

# Worthing Archaeological Society

## Committee Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Mrs Connie Shirley (Acting Chairman), Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mr Nigel Rumble, Mrs Jennie Williamson, Dr Jacqueline Lake, Mrs Patricia Leming, Ms Amie Friend, Mr Brendan Wyatt and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Vicky Lillywhite and Mr Keith Bolton
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising:** Will be dealt with separately below.
4. **Field Unit Update:**
  - a) EPIC: A pond was being dug and WAS, at short notice, had the one-day opportunity of collecting flints from the bank and the spoilheap. An exceptional Mesolithic adze was found which Mrs Turner displayed. Mrs Shirley will ask whether it is possible for members who do not know the site to visit for a walk-over. Mrs Turner advised that the activity was of a Late Mesolithic/Early Neolithic knapping site and there is more data to process. **Action: CS**
  - b) Malthouse: Mrs Shirley has not heard from the man in charge of the stableyard landscaping so future work is on hold. Mr Mike Tristram's Environment & Archaeological Community group and Craig Daters of the South Downs National Park contacted Mrs Shirley regarding a site with "lumps and bumps" with the result that they will possibly collaborate with Mr James Sainsbury of Worthing Museum over this.
  - c) Slindon - The shed has been visited by rodents and needs to be cleaned. A date will be arranged. A discussion took place on the possibility of a limited opening of Finds days next year but there are many obstacles to overcome but hopefully it will take place in the spring. **Action: GT**
    - Stableyard Mr Bolton contacted Mr Tom Dommert of the National Trust who advised that a return to the outstanding stableyard work may take place in the spring and more information will be available later.
  - d) Rampion 2: Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lane represented the Society at the Environmental Project Liaison Group meeting today. The landfall for the windfarm site will be at Climping with the pipeline going north in the Arundel direction, with possible implications for the plans for the A27 published last week. Mrs Lane will discuss with Mr Bolton the feedback to Mr Kenny. She would be happy to represent the Society at the Group. **Action: LL**
  - e) Climping: Dr Pope hopes to arrange a training recording event at the beach after the next big storm. Mr Bolton to liaise. **Action: KB**
5. **Finance:** Mrs Shirley has circulated the current accounts to committee members. Briefly, the Society's membership and day schools' income is down but is balanced by a drop in expenditure. The major expenditure is for maintenance of the total station. She and Mrs

Leming will liaise over Gift Aid.

**Action: CS/PL**

6. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that we have 77 paid members, 19 Life and 14 Hon, making a total of 110.

7. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane thanked members for distributing the recent newsletter and asked for contributions to the last one before the end of the year.

**Action: LL**

**Journal:** Suggestions for the 2020 Journal include a possible report on Slindon Field 20 by Mr Bolton, and an article on Edburton by Mr Sainsbury. A further suggestion was a landscape piece on the area of the EPIC site, illustrated with photos of the best finds selected by Mrs Gill Turner.

**Action: KB/CS/GT**

8. **Lectures:** Recent lectures by Mrs Shirley and Mr Sainsbury were very successful with considerable numbers joining. It was agreed that lectures should be left on Facebook as they continue to be of interest and may attract new members. The remaining 2020 lectures are:

10th November – David Rudling on Primitive Money and the Origins of Coinage, and

8<sup>th</sup> December - Bob Turner on The Emergence of People into the Americas.

Mrs Griffiths will discuss possible future lectures with Ms Amie Friend. **Action: TG/AF**

9. **Study Days :** Dr Lake advised that Study Days are on hold until the Museum is available. Dr Jervis' pottery day will only take place then. Mrs Leming will discuss numbers and notice of cancellation arrangements for the Gordon Room with Worthing Borough Council for 2021

**Action: PL**

A discussion took place on how to use Facebook/U-Tube for short "how-to" lectures and a way forward will be sought.

**Action: TG/Richard/Griffiths/BW/NR**

10. **GDPR:** Mrs Leming advised that the Society is now registered at an annual fee of £40, and she has updated the Compliance.

11. **Trustees:** Mrs Leming advised that she needs signatures on forms but an up-to-date list of Officers is on the website.

**Action: PL**

12. **Insurance:** Mrs Leming advised that our insurance requires us to ensure property which houses finds/equipment is secure. Mrs Turner and Mrs Leming will organise monthly visits to Slindon.

**Action: GT/PL**

### 13. Any Other Business

- a) It was agreed that Mr Rumble will liaise with the Battlefield Trust and apply for partner membership entitling the Society to be linked on their website as we have common interests.

**Action: NR**

- b) Mrs Lane has details of a child who is interested in archaeology and will pass these to Ms Friend who can pass on relevant information.

**Action: LL/AF**

- c) This year's social will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November via Zoom. Mrs Griffiths will investigate how quizzes can be run and Mrs Lane will send out information to the Society.

**Action: TG/LL**

14. **Date of Next Meeting will** be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. Mrs Shirley will arrange similarly on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Action: CS**

Connie Shirley, Acting Chairperson

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020