

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held
at 7.30 p.m. on 5th April 2017 at the
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Downing Street, Cambridge

President, Dr P Spoerry, in the Chair

Twenty one members and guests were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Cornelissen and Dudley Pusey.

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 13th April 2016 had been circulated and, on the proposal of Mike Coles, seconded by Terry Dymott, were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the President.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman reported on another active year, thanking those who had enabled him to continue chairing the Group during a period of change for him, and those who continued to support the Group. One of the highlights was the successful outcome of his initial discussions on a Group display at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; and he was in contact with University authorities on the possible opening of the Val Whittaker Memorial Prize to first year undergraduates and on the future hosting of the Group's website – there was already a link to it from the McDonald Institute website

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, which had been circulated, was received. Tribute was paid to Graham Vincent, who had been a member since 1989 and treasurer 2005-2011, a dedicated member despite difficulties in getting to meetings.

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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. Community field walking at Meldreth had produced worked flints; that with the Young Archaeologists Club at Orwell had found 500 pieces of medieval pot and further work at Orwell revealed much unabridged medieval pot. Much of the work on the Childerley estate had been designed to test the results of the Historic England South West Cambridgeshire air photograph and lidar survey. A field at Lodge Farm, Fulbourn had been completed, with mostly flint and post-medieval pottery; unfortunately, the farmer had died so further access was uncertain. There had been:

26 field walking sessions (one more than the previous year, already a record)

4 field walking sessions abandoned (the same as the previous year)

The main excavation, behind Hardwick church, had produced no finds.

The president expressed thanks to the field officer, commenting that probably no other lowland area in the country had had such intensive field walking cover over so many years, and that the analysis demonstrated was as good as anyone's.

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5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The accounts had been circulated, and had now been examined by Bill Watkins and found generally correct. Thanks to the treasurer were recorded.

On the proposal of Robert Skeen, seconded by John Waterhouse, the accounts were **ADOPTED**.

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

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

On the proposal of Colin Coates, seconded by Cyril Pritchett, and as recommended by the Committee, it was **RESOLVED** that subscriptions for 2016/17 (from 1st April 2017) be increased to:

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

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

Officers and committee members were prepared to stand again and no further nominations had been received. On the proposal of Charles Rowland-Jones, seconded by Rob Noble and John Holloway, it was **RESOLVED** that the following be elected to the offices indicated for 2017/18:

Chairman	Barrie Fuller, 47 Queens Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 4PJ
Secretary	Susan May, 94 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EH
Treasurer	Dudley Pusey, 45 St Laurence Road, Foxton, Cambridge, CB22 6SF
Field Officer	Terry Dymott, 26 Barrons Way, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7EQ
Committee	Colin Coates, 14 Humber Drive, Yaxley, Peterborough, PE7 3QB Mike Coles, 44 Cantelupe Road, Haslingfield, Cambridge, CB23 7LU Peter Cornelissen, 4 St Albans, Fordham Road, Newmarket, CB8 7AJ Robert Skeen, 2 Malton Lane, Meldreth, Royston, SG8 6PA John Waterhouse, 22 Topcliffe Way, Cambridge, CB1 8SH

8. **ELECTION OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

Thanking him for his offer, the meeting **RESOLVED** that Rob Noble be elected examiner of accounts for 2017/18.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....