

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at De Bonheur, 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing BN14 1FJ

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

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Jennie Williamson, Mrs Vicky Lilleywhite, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Ms Amie Friend, and Mr Brendan Wyatt
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted with the following alterations: : Mrs Lane advised that under Field Unit Update b) Rampion 2 the consultation period ends on 16th September. Mrs Turner advised that under Field Unit Update a) EPIC it is Mr Turner who will be organising a flint knapping day for EPIC volunteers, not Mrs Turner.
3. **Matters Arising:** See below.
4. **Field Unit Update:**
 - a) EPIC: Mrs Shirley and Mr Bob Turner will give a lecture to EPIC volunteers on 3rd November at the Harriet Johnson Centre. **Action: CS/BT**
Mrs Shirley has organised a guided walk for WAS members of the EPIC site on 8th October. **Action: CS**
 - b) Malthouse: Mrs Shirley advised that Mr Malcolm Atterbury will backfill tomorrow (15th September) and she and Mr Lane will clear the site on 16th September. The report is in progress. **Action: CS/CL**
 - c) Slindon (i) Finds Shed: Mrs Turner advised that Finds Processing mornings at Slindon will take place on 7th and 11th October and be subject to new Covid rules. Numbers will be restricted to 14 per session and people will have to apply and can only attend after receiving an acceptance email from Mrs Turner. No refreshments will be served.
 - (ii) There is one more drawing session required for the trench in the stable block, Mr James Brown of the NT has yet to see the open trench, and Mr Bolton hopes that backfilling will take place w/c 4th October. **Action: KB**
 - iii) Mr Bolton has suggested a couple of new projects at Slindon to Mr Brown. These are a Fieldwalk and resistivity survey at Warren Barn Field, and resistivity at Queen's Field (No. 59). Mrs Shirley advised that her mapping course planned for October can cover these under the "Adopt a Field" part of the course. Mrs Lane is establishing contact with Mr John Green re Mr Robin Upton's comment on the collection of horse urine for a variety of uses. **Action: KB/CS/LL**
 - d) Rampion 2: Mr John Mills, before his retirement, gave the Rampion 2 organisers a list of archaeological sites. The last date for comment on their website is 16th September.
 - e) Climping: Mr Bolton has been put in touch with a volunteer at Littlehampton Museum who knows the sites at Climping by James Kenny, and will arrange a meeting for after his forthcoming holiday. **Action: KB**
 - f) Fittleworth: It was agreed to remove Fittleworth from the next Agenda and it has been completed.
 - g) The National Trust Chalk South Downs Project: Mr James Brown of the National Trust has spoken with Mr Bolton and the NT are presenting a proposal bid to Heritage Funding for a project with the South Downs National Park, similar in scale to the Secrets of the High Woods project using the area Worthing to Eastbourne. As Worthing falls into the area of the Society's remit, we hope to be involved, if the bid is successful. **Action: KB**
 - h) Blacksmith's Corner: Mr Bolton has not heard from Mr Pete Brannlund and will chase him up. **Action: KB**

j) Measured Survey at Steyning: Mr Bolton has been touch with Judie English who will get back to him with more details shortly. **Action: KB**

k) Brinsbury: Mrs Turner advised that the report will be published in No. 158 of Sussex Archaeological Collections. Deposition of finds is ongoing and they will almost certainly be lodged in Worthing Museum with a selection going to Brinsbury College. The College would like to maintain contact with us. **Action: GT**

l) (i) St Nicholas' Church, Angmering: On 4th August Ms Amie Friend gave a talk to the Angmering community at the unveiling of a board at the entrance to St Nicholas' Church garden, telling the story of the church and the Society's dig in June 2015. The garden is maintained by Angmering in Bloom who arranged its erection, and the Society displayed some of the finds at the event.

(ii) Ms Friend is also involved in arranging a Society presence at the Angmering Revealed event on 25th September in the Community Centre in Angmering. Volunteers should contact her. **Action: AF**

5. **Finance:** Mrs Leming had previously circulated the current accounts. A donation from Mr John Sale will go towards the printing costs of the booklet organised by Mr Alex Vincent on the Society's centenary in 2022. Day schools made a small profit. Under expenditure Mrs Leming advised there would be money for a new computer as our old one is too old for some lecturers to use. Mr Rumble and Mrs Shirley will liaise and make a purchase up to £500 including any necessary software. Printing has increased since last year and the £40 subscription to ICO was approved. Field Unit expenses are increasing due to resumption of work this summer. HMRC confirm they have received correspondence that Mrs Leming has taken over from Mrs Shirley re Gift Aid. It was agreed to resume the Zoom licence, other small payments to Sompting Estates, backfilling and toilets expenses will be paid and the total station serviced.

Travel Expenses: It was agreed that certain travel expenses should be reimbursed by the Society. The National Trust can be contacted to see if they would include these under their existing volunteer arrangements.

6. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that new members have joined this last lockdown year and now there are 73 Ordinary members have paid members, and 20 Life and 16 Honorary members, making a total of 109.

7. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane asked for pieces to go in the next Newsletter to go out at the end of September and Mr Bolton said he would write something on the Stableyard. **Action: LL/KB**

Journal: Mrs Hutchins has some articles in the pipeline and will chase up members who offered them.

Action: CH

8. **Study Days:** David Rudling on Coins and Tokens, Part 1 600AD – 1600 – a half day on 13 November in the Museum Education Room.

Dr Lake is arranging 3 other bookings at a venue tba.

9. **Lectures:** The first lecture of the season will be on Zoom on 12th October with Mrs Shirley and Mr Turner on EPIC . Zoom lectures will also take place on 7th December and 11th January 2022. The following dates have been booked at Worthing Sixth Form College: 9th November 2021, 8th February 2022, 8th March 2022 (AGM), and 12th April 2022, and more information on subject matter will be available later. No refreshments will be available at lectures in the Sixth Form College and parking is free. **Action: TG/JL**

10. **Other Events:** (i) The next Field Unit Forum will be held on 5th October at St Botolph's Church Rooms, Heene, 7.30-9.00pm.

(ii) Dr Lake will contact Mr Mike Tristram to arrange the use of the barn at Sompting for 16th December. We may make a small charge to cover costs. **Action: JL**

(iii) The Autumn Social will take place on 26th November at the Gardeners' Arms. **Action: CS**

(iv) Mrs Shirley will be running a Mapping Course with 3 sessions on Saturday mornings (2nd & 16th October and 6th November) at a cost £25 at Worthing Sixth Form College.

11. **GDPR:** Mrs Leming would like someone to take over from her with effect from next year's AGM. She will make out a list of what this entails by then and the Society hopes a volunteer steps forward. She requires the

number of hours worked within the next couple of weeks from Mr Rumble and Mrs Hutchins for insurance purposes. **Action: PL/NR/CH**

12. Trustees: Mrs Leming sought one further signature. **Action: PL**

13. Any Other Business

(a) It was agreed that Mr Vincent's booklet will go out free to all members, probably at the John Pull Lecture in February. The possibility of a summer celebration was also mentioned. **Action: LL**

(b) Mrs Lane's coverage of the Worthing & Adur Planning Lists will be passed to Mrs Shirley. **Action: LL/CS**

14. Date of Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2022 at 7.30pm at 35 First Avenue, Worthing BN14 9NJ. Mrs Leming was thanked for her hospitality.

Keith Bolton
Chairman

15th September 2021