

Worthing Archaeological Society

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 5 Smugglers' Walk, Goring, on Tuesday 15th November 2016

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

1. **Apologies:** Mr Keith Bolton, Mrs Josephine Thornton, Mr Roy Plummer, and Mr John Mills.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising:** i) Mrs Leming advised that the Prehistoric Time Line for display purposes is completed.
ii) It was agreed to hold meetings on Monday evenings in future.
4. **Field Unit Update**
 - a) **Slindon** – There will be a meeting on 21st November to discuss the logistics of the Field 20 dig.
Action: Field Forum
 - b) **Goblestubbs** - The environmental sample is in progress with Dr Mike Allen, and Ms Friend and Mr Hayden are working with Mrs Shirley on the post excavation report.
 - c) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.
 - d) **Surveying** – Mrs Shirley has had the surveying equipment serviced and has purchased a necessary memory stick for £100.
 - e) **Binsted** – We have yet to decide on a site for a summer dig and will bear the Church Farm site in mind.
 - f) **Binsted Pottery** – Mrs Turner advised that Dr Ben Jarvis has not been in contact and she plans to speak to Duncan Brown to find out how much progress has been made. **Action: GT**
 - g) **Brinsbury** - Mr Brannlund is writing the archaeological report and Mrs Turner will speak to David McOmish regarding publication in Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society together with David Field's report on the flints.
Action: GT
Mr Rob Banbury of the People of the Heath project has asked Mrs Turner for information on Brinsbury but it was agreed we cannot give him anything at present. For availability of Bob's Kowalski's flint catalogue, he will have to approach him directly.
 - h) David Rudling has found more boxes of finds and Mrs Turner has circulated a list. Worthing Museum will accept some but more work needs to be done on identifying some of the other. **Action: CH etc**
5. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley circulated the current accounts. It was agreed to discontinue the subscription to Medieval Archaeology. Donations will cover the fee for the C14 dating for Goblestubbs. Mrs Shirley advised that interest is low at present and that the Society has made around £250 profit on Study Days. Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lane will meet with the bank concerning setting up a new online account with Mrs Lane being the second account holder. It was agreed that Mrs Thornton should be approached with a view to no longer being a

signatory to the current account and Mrs Leming will be instead be the fourth signatory

Action: CS/LL/CH

6. **Charity Commission** - Following communication from the Charity Commission it was agreed to sign individual Declaration forms and take them to the AGM. Mrs Hutchins will complete the Trustees' Annual Report for this year (January- December) and pass it to other members for their approval. **Action: CH**
7. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised we have 121 ordinary members, 3 students, 23 life and 16 honorary members, totalling 163.
8. **Secretary's report:** Nothing to report.
9. **Newsletter:** A new issue will be circulated shortly. **Action: LL**
Journal: Articles are being received and Mrs Hutchins looks forward to receiving a report on Goblestubbs which will be the centrepiece of the next edition.
10. **Website:** Mrs Theresa Griffiths updated the meeting on the website which has been transferred to the Society. Mr Richard Griffiths is the Web Master and she is the administrator working on transferring articles from the old site to the new. At present the site can be accessed through worthingarchaeological.weebly.com
Action: TG
11. **Planned events:** A sub-committee consisting of Mrs Lake, Mrs Leming, Mrs Griffiths and Mr Bell has been formed to plan Study Days. Forthcoming events are:
 - 21/11/2016 – Field Forum meeting on Field 20 Slindon.
 - 26/11/2016 – a Medieval Pottery day school with Duncan Brown.
 - 25/11/2016 – the Autumn Social is arranged and tickets are on sale through Mrs Lane.
 - 15/12/2016 – Christmas “party” of the Finds Group at Slindon shed.
 - 2/1/2017 – New Year's Walk meeting at The Sanctuary Car Park at 11.00, Salvington, and ending at The Gun, Findon.
12. **Any Other Business**
 - a) Land at Fontwell has been given to the Parish Council by the developers and will be available for surveying work.
 - b) David Rudling mentioned that the new Vice Chancellor at Sussex University is looking at his predecessor's decision to close departments and Mrs Lane will draft a letter for Mr Bolton to sign suggesting that courses would be very welcome. **Action: LL/KB**
 - c) Mrs Lane will attend the next Sussex Archaeology Forum. **Action: LL**
 - d) The Museum archive will go for cataloguing to Mrs Shirley, when she has time. **Action: CS**
 - e) The Museum suggests the Slindon slide collection should remain with the Society until the reports are completed. Mrs Lane volunteered to sort and prune it. **Action: LL**
 - f) Mrs Leming displayed a Worthing Archaeological Society T-shirt and it was decided that she should further investigate numbers and prices as it was so successful. **Action: PL**
 - g) Mrs Griffiths is investigating prices of display boards. **Action: TG**
13. **Date of Next Meeting** will be **Monday** 16th January 2017 at Theresa Griffiths' house at Pike house, Honeysuckle Lane, High Salvington, Worthing. Mrs Lane was thanked for her hospitality.

Connie Shirley
Acting Chairman
16th November 2016