

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 in St Botolph's Church Rooms, Heene

Present: Mr Keith Bolton (Chairman), Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Connie Shirley, Mrs Liz Lane, Mr Nigel Rumble, Mrs Patricia Leming, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mrs Donna Wiltshire, and Mrs C Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mr Brendan Wyatt, Mrs Vicky Lillywhite, Mrs Jennie Williamson, Dr Jacqui Lake, and Ms Amie Friend
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Field Unit Update:**
 - a) **Malthouse:** Mrs Shirley advised that last year's trenches will shortly be backfilled. The dates for this year's fieldwork have been put back by one week, i.e. 10-30 July 2023. **Action: CS**
 - b) **Slindon**
 - (i) **Stableyard:** Mr Bolton is working on the trench report.
 - (ii) Mr Bolton advised that he has had an ongoing exchange with the National Trust regarding Warren Barn field where the Society plan a Fieldwalk, and Queens Field which is an opportunity for geophysics work. **Action: KB**
 - c) **Climping:** Mr Bolton has received an email from the farmer to say that a structure has appeared and the locals were concerned. He would like an excavation but Mr Bolton believes this to be impractical and beyond the remit of the Society's work on the beach. Visits are planned for later in January when it is hoped the structure can be recorded. **Action: KB**
 - d) **The National Trust Changing Chalk Project:** An apprentice has been appointed.
 - e) **Blacksmith's Corner:** Nothing new reported.
 - f) **Brinsbury:** Nothing new reported.
 - g) **Bignor:** Mr Dave Staveley will undertake a geophysics survey for an expenses-only charge, on the camping field and eastern part of the car park. Mr Bolton will arrange a site visit in the spring. Mr David Rudling will write a report on the coins from last year. **Action: KB**
 - h) **Finds Liaison Officer** and the protocol on emergency excavation of hoards, and "magnetic fishing" – Mr James Sainsbury of Worthing Museum will cover the Society's area.
 - i) **Binsted:** Mrs Turner will send a reminder regarding the forthcoming pottery day at Worthing Museum where it is hoped the work will be completed. **Action: GT**
 - j) **Patching:** The name of the landowner is being sought.
 - k) **Lancing Preparatory School:** Mrs Shirley will contact the school to check that everything is in place. **Action: CS**
5. **Finance:** Mrs Leming took the meeting through the previously circulated figures. As work has gone back to pre-Covid levels, both income and expenses have risen. The accounts are looking healthy.
Lecturers' fees: It is recommended that a letter goes to every probable lecturer saying that the Society will pay for travelling expenses (up to £60), and a "nominal fee". Mrs Leming will budget for £800 for fees. **Action: PL**

6. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that we have 97 paid members, 15 Life and 16 Honorary members. This includes 4 students who may not rejoin this year, a total of 128.
7. **Newsletter:** The next Newsletter will go out shortly.
Journal: The Journal has just been circulated.
8. **Website:** Mrs Griffiths advised that the website is up to date on documents and photographs. Mrs Wiltshire's new calendar is also on website.
9. **Study Days:**
- 13th May 2023 - Barb McNee on Neolithic to Late Iron Age Pottery at Worthing Museum.
 - 24th June 2023 – Keith Bolton and Gill Turner on pre- and post-excavation work at Worthing Museum
 - 14th October 2023 – Simon Stevens on Medieval Towns of Sussex at Worthing Museum
 - 18th November 2023 – Desktop Research by John Mills at the Museum
10. **Lectures:** 14th February 2023 – John Pull Lecture – Dr Miles Russell on Holding out for a Nero; new work on the Roman imperial sculptures of Sussex at Worthing College
14th March 2023 – Women in Archaeology by Amie Friend at Worthing College (AGM)
11th April 2023 – Recording our Past by Jane Clark, Finds Liaison Officer, Sussex PAS at Worthing College.
10th October 2023 – Early European Jewellery, Palaeolithic to the end of the Roman period by Judy English at the Lecture Theatre in Worthing Library where tea/coffee will be available at 7.00pm.
Possible lectures next year by Laurence Shaw, Mike Allen, James Sainsbury and David Rudling.
11. **Training:** Mrs Wiltshire suggested a continuation of geophysics practice sessions, overseen by Mrs Shirley.
4th February 2023 – Project Design work in the morning followed by an afternoon at Keeper's Cottage for practical issues.
4th March 2023 – practical work.
11th March 2023 – surveying and data download.
Mr Bob Turner will be asked to do an archaeological training course of post-excavation drawing of excavation plans and sections. **Action: TG**
Ms Lisa Fisher will be asked to do a photography course. **Action: TG**
12. **GDPR:** Nothing new to report.
13. **Trustees:** Mrs Leming will shortly circulate everyone asking for change of details. **Action: PL**
14. **Any Other Business:** (a) Patching – Mrs Lane will write suggesting an archaeological evaluation of the site of proposed building works at the Worlds End public house. **Action: LL**
(b) Mr Alan Beazley will be invited onto the Committee by Mr Bolton. **Action: KB**
15. **Date of Next Meeting will** be on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30-9.00pm at St Botolph's Church Rooms.

Keith Bolton,
Chairman

18th January 2023