

Minutes of WAS Committee Meeting held on 20th June 2023.

Present: Keith, Connie, Cheryl, John Mills, Theresa, Gill, Alan, Liz.

1. Apologies from Donna, Jennie, Vicky, Nigel, Amie and Patricia
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. delete No 15!
4. GDPR – nothing to report
5. (and 8) Trustees. Alan has updated the details on the Charity Commission Register. They are developing a new website.
6. a) Malthouse. The P.D. is available:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vkrciisu7uvayc9/MalthouseWhitehouse2023PDRRevF.pdf?dl=0>
All seems to be well with the booking of the toilets, should be there July 10th. Theresa has designed notices to put on the ladies and gents.... Some strimming needed – Keith has battery strimmer – July 7th. Kit from Lancing Prep to Connie on June 30th. Our Research question – can we find a house? 2nd question – air raid shelter? 4th July – folk welcome to look at the topsoil.

b) Slindon Finds – Finds Processing back in August. Sompting '22 done, Jennie and Gill putting all on the computer. Gill hoping to ask Gordon to do a morning on the Bignor Finds. The Presentation on 18th May on the Sompting dig was excellent, thanks to Connie, John Mills, Jacqui and the Flint Folk, Gill and Bob.

c) Lancing Prep in hand, kit being moved tomorrow.

d) Climping – John M was there today – more erosion, more concrete cubes on the beach. So far 'our' Bronze/Iron Age ditch is safe. The car park is being re-located – at the Planning stage. Next visit planned for August.

e) Rampion 2 – plans now approved. Moling will get the cables under Climping beach. No chance to see any archaeological features underground.

f) Bignor – James Kenny was expecting WAS to be at Bignor this year. It is hoped that David Staveley can do GPR/Mag in the car park/camping field – to be arranged. Keith is waiting for a response from the Villa.

Also: WAS trip to Priory Park was very successful.
Martin has done a Flint Report for CDAS on their finds at Bosham. Will be part of a bigger report. Gill will ask about it going in WAS Journal.
7. Finance There was discussion about payment to Trustees for services/expenses, as is paid to external visitors. Patricia had circulated notes on this. Trustees to approve. Committee agreed to this. Patricia will email all Trustees on the matter.
8. See 5
9. Membership: 78 Members have paid subs in 2023. 28 paid 2022, but not 2023 (including 2 Students). There are 15 Life Members and 16 Hon members. 138 in total.

10. Newsletter: Due out end of July, any items to Liz, please. Thanks Alan for offering to do a piece on the Priory Park outing.

Journal: Keith's article on the Stableyard is coming....

11. Study days: June 24th – Keith and Gill in Museum – Introduction to Field Archaeology. 16th September – [Bob Turner](#) at Slindon, Plan and Section Drawing. 14th October – in Worthing Museum, [Simon Stevens](#) on Medieval Towns of Sussex. 18th November – in Worthing Museum, Desktop research by [John Mills](#).

Bob's Artefact Drawing day on March 23rd 2024, clashes with the Sx Symposium. Agreed to switch to a Saturday in April – Donna to discuss with the Museum.

In future Study days and Training Days are all Study Days.

12. Flint Assessment Sessions in the Museum – will be on alternate Wednesday mornings, starting in October. Dates to be confirmed. To record the various Museum collections of flint, including the John Pull collection. For the non-Flint folk, recording to be done....

13. Lectures – 2024 Dr Richard Neville on Knepp and James S . There were suggestions for a woman speaker – Sue Berry, Naomi Sykes and others. Theresa is on to it.

14. WAS had a stall in the Museum on June 10th as part of Worthing Heritage Festival. Alongside James' Object Handling stall. Not v busy, but thanks to all WAS folk who came to help.

15. WAS Facebook – had a request from Mike Allen – agreed to admit him as a friend of WAS.

16. July 3rd Culver visit – Alan co-ordinating with David M. Plenty of parking. To start at 11am.

17. Website – Keith has photos from Walberton – will give to Theresa. Donna would like a summary of Training for the website.

18. Patching Hill – not till 2024 – WBC owns the land, James co-ordinating. Burpham Big Dig – in late summer 2024, over 2 weekends. 17 offers of gardens already..

19. AOB Connie submitted the report from the Lambs Leas resistivity training to Sompting Estate. Connie to re-arrange her EPIC walk – in September.

20. Date of next meeting – Tuesday September 12th.