

## ASAHRG

10.30 AM Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Chippenham

## Minutes

### 1. Present

Martyn Barber (Chair)  
Amanda Chadburn  
Matt Leivers  
Ben Chan  
Josh Pollard  
Colin Shell  
Melanie Pomeroy-  
Kellinger  
Alastair Barclay  
Kate Fielden

Brian Edwards  
Katy Whitaker  
Chris Moore  
Paul Garwood  
Sarah Simmonds  
Gill Swanton  
Nick Baxter  
Bruce Eagles  
Kerry Donaldson  
David Sabin

Neil McNabb  
Dan Miles  
Helen Miah (Notes)  
Richard Osgood  
Rachel Foster  
Briony Clifton  
Eleanor Salkeld  
Mark Bowden

### Apologies

Timothy Darvill  
Mike Allen  
Jan Tomalin  
Andrew David  
Susan Greaney  
Heather Sebire

Sian Williams  
Jude Currivan  
Jonathon Last  
Ian Barnes  
Nick Snashall  
Julie Scott-Jackson

Clive Ruggles  
Steve Marshall  
Ros Cleal  
Jim Gunter  
David Dawson

### 2. Introductions/Review of Membership

Ben Chan was welcomed as a new member to the group proposed by Josh Pollard and seconded by Ros Cleal

Phil Harding and Jacqueline McKinley to be invited to join the group, nominated by Matt Leivers seconded by Alistair Barclay

All present introduced themselves.

### 3. Minutes and Matters arising

Item 3 – No comments received. Colin Shell will compile a draft protocol on disposal for ASHRG to consider at next meeting and ensure this is referenced in the next WHS Management Plan

**Action: Colin Shell to prepare draft disposal protocol**

Item 6 – Kate Fielden her article in World Heritage Watch item is missing first two lines.

Item 10 – huge congratulations to Brian Edwards for organising the Chubb Centenary Cricket Day which was a great success.

Dan Miles - is there an opportunity for a repeat event at Avebury next year?

Item 9 – add UNESCO next to ICOMOS

**Action: Helen Miah**

### 4. Monitoring of the Research Framework

Reviewing and monitoring the research framework - Dan Miles (Historic England)

See presentation attached

Reminder – all research reports should be sent to WC Archaeology Service to be included in the HER

**Actions:**

**Dan Miles will set up a working group to take this forward**

**Dan Miles will put the SARF Framework on the HE Digital Platform.**

### 5. Current archaeological & historical research

- *Living with Monuments Project: fieldwork at Butler's Field, Avebury, and Knoll Down, Summer 2018* – Josh Pollard (University of Southampton) and Ben Chan

See presentation attached

- *Ongoing evaluations on the A303* - Chris Moore (AECOM) and Matt Leivers (Wessex Archaeology)

See presentation attached



Dan Miles – this research should be included in the SARF

- *Preliminary Results and Implications of the Stonehenge Landscape EMI Project, 2016-2018* - Paul Garwood (University of Birmingham)

Note - this research will be shared/circulated on Final Publication

## 6. Review of current opportunities for dissemination of research including recent and forthcoming publications

Wiltshire Archaeology Conference – next Spring – please contact Dan Miles or David Dawson with ideas.

### **Action: All**

Great War in Wiltshire Conference Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Tidworth Garrison Theatre

## 7. Other research opportunities (i.e. development-led archaeology, utilities)

### County Archaeology Update

*Message from Tom Sunley HER Manager, Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service*

As the online HER is down at the moment, people can have a look at the 'Know Your Place West of England' website which has some archaeological data on (as well as historic mapping):

<http://maps.bristol.gov.uk/kyp/?edition=wilts>

Know Your Place will shortly be updated and although it doesn't have as much functionality as the online HER it is a useful alternative for the time being.

The online HER is currently unavailable due to a change in Wiltshire Council IT servers. The software that ran the old website was not compatible with the new servers/server software and this has necessitated a complete overhaul of the online HER. The new online HER website is nearly ready (should be live in late October/early November 2018) and will be up-to-date, easier to use and with enhanced features. However, it will still retain the character of the former website and thus be intuitive for anyone who had previously enjoyed using the old website. The Council appreciate the frustration and disappointment that users have

been unable to use the website but it was an unexpected consequence of some vital maintenance undertaken by the IT services.

If anyone has any concerns please contact: [archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Brian Edwards asked about Burrowing Animals Strategy development – WHSCU working with partners including HE and NE to commission this work.

## 8. Review of monitoring (e.g. Condition Surveys, Management Plan)

### WHS Management Plan Mid-Point Review

Sarah Simmonds distributed a spreadsheet showing progress against actions that ASAHRG is responsible for leading. We are half way through current Management Plan and the master spreadsheet showing progress against all actions is being updated following meetings with all partners.

Sarah Simmonds has met with all the partners and organisations leading on Actions.

It has been a very good opportunity to look at what has been achieved and how to progress in areas that have been more difficult to progress. A great deal of progress has been made with around 20% of actions complete and 50% in progress. C. 25% of actions are ongoing and 5% remain to be actioned.

Where progress has been difficult, issues are mostly around diminishing resources/staffing in many cases due to demands of responding to the A303 major infrastructure project at Stonehenge. As yet unknown challenges related to Brexit. Opportunities including Legacy and WHS Trust development.

Note – Action 159 links to the work Dan Miles is leading on and the working group he is pulling together could consider this as well.

The Setting Study is ready to finalise and funding is now required to commission this work. ASAHRG will be consulted on relevant aspects during its development.

## 9. Representative's report from/to WHS Steering Committees and Partnership Panel

Awaiting outcome of HLF application for grant to support development of WHSCU Trust.

## 10. Opportunities for site/exhibition/archive visits in 2019



Living with Monuments Easter & Summer 2019

Amesbury in Old Photographs exhibition at Church of St Mellor, Amesbury

## 11. Revolving Meeting Chairs/Convenors

Katy Whittaker to be coopted as a Chair – proposed Dan Miles, seconded Rachel Foster

## 12. AOB

**Mike Allen** - Also of Interest to the Group may be Mike Parker Pearson et al Beaker People volume that is currently in production with the Prehistoric Society and will be out early next year. Some 670 pages detailing many of the Wessex bodies; new dates, new osteology analysis and massive new isotope programme.

**Amanda Chadburn & Clive Ruggles** commissioned to produce a book on Stonehenge and archaeoastronomy

**Brian Edwards** has a new paper published:

Mr Toagis's Stonehenge: An exploration of an uncelebrated benchmark in replica henge monuments to mark the tenth anniversary of Clonehenge, in *The Regional Historian, Annual Journal of the Regional History Centre, New Series No 1, 2018, pp. 26-31.*

BBC Inside Out South on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October item on Chubb Cricket

## 13. Date and venue of next meeting

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at Wiltshire Museum, Devizes