

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held
at 7.30 p.m. on 3rd April 2019 at the
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Downing Street, Cambridge

Dr Paul Spoerry, President, in the Chair

19 members and guests were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Barrie Fuller (chairman), Colin Coates and Mike Coles.

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 4th April 2018 had been circulated and, on the proposal of Terry Dymott, seconded by June Woodfield, were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the President.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The President read the report of the chairman in which he reported that the McDonald Institute had extended his affiliated scholar membership for a further three years. The most important matters for the Group in the coming year were to continue celebrating its 40th anniversary and re-evaluating the way forward for the Group. Satisfactory discussions had been held on the organisation of fieldwalking but, the chairman suggested, the Group's expertise should be offered to others rather than mounting its own excavations. He thanked those who had and continued to support the Group, and officers and members who had worked hard for another successful year, expressing the hope that more members would continue to be involved in the various tasks.

The President welcomed the opportunity to attend a committee meeting and recommended that the Group should feel empowered to do what it wanted as well as participating with others – this was a good way forward. New technology had been employed, but other possible ways to change should be looked at.

The full report is appended to the minute book copy of these minutes.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report on the business and activities of the Group during the past year had been circulated and was received.

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4. FIELD OFFICER'S REPORT

The field officer's report on fieldwork during the year had been circulated and he gave a brief illustrated presentation on the fieldwork programme and its results. There had been 23 field walking sessions to date (similar to 2017) with 7 sessions abandoned. The arable land on the Chiltern Estate had now been almost all walked and volunteers were invited for writing up 15 years work.

The President commented on the wide variety of work undertaken over the year, hoping that it would continue, and thanked Terry Dymott for his hard work.

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5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The uncertified accounts had been circulated and the treasurer noted that nothing had been spent beyond the absolute basics. On the proposal of Robert Skeen, seconded by John Waterhouse and Bill Franklin, the accounts were **ADOPTED subject to examination**.

The accounts are attached to the minute book copy of these minutes.

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

As recommended by the Committee, it was **RESOLVED** that subscriptions for 2019/20 (from 1st April 2019) be retained at:

- £12 individual membership
- £18 family membership
- Entrance to lectures for non-members £1 (unchanged)

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

Terry Dymott stood down as field officer, but all other officers and committee members were prepared to stand again. Mike Coles had volunteered to be the first co-ordinator of fieldwalking on the basis of individual members finding suitable sites and being responsible for the organisation of that project. No further nominations had been received.

Discussions on the role of field officer had concluded that the tasks associated must be shared, but that a degree of co-ordination would be needed. At the meeting it was felt that, since the continuation of fieldwalking depended on available locations and people equipped to make the necessary arrangements, assistance should be given. Warnings were given on the length of time it could take to reach agreement with farmers.

Recommendations put forward and **AGREED** were:

- To circulate to members a map of areas walked in order to highlight gaps
- To circulate advice on how to approach farmers/landholders
- To circulate a check list of the necessary steps in agreeing and arranging fieldwalking sites
- To prepare and send a promotion of the Group, its fieldwork techniques and its reputation to farmers to try to encourage their agreement to survey

On the proposal of Peter Cornelissen, seconded by Jayne Nelson and June Woodfield, it was **RESOLVED** that Mike Coles be elected co-ordinating field officer on the basis of the proposal circulated to members and that the following be elected to the offices indicated for 2019/20:

Chairman	Barrie Fuller, 6 Gilbert Close, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 3PG
Secretary	Susan May, 94 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EH
Treasurer	Dudley Pusey, 45 St Laurence Road, Foxton, Cambridge, CB22 6SF
Field Officer	Mike Coles, 44 Cantelupe Road, Haslingfield, Cambridge, CB23 7LU
Committee	Colin Coates, 14 Humber Drive, Yaxley, Peterborough, PE7 3QB
	Peter Cornelissen, 4 St Albans, Fordham Road, Newmarket, CB8 7AJ

Terry Dymott, 26 Barrons Way, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7EQ
Robert Skeen, 2 Malton Lane, Meldreth, Royston, SG8 6PA
John Waterhouse, 22 Topcliffe Way, Cambridge, CB1 8SH
Co-opted members Bill and June Woodfield, 4 Swordfish Drive, Upper Cambourne, CB23 6LG

8. ELECTION OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

On the proposal of John Waterhouse, seconded by Susanne Thompson and Terry Dymott, the meeting **RESOLVED** that Rob Noble be elected examiner of accounts for 2019/20.

9. 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The chairman's report had outlined what had happened to mark the anniversary:

- An article about the Group in *Current Archaeology*
- A review of 40 years fieldwork at the January 2019 talk by Mike Coles
- The continuing collation of a database of finds from field walking throughout the Group's history

together with the proposed celebratory social event on 6th November 2019. There would be a cost associated with this last. The **AGREED** approach to refreshments was to seek estimates from university approved caterers and for the committee to approve funding following consultation with members on the cost and the use of capital reserves and/or contributions from attending members.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....