pots were found at the bottom. Trench 10 revealed a possible trackway and Trench 9 confirmed evidence of a gateway; the sample from the burning area requires analysis and Ms Friend has undertaken to investigate quotations. **Action: AF** Backfill will completed as soon as convenient. Mr Hayden has completed a pottery report for the Goblestubbs finds held by Mr David Rudling and Worthing Museum and dates the pottery to the 1st-3rd centuries. Further work to be discussed at the Field Forum. **Action: Field Forum**
 - c) **Binsted** – Mrs Shirley is working with Mrs Emma Tristram on her history and environs project in view of the new line for the A27. Permission from Mr Luke Wishart is needed for geophysical work on the field where the kilns have been found. **Action: CS**
 - d) **Binsted Pottery** – A project team consisting of Mrs Sioned Vos (lead for WAS), Mrs Gill Turner and Mrs Jacqui Lake will invite Mr Luke Barber of Sussex Archaeological Society to join them, and negotiations with Dr Ben Jarvis of Cardiff University will continue. **Action: GT**
 - e) **Surveying** - Mrs Shirley advised that surveying training at Culver is completed. Surveying and augering will continue at Sompting, and the team helped out HDAG at Alfoldean. Mrs Shirley will work on the Lidar for Goblestubbs to improve the imaging. **Action: CS**
 - f) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.
 - g) **Brinsbury** - Mrs Turner has received an email from Mr Pete Brannlund advising that he is starting the archaeological report. He has been unable to collect the flints from David Field and the Committee will arrange this. The flint report by David Field has been completed. Mrs Turner will discuss with Mr Field and/or David McOmish where the final report should be published. **Action: GT**
5. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley circulated the current accounts with a proposed budget. While subscriptions are on target the Society has received an anonymous donation towards the cost of the Goblestubbs charcoal analysis. On expenditure the Field Unit has spent up to the limit with 2 excavations this year. The Society agreed that Mrs Shirley can purchase new tapes, and it was also agreed that the Society should commission Mr Gordon Hayden to complete a formal pottery report. **Action: GT** Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lane will meet with the bank concerning setting up a new account. **Action: CS/LL**

6. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that 4 new student members have joined the 99 ordinary, 24 life and 18 honorary members, making a total of 145 members. In future Mrs Lane will continue as Membership Secretary and Mrs Teresa Griffiths will assist Mr Andy Bell with programming lectures.
7. **Secretary's report:** CDs covering the Society's work in 2014 and 2015 have been presented to Worthing Museum and West Sussex Record Office.
8. **Newsletter:** Will be circulated at the end of September.

Journal: Mrs Shirley undertook to write an article on the Sompting kiln.

Action: CS

9. **Website:** Production of the new website is progressing well. Mrs Griffiths will ask Mr Richard Griffiths if he would kindly act as administrator for the Society.

Action: TG

10. **Planned events:**

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

18/9/2016 – Mrs Shirley and Mrs Leming will be manning a stall at Sompting History Day.

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 is arranged and tickets will shortly be on sale.

30/10/2016 – the Brenda Short memorial walk to Nomansland will be led by Mr Keith Bolton.

Further day schools for 2017 are being arranged.

The winter lecture season will commence on 11/10/2016 on this year's excavations at Goblestubbs.

Mr Alex Vincent is organising a walk around Burpham/Peppering on Sunday 14th May 2017 in commemoration of Con Ainsworth's birth.

11. **Any Other Business**

- a) The Secrets of the High Woods project is holding a meeting to discuss further work on 6th October. It is suggested that Mr John Green accompany Mr John Crane to advise how WAS can assist. **Action: LL**
- b) Mrs Lane attends meetings of the Worthing Heritage Alliance and the Society pays £10 to belong and have its events published in their information. **Action: LL**
- c) Mrs Lane will investigate the possibility of the Society paying for a stained glass panel exhibited on Worthing Pier. **Action: LL**
- d) Mrs Leming will continue the timescale of the Timeline to be shown at exhibitions. It was also suggested that the display boards be renewed and Mrs Griffiths will investigate. **Action: PL/TG**

12. **Date of Next Meeting** will be Tuesday 15th November 2016 at the house of Mrs Liz Lane at 5 Smuggler's Walk, Goring.

Connie Shirley
Acting Chairman
16th September 2016