



Fieldwork Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Saturday 3rd February 2018

Venue: Society's Library, Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, Kent
ME14 1LH

As agreed by those present from the Fieldwork Committee at the Society's Office in Maidstone Museum, Maidstone, Kent, on Saturday 12th May 2018 these minutes are a true and complete record of the meeting held on Saturday 3rd February and it is agreed that the Chair Mr Keith Parfitt is duly authorised to sign this document as such.

Mr Keith Parfitt (Chair) Fieldwork Committee.

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KP opened the meeting at 10:30hrs.

1: Attendance and Apologies

Attendances

Present

Keith Parfitt	KP	Chair
Annie Partridge	AP	Secretary
Richard Taylor	RT	
Chris Blair-Myers	CBM	
Ted Connell	TC	
Elizabeth Blanning	EB	
Geoff Burr	GB	
Clive Drew	CD	
Shiela Broomfield	SB	
Gerald Cramp	GC	
Cliff Ward	CW	

Absences & Apologies

Andrew Richardson
Jo Ahmet
Steve Willis
Pat Reid
Kevin Fromings
Vince Burrows
Liz Dyson
Emma Boast
Rod Le Gear
Richard Emmett

GC started the meeting by stating how appalled he was over the recent break-in at the Canterbury Archaeological Trust store. The rest of the committee added comments of a similar nature and the matter was discussed at length. It was felt that the loss of the artefacts from the CAT store was a blow to the archaeology of Kent. Offers of support in whatever capacity were forthcoming and will be duly considered by CAT. **AP** is to contact **AR** for an article for the KAS website about the break-in.

2: Conflicts of Interest

KP has submitted a grant application to be considered in Section 5.

3: Minutes 14th October 2017 Committee Meeting

The minutes were agreed by the committee and signed by **KP**. **GB** mentioned there were no action points with the minutes and requested they be added in the next meeting.

4: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5: Grant Applications

A single grant application for was considered during this meeting. **KP** requested a grant of £3000 to finish the long awaited report on Ringlemere. Discussion was had on the matter and it was agreed by the committee that the site was too important to see it fall at the last hurdle. **KP** stated that KAS members would be able to access free copies of the report from the library,

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that the book will be sold at a discounted price, and that he would be happy to do lectures for the members if they so wished. **TC** proposed, **CBM** seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favour of the grant.

6: Conferences:

- **The Archaeology of Medieval Kent 2017.** The conference was a success with a profit made on ticket sales. **SB** mentioned that **SW** had suggested an amount of money be put forward to the university to give out as bursaries to the students. **CD** stated that there was an Iron Age conference happening in the university in May, and perhaps the money could go towards sponsorship or some sort of prize for the best presentation. He suggested somewhere in the region of £250 to distribute amongst the students as **SW** saw fit.

Questions were asked whether the general public can go along to the talks. No information was forthcoming on the internet so **AP** will chase up with the organisers.

All agreed it was a good idea and **CD** will contact **SW** regarding the money.

- • **Conference 2018.** **CBM** has a title of 'Pots, Tools and Jewels: Kent material culture to 1100'. The date for the conference is to be either the 17th or 24th November (preferably 24th) at UKC. **CD** will contact **SW** about availability of those dates.

Themes include:

1. Flint tools (guidance on spotting them and something of a guide to period)
2. Bronze age hoards (we have the Boughton Monchelsea and Lees Court finds amongst others)
3. Bronze age decorative objects (the Ringlemere Cup, the KAS torcs and the Thanet bracelets)
4. Iron age (coinage development, **KP** to approach David Holman)
5. Roman Glass
6. Kent ceramic types (**TC** as a possible speaker)
7. Saxon metalwork, glass and stone in decorative settings (**AR** as a possible speaker)

SB offered to do tickets, **EB** offered assistance. Discussions took place on ticket prices settling on £15 for member, £20 for non-members, and a dozen free tickets for UKC students. **EB** suggested a student rate of £10 for students which was agreed.

- • **Conference 2019.** There is a possibility that the 2019 KAS conference could combine with the CBA SE conference which is due to be held in November 2019 in Kent.

7: Fieldwork Projects:

Reports were submitted by:-

Maidstone Area Archaeological Group (MAAG):
Canterbury Archaeological Trust (CAT)
Kent Archaeological Metal Detecting Support Unit (KAMSU)

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Fawkham and Ash Archaeological Group (FAAG)
Dover Archaeological Group

8: Any Other Business:

- • **SB** to circulate the treasury report
- • **CW** put forward a motion to discuss the finds storage problem on the next meetings agenda
- • **SB** thanked everyone for replying to the e-mail enquiries received through the website

9: Next Committee Meeting:

It was agreed that the next committee meetings will take place as follows:
Saturday 12th May 2018 at 10:30hrs in KAS Library, Maidstone Museum

Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 19th May 2018 at Lecture Theatre 2, Eliot College, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury.

There being no further business **KP** closed the meeting at 13:20hrs.