

Worthing Archaeological Society

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday March 21st 2023 In St Botolph's Church Rooms.

Present: Keith Bolton (Chairman), Gill Turner, Theresa Griffiths, Alan Beazley, Donna Wiltshire, Vicky Lillywhite, Cheryl Hutchins, Jennie Williams, Liz Lane.

Keith welcomed Alan on to the Committee.

1. **Apologies:** Nigel Rumble, Patricia Leming, Connie Shirley.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** taken as read.
3. **Matters Arising:** to be taken as we go through the Agenda.
4. **GDPR** – Donna is updating documents. We need regular refresher courses for all members. Donna will write an item for the Newsletter. Correct 'contact Secretary or Membership Secretary' to 'contact Secretary.' **Action: DW**
5. **Trustees:** Details have to be updated – details of Trustees and WAS Annual Accounts. Alan to take over this role.
6. **Facebook:** Keith to contact Brian Drury to suggest he sets up his own Facebook site (?Archaeology of the Worthing Area), takes responsibility, and invites people to join. Should be closed. WAS will advertise it. To be a secondary mechanism for people having discussions about what they see. e.g. on Google Earth, etc. **Action: KB**
7. **Field Unit Update:**
 - a) **Malthouse:** Vicky reported on her discussions with Connie. To expand trench 23 towards Church St. (Last year's trenches not filled in) There should be a well. Use John Mills' research on the White House. WAS will fund a day in the Arundel Castle Archive for John. A meeting is planned for 18th May at Finds to review findings from Sompting. Bob to talk flint. John M on the history. A group session.
 - b) **Slindon Finds:** Bignor finished. Gill to contact Gordon over the Finds. No Rowlands Castle, but there is Alice Holt. No progress re Warren Barn /Queens Field. **Action: GT**
 - c) **Rampion 2:** Martin Bell and SAS have been in touch regarding this – asking for the WAS view – John Mills to respond.
 - d) **Climping:** Next visit Friday March 31st. Theresa has all the kit. **1** to record the chalk well (well 3), and look for another. **2** Bronze age pit/ditches etc. Bill Watkins has found more pottery etc. and will bring it along. In future to record contexts in 10cm layers. Seagar Thomas & Sue Hamilton have published online a lot of documentation – Keith will pass on what he finds. Discussion on the car park situation. WAS will pay for parking. (Just Park app) **3** Anti-tank blocks – continue to look. Make a story?
8. **Finance:** How should we spend the approx £1000 from sale of Leica equipment? New laptop? (Not as necessary when Lectures are in the Library). Put towards training? Consensus: put towards training.
9. **Membership:** 73 Ordinary members have paid in 2023 and 27 in 2023 yet to pay for 2023. 3 Students (2022). 16 Hon members. 15 Life members. Total: 134. WAS Constitution says Members are deemed to have left if they don't pay subs for 2 years, so some folk to be deleted.
10. **Newsletter:** out next week – any other items to Liz please. Remind folk that there is a Bursary to help with payment for those in need.
Journal: Cheryl's Stableyard Article ready.
11. **Study Days:** Continue to charge for them, but make sure Bursary is used for those who need it.
12. **Lectures:** booked until December 2023. Any ideas about other Speakers, to Theresa, please. (10th Oct, Judie

English on Jewellery, Nov 14th Mike Allen on Cerne Abbas Giant, December 12th John Mills.)

13. **Charities Commission:** is different from the ICO. Donna to check whether the WAS Statement of Compliance fits the Charities Commission policies. **Action: DW**
14. **Worthing Heritage Alliance:** A part of the Worthing Heritage Festival, WAS will have a stall for publicity etc. in the Museum, alongside James Sainsbury's Object Handling space, on Saturday June 10th.
15. A free online talk is offered by the Record office to celebrate the **Coronation**. Liz to advertise in the newsletter. **Action: LL**
16. Discussion about possible **visits to other sites**. E.g. Priory Park 29th May – 2nd June. Barcombe/Rocky Clump? No decision made.
WAS Walk: Saturday April 22nd – Nore Hill.
17. **Website:** all OK, needs some photos updating. Keith to send a reading list. **Action:KB**
18. **3D models** (from Alan) – to put on the website? **Action:AB**
19. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday June 20th.

Keith Bolton
Chairman