

# Worthing Archaeological Society

## Committee Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 via Zoom to consider planned events in the light of COVID19

**Present:** Mr Keith Bolton (Chairman), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mr Nigel Rumble, Mrs Jennie Williamson, Dr Jacqueline Lake, Mrs Patricia Leming and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Vicky Lillywhite, Mr Brendan Wyatt, and Ms Amie Friend,
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted subject to the following: Mrs Turner listed corrections as follows: Dr Jacqueline Lake was present at the last meeting, and under 10. Any Other Business, the second sentence under c) should read: "Mrs Turner advised that it needs a Project Design and a structure. Mr Keith Bolton has agreed to contact Mr James Kenny and Dr Matthew Pope. **Action: KB"**  
Also the Date of the Next Meeting was later postponed until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.
3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Field Unit Update:**
  - a) EPIC: The dig is finished apart from a surveying exercise on the river cut, processing of finds, and the writing up of the report. Two days of finds processing are planned for August. The sought-after knapping site was not clearly identified but the whole area is considered a knapping site due to the presence of debitage. The flint teams will complete statistical analyses. Ms Shirley is featured in a video made of the dig.  
**Action:** CS/GT and flint teams
  - b) Malthouse: Mr Mike Tristram has reported that as soon as the farming contractor is finished, members will be able to continue their work, possibly towards the end of August.
  - c) Slindon Stableyard: Mr Bolton will contact Mr Richard James of the NT to discuss whether it is feasible for members to return to complete the clearing/drawing of the yard this September due to NT virus guidelines and completion of their risk assessments. **Action: KB**  
Finds days in the Slindon shed are currently on hold.
  - d) Climping: Mr James Kenny has informed Mr Bolton that the farmer (Mr Baird) has given further information to Dr Matt Pope who has forwarded it on to the Environment Agency who has not yet responded. Dr Pope has asked the farmer to pass on details to Mr Bolton. Dr Pope will try and arrange a video call with Citizen, and he will also try and arrange a safe training session. Mr Bolton will ask for clarification. **Action: KB**

5. **Facebook:** Mrs Lane has received several requests from non-members wishing to be included on Facebook. It was agreed that only members and specific VIPs should have access to the WAS facebook page as it is a closed site. **Action: LL**
6. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley has circulated the current accounts to committee members. Briefly, the Society's finances are down on membership and day schools due to the Corvid19 situation.
7. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that we have 76 paid members, 20 Life and 14 Hon, making a total of 110.
8. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane will distribute the current newsletter this week. **Action: LL**

**Journal:** Suggestions for the 2020 Journal are a possible report on Slindon Field 20 by Mr Bolton, possible works in progress by Anthony Brook and also Alex Vincent. Mr James Sainsbury of Worthing Museum may write an article if time restraints permit.

9. **Study Days :** It was agreed that, subject to agreement with lecturers already arranged, all foreseeable events will be postponed. Mrs Leming will contact Dr Ben Jervis and ask for his agreement. Dr Bob Hutchinson is happy to postpone. **Action: PL**
10. **Autumn Lectures:** Mrs Leming advised that the Gordon Room will only allow entry to 12 people so this year's autumn programme should be cancelled. Mrs Griffiths will advise lecturers. **Action: TG**  
The Study Days/Lectures sub-group will meet at the end of the year to discuss how further to proceed in 2021, and a discussion took place on webinars, etc. **Action: TG/PL/JL/NR**
11. **GDPR:** Mrs Leming advised that the risk assessment is fully compliant and the compliance statement will soon be on the website. Mrs Shirley will pay by an appropriate method on Mrs Leming's recommendation. **Action: PL/CS**
12. **Trustees:** Mrs Leming advised that an up-to-date list of Officers is on the website and signatory forms will be forthcoming for trustees to sign. **Action: PL**
13. **Health & Safety:** Mr & Mrs Lane have checked the First Aid Boxes.
14. **Any Other Business**
  - a) Mrs Shirley advised that we do not need to upgrade Zoom fees as the frequency of our meetings is not sufficient to justify this.
  - b) The Society's 2022 Centenary is on the horizon and the committee are asked to come up with ideas on how to celebrate this. Mr Alex Vincent is preparing a booklet. **Action: All**
15. **Date of Next Meeting** will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm via

Zoom. Mr Bolton thanked Mrs Shirley for organising this meeting and asked her to arrange that on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action:**

**CS**

Keith Bolton  
Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> August 2020