

## CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held  
at 7.30 p.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the  
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Downing Street, Cambridge

President, Dr P Spoerry, in the Chair

Sixteen members and guests were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Coates, Peter Cornelissen, Colin Shaw and Susanne Thompson.

### 1. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM**

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th March 2015 had been circulated and, on the proposal of John Waterhouse, seconded by Mike Coles, were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the President.

### 2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The chairman commented on the 38 years of the Group's existence and his ability to report on progress each year: this was due to the members. He thanked the field officer for his efforts and commented that the Group would be able to work with the Cambridge Archaeology Unit in the future. The Group was glad to help with test pit digging in Histon and Impington and the decision to form a separate group was correct. Thanks were also offered to Peter Cornelissen for the website and to those adding items; praise was received from the Department.

Different approaches were being investigated for the Val Whittaker Memorial Prize, including discussions with the University on involving undergraduates. The 2015 winner had reported back and had been fulsome in her thanks to the Group for giving her fieldwork opportunities.

The chairman had had an initial meeting with Jody Joy on a display by the Group in the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. This would now be in early 2017, but planning should be started. The chairman expressed the hope that he kept matters and connections ticking over in the background, including continued efforts to get the Group affiliated to the McDonald Institute.

The chairman thanked Paul Spoerry for continuing as president and for arranging for the Group to have key holders for the Bar Hill premises.

### 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. One additional piece of information was the thanks from a teacher for the links on the Group's website.

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

### 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. There had been:

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

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

Weather and ground conditions had been mixed.

Additional to the written report, it was noted that: at Childerley Great Park an area of burnt flint had been found quite near the polished axe; Roman material had been found at Meldreth; odd bits of Roman and medieval pot and half a prehistoric/Saxon pot had been found at Lamp Hill, Wimpole; and a clay pipe of

the late 1700s with the initials GS, not known locally, had been found at Great Eversden. The field at Childerley known as Coldharbour appeared to be well-named, from the scarcity of finds. It had been calculated that almost two miles were walked on these sessions.

The spots chosen for excavation of the glasshouses at Wimpole Hall appeared to have been chosen satisfactorily for revealing the phases and one piece of blue and white printed plate at least had been dated to the early 1800s.

The president expressed thanks to the field officer, commenting on the wide variety of field walking sites and the impressive quality of the Group's excavation work.

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#### 5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The examined accounts had been circulated, and the treasurer reported a quiet year financially, the most notable item being the £1,000 donation from Rob Atkins. Membership was down five on the previous year. The treasurer further noted that the Val Whittaker Memorial Prize fund balance stood at £660 and would require consideration in the future.

A balance of £187.13 from grants for the Haslingfield test pits remained unspent. It was confirmed that no further expenditure was anticipated on this project, and the treasurer suggested that this amount might be transferred to the Memorial Prize fund.

On the proposal of Robert Skeen, seconded by Bill Watkins, the accounts were **ADOPTED** and **AGREEMENT** given to the transfer of funds from Haslingfield test pits to the Val Whittaker Memorial Prize fund.

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#### 6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

On the proposal of Barrie Fuller, seconded by Terry Dymott, it was **RESOLVED** that subscriptions for 2016/17 (from 1st April 2016) be retained at:

- £10 for individual membership
- £15 family membership
- Entrance to lectures for non-members £1

#### 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 Cyril Pritchett, seconded by Bill Watkins and John Holloway, it was **RESOLVED** that the following be elected to the offices indicated for 2016/17:

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**

On the proposal of Mike Coles, seconded by Dudley Pusey, it was **RESOLVED** that William Watkins be elected examiner of accounts for 2016/17.

9. **FIELD WALKING SURVEY**

The results of the survey of members on interest in and availability for field walking had been circulated and availability appeared to be fairly evenly balanced between days. The committee had consequently felt that there was limited merit in changing the current arrangements of meeting generally on Sunday mornings but with occasional variations or additions. Cyril Pritchett suggested that alterations to the programme should be on an ad hoc basis, for example to take advantage of ideal conditions. There were no dissenters from this view.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Coles reported that 1013 people had now “liked” the Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Chairman.....

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