

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting Minutes held on Monday 21st August 2017
at 5 Smuggler's Walk, Goring, Worthing

Present: Mr Keith Bolton (Chair), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mr Andy Bell, Mrs Gill Turner, Dr Jacquie Lake, Mrs Patricia Leming, Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Liz Lane, Mrs T Griffiths and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** Were accepted.

3. **Matters Arising**

- i) The Autumn Social will be held at the Gardeners' Arms on 24th November 2017.
- ii) Mrs Leming advised that the Sweet Shop opposite the shop in Broadwater which originally supplied T-shirts/sweatshirts can supply the same goods, or would be happy to print the standard designs onto clothing supplied by individual WAS members. **See PC**
- iii) Mrs Lane advised that the two windows for Worthing Pier will be installed in November and it was agreed visitors would be invited to a special private viewing.

Action: LL

4. **Field Unit Update**

- i) **Rough Copse** – Ms Friend advised that the Society had achieved all aims and objectives including backfilling at the recent excavation. She and Mr Brendan Wyatt will be putting together the report for possible publication in this year's Journal.

Action: AF & BW

- ii) **Slindon:** Re earlier excavation, Mr Bolton is completing an interim report for Tom Dommett of the National Trust. Mr Bob Turner has volunteered to ink up drawings.

Action: KB to visit/liaise with CS and Mr Turner

Mr Bolton will be writing to Mr Gordon Hayden regarding the assessment for the Pottery Report.

Action: KB to write to Mr Hayden

Mr Bolton advised there is a possibility the Society will return for a further excavation.

Action: KB

Mrs Turner asked for funding for the processing of soil samples, following advice from Dr Mike Allen. It was agreed the Finds Team should process these itself and buckets, mesh, etc. should be purchased, and that Dr Allen should be asked to do a Charred Plant Analysis. Mrs Turner undertook to ask him for a price. **Action: GT/CS**

Fieldwalk at Warren Barn: Mr Bolton is to chase the NT regarding field availability in possibly November 2017.

Queens Field: Mr Bolton suggested the way forward was a geophysical exercise in 2018.

Secrets of the High Woods Legacy Group: Mrs Shirley has a meeting with Mr Crane on 26th September to discuss how this group's work will be taken forward. **Action: CS**

- iii) **Binsted Pottery:** Mrs Turner advised that Dr Jervis will be at Worthing Museum on 6th/7th September 10am-4pm supervising Finds Team members in sorting the pottery for repackaging into new boxes. Boxes will be delivered to the Museum. He is suggesting that 2-3 workshops would be sufficient to complete this sorting.

Binsted: A magnetometry survey would be desirable but would have to wait as other work has priority.

- iv) **Brinsbury:** Mrs Turner advised that the flints have been returned from Mr Field. He is keen to work with Mr Pete Brannlund who has written an outline archaeological report and will forward this to Mr Field.

Action: GT/Mr Brannlund/Mr Field

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

- vi) **Malthouse Field (formerly Surveying)** Mrs Shirley hopes to be soon completing work

Action: CS

- vii) **Fittleworth:** Mrs Turner is organising a visit for the Flint experts to view flints found on the site with a CDAS representative. A fieldwalk will take place in February 2018, and WAS' Finds Team will offer expert advice.

Action: GT

5. **Finance** Mrs Shirley is paying for the boxes for the Binsted Pottery which will be recouped by the Society.

Action: CS

6. **Membership** Mrs Lane advised there are 87 paying members, 21 life and 17 honorary members, totalling 125. She advised that many members have not yet renewed.

7. **Secretary's report** Mrs Hutchins offered to lead a walk in Littlehampton as the Brenda Short Memorial Walk on 15th October, time to be confirmed.

8. **Newsletter** Mrs Lane will send out the next edition at the end of September.

Journal Mrs Hutchins hopes to have 4 articles for this year's Journal **Action: CH**

9. **Website** Mrs Griffiths advised she would like a preform standard for PDs for the website and a discussion took place. Ms Friend will circulate a possible new logo for future use. The Field Forum will discuss logos when it next meets.

Action: TG/AF/Field Forum

Mrs Lane will email the Walks Preform to Mrs Griffiths **Action: LL/TG**

Mr Richard Griffiths is drawing up a paper for archiving preliminary draft papers, and Mrs Griffiths is concentrating on historic journals and newsletters for the website. **Action T&RG**
Rough Copse PD from Ms Friend is on the website and pictures will follow. **Action: AF**

10. Planned Events – Day Schools:

- Bronze Age with David McOmish at Worthing Museum on 30th September 2017
- A half-day in November 2017 with Julie English on English Place Names
- Ice Age in Europe with Matt Pope at Worthing Museum on 3rd March 2018
- Possibilities:
 - trip in minibus to sites later in 2018 with Matt Pope
 - Possible Half-day with Chris Stringer
 - Possible Neolithic Day gathering berries/fruits, skinning dead animals, cooking said dead animals with Mr Bob Turner at Downs Barn in 2018.
 - Flint recognition and drawing with Mr Bob Turner
 - A possible day school on timber-framed buildings of the Weald, their development and dating for beginners with Jeremy Clarke of the Wealden Buildings Study Group. Date/venue tba

Lectures:

Mr Bell and Mrs Griffiths advised that all lectures have been booked for the coming season (2017/2018) and the Society has been advised.

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

On 21st September Mr Gordon Hayden will visit the Finds Shed at Slindon to discuss Field 20 pottery.

11. Any Other Business

- Mr Bolton will email dates for the next Field Forum Meeting **Action: KB**
- Mrs Lane fed back from the Sussex Archaeological Forum that Sally Christian grants are available, and are not being taken up. Applications should go to Luke Barber.

12. Date of next meeting will be Monday 2nd October at 35 First Avenue, Worthing. Mrs Lane was thanked for her delicious cherry madeira cake.

Keith Bolton, Chairman

22nd August 2017