

# Worthing Archaeological Society

## Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 via Zoom

**Present:** Mr Keith Bolton (Chairman), Mrs Connie Shirley, Mrs Gill Turner, Mrs Liz Lane, Mrs Theresa Griffiths, Mr Nigel Rumble, Mrs Jennie Williamson, Ms Amie Friend, Mrs Patricia Leming, Mrs Vicky Lilleywhite and Mrs Cheryl Hutchins

1. **Apologies:** Dr Jacqueline Lake and Mr Brendan Wyatt
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising:** Will be dealt with separately below.
4. **Field Unit Update:**
  - a) EPIC: Mrs Shirley and Mr Bob Turner are preparing a lecture for EPIC which will be repeated later for the Society. A flint knapping day will be organised by Mrs Turner for the EPIC project volunteers. Mrs Turner has completed the EPIC finds catalogue. **Action: CS/BT/GT**
  - b) Malthouse: Mrs Shirley advised that the toilets are now covered by insurance and Mrs Leming will pay the invoice next week. The toilets will be behind the horse shelter, and Mrs Shirley has arranged for the grass to be strimmed. The walk over the site will be on 17<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.00am. Resistivity and magnetometer work will take place as soon as possible, continuing on throughout the dig over the rest of the field. The Society welcomed the opportunity of having students from Culver join the dig. Mrs Shirley and Mrs Lane will meet to draw up a spreadsheet of those attending. In view of the possible uncertainty of Covid restriction, Mrs Lilleywhite advised that we should assume that only one person should be in the finds tent on site with the actual processing taking place outside in the open. **Action: CS/PL/LL**
  - c) Slindon (i) Mrs Turner advised that Finds Processing mornings at Slindon will commence in September.  
(ii) There are 2 further sessions booked with the National Trust for recording the Stableyard and the possibility of further dates will be discussed on site on 26<sup>th</sup> June.
  - d) Rampion 2: The next meeting is postponed to July and the latest statement is on Facebook.
  - e) Climping: Mr Bolton met up with Sam Griffiths of MOLA who will come back to him regarding training at a cost of around £500. Mr Bolton would like to use their recording system only. There is a session on site on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm with Dr Matt Pope on how to record geological features. This involves the use of special software for smartphones, and Mrs Lane will pass on this update to those who signed up for the project, which will start in the autumn. Mrs Turner advised that the only cost will be bags and boxes. Mrs Shirley will check the number of surveying pegs we have. The project aim and high level methodology will be confirmed with James Kenny and Matt Pope. **Action: KB/LL/CS**
  - f) Fittleworth: Mrs Turner will arrange with Steve Cleverly for a PDF to be sent to Mrs Hutchins for the Journal. There is no immediate further work planned but Chichester & District Archaeological Society would like to do more joint projects, probably in 2022. **Action: GT**
  - g) The National Trust Chalk South Downs Project: Mrs Lane has heard nothing further from Mr James Brown of the National Trust.
  - h) Blacksmith's Corner: Mrs Turner advised that there is little movement and Mr Bolton undertook to contact Mr Pete Brannlund. Mrs Williamson is working on the catalogue, and Mrs Turner will catch up on small finds once the EPIC work is over. **Action: GT & JW / KB**
  - i) Lancing Temple: Lancing Temple: Mr Bolton reported that one of our members was keen to investigate the feasibility of undertaking field work on this site, so a site visit was arranged. At the site visit it was decided that

fieldwork was impractical for a number of reasons and that the focus would be on researching the archives at various museums regarding past excavations, with the aim of producing an article for the Journal.

j) Measured Survey at Steyning: This project is headed by Judie English and is scheduled for the autumn. It will involve surveying a medieval site with tapes, the total station only being used to set up a baseline. Details will be published in the forthcoming Newsletter. A discussion took place regarding insurance for the illustrator (not a WAS member) and Mr Bolton will suggest to Judy English that WAS make the illustrator an Honorary Member.

**Action: KB/LL**

5. **Finance:** Mrs Leming had previously circulated the current accounts and she further explained them. She was pleased to announce that the Society is £52 in the black. Mrs Lane, Mrs Leming and Mr Bolton are mandated as signatories, and Mrs Leming will visit HSBC to confirm the new correspondence address. She asked that all projected fieldwork hours be submitted to her in order for her to reassess fieldwork insurance in the autumn.
6. **Membership:** Mrs Lane advised that there are 7 completely new members for 2021 and that 70 Ordinary members have paid, and the Society still has 20 Life and 17 Honorary members.
7. **Newsletter:** Mrs Lane advised that the next edition will go out at the end of July. **Action: LL**  
**Journal:** Ms Friend kindly agreed to write a short article on the events organised by Angmering Parish Council in celebration of the work on St Nicholas' Church, completed by the Society in 2015. **Action: AF**
8. **Study Days:** The Society is negotiating with Worthing Museum about the cost of using the Education Room. Mrs Shirley offered to run a course on Learning Mapping and GIS using the teaching facilities at the Sixth Form College. They charge £75 for 3 hours on a Saturday morning and it was agreed that she should meet with the College to discuss 3 sessions. Participants would pay £45 for the 3 sessions. **Action: CS**
9. **Lectures:** No lectures can be booked at present due to Covid restrictions but it is planned that Dr Mark Roberts will speak at the October meeting, Mr Bolton will speak on Slindon Field 20 at the November meeting, and Mrs Shirley and Mr Turner will speak on EPIC in the spring, once the venue is confirmed. Dr Ben Jervis will be speaking on The Material Culture of Medieval Rural Households on 13<sup>th</sup> April. **Action: TG**
10. **GDPR:** Mrs Leming advised that the Privacy Notice is on the website and that she recommends that all emails for sent 'blind cc' except for small groups whose members have agreed to share email addresses. The Committee is happy for the Privacy Notice to remain as it is.
11. **Trustees:** Mrs Leming advised that she has still to obtain one of two signatures. **Action: PL**
12. **Any Other Business**
  - (a) It was agreed that it is not possible to put the magazine from the Battlefield Trust which Mr Rumble receives as part of the Society's reciprocal information-sharing onto our website as this would be a back-door way of people getting the magazine for free.
  - (b) Mrs Griffiths suggested that we should have a members-only section on the website. This will be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting. **Action: Committee**
  - (c) Two walks are planned: (i) Mr Bolton will lead a walk over Nore Hill and Slindon Park on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and (ii) Mrs Shirley will lead a walk focussing on the geology and landscape of Sompting.
  - (d) Mrs Lane will pursue the possibility of Photography for Archaeologists for the Society (currently on the Museum website). **Action: LL**
13. **Date of Next Meeting will** be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm at de Bonheur, 1 Longlands Grove, Worthing BN14 9FJ, subject to Covid restrictions. Mrs Shirley was thanked for arranging past Zoom meetings.