

Minutes of the WAS Committee Meeting. 4th June 2024

Present: Keith (on the phone), Alan B., Sarah, Theresa, Cheryl, Patricia, John M., Gill, Donna, Liz

1. Apologies: Connie, Jennie, Vicky, Amie.

2/3 Minutes of last Meeting – as we go through.

4/5 GDPR/Trustees – nothing to report.

6. Field Unit updates: a) Malthouse/Whitehouse – agreed kit to site on Monday 15th July. (Chris has booked trailer). Call out for tall people for that day!

b) Sullington Warren – Keith is preparing a short article for the National Trust, will also send to David Rudling for CBA SE. Keith will collate our expenses claim – anything to him please.

c) Burpham – Saturday was a very successful day. Depending on the test pits, we'll need more tarps – 2 per garden, for turf and (a bigger one) for spoil. 2m x 2m? Chris will investigate. Washing up bowls needed. We may need some stronger bags for taking Finds from Gardens to Village Hall – will take stock at Slindon this week.

Keith sending a 'save the date' email (done).

Ask James to put his document re Burpham on our website for WAS Participants.

(https://www.academia.edu/1187715/Geophysical_Survey_Results_for_Burpham_West_Sussex - link to Scott Chausee's resistivity survey)

(Need to find link to book written on house histories – James.)

Gill will talk to James about Finds recording.

Keith to send a reading list.

Burpham Village Hall has a very good website.

Article by Alan King in December 2020 Journal.

d) Slindon – nothing to report.

e) Climping – ASE have completed analysis of the bowl's contents. A Bones Report would cost £320 (inc VAT?) Agreed that we should do this, Keith to contact ASE.

7. Finance – Patricia is still doing the day-to-day Treasurer work as it's taking a long time to transfer.

She presented her Report (copy in file) 2024 – subs up, general donations up (donation after Field Walk). But hire of halls well up. Day schools have mostly paid for themselves, but up this year. Keith to circulate his suggested Guidelines.

Keith thanked Patricia for all she's doing.

8. Membership – 85 people have paid subs for 2024, 12 paid '23, not yet '24. 24 Hons and 14 Life Members. Total 135.

Keith has emailed Bill W about being an Hon member, no reply as yet.

9. Newsletter – Liz reported that we had 3 printed in colour this time – one for Rowan, 2 to use at the Museum Day on June 15th. Approved.

Journal – nothing as yet, John to do article ... Agreed that we will only publish articles from WAS Members.

10. Picnic/Flint-knapping/BBQ – N.T. will not charge, we can have use of their BBQ.

Saturday Aug 31st/Sunday 1st Sept? Will need a lot of organising. Site access to be checked, invite N.T. folk. Bring your own food. Donna to proceed with planning.

11. First Aid training and N.T. – WAS put 3 or 4 folk forward – will know costs by September – ask for Volunteers. Would be good to have some trained folk on site.

12. Dropbox – long discussion. Go ahead? Problem of long-term – will everything have changed in 5/10 years? We need accessible/available system. Keith spoke to Matt Pope who hasn't been able to find anything which didn't become obsolete in a short time. We need a small-group discussion, there's no perfect solution.
Research shouldn't be on the website – photos, yes.

13. Study Days – in Newsletter – Autumn term, Luke Barber, Simon Stevens, John Mill in 2025. Donna asking for new ideas.
Keith suggested that after Burpham we should look at the spread of material found, and where the skills gaps are.

14. Lectures - in Newsletter - James Sainsbury, Geoff Mead, Laurence Shaw.
2025 – Sarah Green on Crete and the Minoans. Matt Pope March, Amie in April. Need someone for John Pull Lecture in February. Theresa has been in touch with Rob Simmons at Fishbourne – WAS could have a tour, including the Archives. Theresa has contact details.

15. Flint Project at Museum – starts again mid-September. Gill will send dates out in July.

16. Charity Commission – no changes.

17. WAS at Museum Saturday June 15th – please come and help. 10.30 to 3.

18. Other events – walks in Newsletter – 6th July to Rocky Clump, etc.
Social – at Black Horse again? A Friday in November – Donna to investigate.

19. Website – Theresa and Richard have done a lot of updating.

20. Any other Business – John hasn't made any progress re interments at Sompting Church – will try again.

Donna – sent photos to Keith re Sullington – can delete from phone now, thanks.
Patricia has CBA SE emails etc. – forward to Keith.

21 Date of next meeting – Tuesday September 17th. (TBC)