

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting Minutes held on Monday 2nd October 2017
at 35 First Avenue, Worthing

Present: Mrs Patricia Leming (Acting Chair), Mr Andy Bell, Mrs Gill Turner, Dr Jacquie Lake, Mrs Liz Lane, Mrs Teresa Griffiths and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Connie Shirley, Mr Keith Bolton, and Ms Amie Friend
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** were accepted. The edited version was also accepted and Mrs Griffiths advised they will shortly be on the website.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i) Under (ii) Mrs Lane advised that after the installation of the two windows for Worthing Pier the Society will celebrate with the families. **Action: LL**
4. **Field Unit Update**
 - i) **Slindon – Field 20:** Mrs Turner, on behalf of Mr Bolton, advised there may be a further excavation. Work has been completed by Mr Bob Turner and Mrs Gill Turner and has been forwarded to Mr Keith Bolton who will action the interim report. **Action: KB**

Mrs Turner advised that the National Trust is setting up HART (Heritage and Archaeological Rangers Team) under Tom Dommett that will include heritage volunteers from the Secrets of the High Woods project and South Downs Country Park Rangers. There is to be a pilot with Chichester & District Archaeological Society members and Mr Dommett is keen for Worthing Archaeological Society to be included in monitoring of sites and monuments on the Slindon Estate. This will be carried forward on the Society's behalf by Mr Keith Bolton. **Action: KB**

The suggestion of resurrecting the first Saturday in the month for monitoring fieldwork was discussed to encourage those who work during the week and cannot normally attend.

The decision about the Charred Plant Analysis fee is an ongoing action. **Action: GT/KB**

ii) Rough Copse – Once again Mrs Turner advised she, Mr Bob Turner and Mr Gordon Hayden are completing work and it is hoped a report will shortly be available. **Action: KB**

The Rough Copse/Rewell Wood enclosure the Field Unit expressed an interest in is scheduled and Mrs Turner has tasked a member of the Society, Mrs Sue Brown, to track down the pottery from the Curwen's excavations in the 20's. Mrs Brown has located the Curwens' and Hadrian Allcroft's notebooks and is in contact with one of the curators in the British Museum to see whether she can view their archive. **Ongoing: Mrs S Brown**

iii) Binsted Pottery: Mrs Turner advised that Dr Jervis has apologised for the non-repayment to the Society for the cost of archive boxes, and that he has assured her Cardiff University is passing our invoice for payment. **Action: LL**

The Finds Team enjoyed Dr Jervis' 2-day workshop at Worthing Museum and Mrs Turner is arranging for ongoing workshops in the New Year at Worthing Museum. Dr Jervis is in contact with Mr Mike Tristram to see if any of the Binsted Villagers are interested in attending.

iv) **Brinsbury:** Mrs Turner's contact with Mr Pete Brannlund regarding the archaeological report for this work is ongoing. **Action: GT**

v) **Research Group** – Nothing to report.

vi) **Malthouse (formerly Surveying)** In the absence of Mrs Shirley, Mrs Lane and Mrs Turner reported that this has been backfilled.

vii) **Fittleworth:** Mrs Turner and Mr Cleverly of CDAS are organising a Fieldwalk for February/March 2018. A specialist flint team from WAS will work with CDAS' flint team to catalogue Mr Smith's finds (tbc). **Action: GT**

5. **Finance** Due to Mrs Shirley's absence there was no report.

6. **Membership** Mrs Lane advised there are 87 paying members, 21 life and 17 honorary members, totalling 125. A discussion took place around whether it is rewarding enough to circulate the local press with lecture/day school information.

7. **Secretary's report** Nothing to report

8. **Newsletter** - Mrs Lane sent out the latest edition at the end of September. Twenty one black and white copies are sent by post to members with no electronic access.

Journal - Mrs Hutchins hopes to have enough articles to provide the usual mix of excavation reports and interesting articles on members' research and interests for the forthcoming 2017 Journal. **Action: CH**

9. **Website** Mrs Griffiths advised that the website is receiving many hits. A discussion took place on links on our website to assorted societies and whether they have reciprocal arrangements. It was agreed that Worthing Museum's James Sainsbury's walks and talks should be on the calendar due to the Society's position with regard to the Museum.

Action: TG

10. **Planned Events** - Mrs Lane has tickets for the Social on 24 November at the Gardners' Arms.
- A walk with C Hutchins on 15 October through historic Littlehampton meeting at 2.00pm at St Martin's Car Park.

Day Schools - Ice Age in Europe with Matt Pope at Worthing Museum on 3rd March 2018
- A study day will be provided by Jeremy Clarke from the Wealden Buildings Study Group under the working title of ' An Introduction to timber-framed buildings of the Weald, their development and dating for beginners'. Date to be: Saturday 29th September, 2018 at Worthing Museum **Ta**

Possibilities:

- A trip in a minibus to sites later in 2018 with Matt Pope date tba **Action: JL**
- A refresher drawing/planning day with Mr Bob Turner at Downs Barn in summer 2018 **dta JL**

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- Cataloguing flints with Mr & Mrs Turner at Worthing Museum in 2019.

Lectures: Mr Bell and Mrs Griffiths are working on 2018/2019 lectures and will report back to the committee on their progress. **Action: AB/TG**

The Autumn Social will take place on 24th November at the Gardeners' Arms in Sompting.

11. Any Other Business

- Mrs Lane advised that the Worthing Pier windows will be installed at the end November/beginning of December and the celebration will take place the following day.

12. Date of next meeting - will be on Monday 15 January 2018 at De Bonheur, 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing. Dr Lake was thanked for her hospitality.

Patricia Leming, Acting Chair

7 October 2017