

Minutes from the meeting of the Treasure Valuation Committee, 27th February, 2009

The meeting was held in the Hartwell Room at the British Museum on Friday 27th February 2009 at 11am.

Present:

Committee

Jack Ogden (acting chair)
Ian Carradice
John Cherry
Peter Clayton
Tim Pestell
May Sinclair

Other

Caroline Barton (BM)
Andrew Basham (BM)
Sonja Marzinzik (BM)
Janina Parol (BM)
Ian Richardson (BM)
Helen Loughlin (DCMS)

Apologies

Norman Palmer (chair)
Roger Bland (BM)

Item 1: Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 6th January 2009

Corrections and comments were submitted by the acting chairman and chairman. The minutes were passed as a true record. It was agreed by all present that the final draft of the minutes can be approved only by the Committee itself, but that the Secretariat shall endeavour to ensure that all other parties present at meetings agree that their contributions are accurately reflected.

Helen Loughlin addressed [amendment made 15/1/13, IR] the issue of the number of times a case can be put before the TVC for its consideration. The position of DCMS [amendment made 15/1/13, IR] is that there can be no limit to the number of times a case goes before the Committee, provided that new and relevant evidence is submitted as part of the challenge; the Secretariat will continue to decide in consultation with the TVC whether such evidence has been submitted.

Item 2: Minutes of the meeting of 27th October 2008 – revision to agenda item 70

It was agreed to accept the phrase under discussion as a true minute of the meeting of 27th October 2008; therefore the minutes were passed as a true record.

Item 3: Objects

Prehistoric artefacts

1. Bronze Age composite ring from Hinckley, Leicestershire (2006 T451)

The provisional valuer suggested £300; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and found that it compared well with an example from the 2001 Treasure Annual Report (Item 5, P&EE 103) and recommended £300.

2. Bronze Age gold lunula terminal from Brampton, Cumbria (2008 T136)

The provisional valuer suggested £450-500; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and felt that this suggested value was backed-up by a good discussion. It believed the object within the upper range of the value suggested, and so the Committee therefore recommended £500.

Roman artefacts

3. Roman silver finger-ring fragment from Hambledon, Buckinghamshire (2008 T432)

The provisional valuer suggested £10; the Committee inspected the object in light of this and agreed, recommending £10.

4. Roman gold necklace fragment from Sheepy, Leicestershire (2007 T41)

The provisional valuer suggested £70; the Committee took this into consideration when viewing the object. The necklace fragment was seen to be an evocative and pleasing piece, and the Committee was minded to recommend a slightly higher value for it. It therefore recommended £100.

5. Roman silver snake ring from Market Weighton, East Riding of Yorkshire (2008 T333)

The provisional valuer suggested £100; the Committee examined the ring in light of this and, agreeing with the provisional valuer, recommended £100.

6. Roman silver buckle from Urchfont, Wiltshire (2007 T590)

The provisional valuer suggested £125; the Committee viewed the object in light of this. Damage to the buckle-plate was also noticed and the Committee felt that the suggested value was slightly high. It recommended £100.

7. Roman silver trumpet brooch from Seaton with Scingley, West Sussex (2007 T391)

The provisional valuer suggested £220; The Museum has submitted comments. The Committee examined the brooch in light of these and cited examples in *Benet's Artefacts of England and the United Kingdom* of complete brooches of this type listed at £150-£200 (see pages 112-118), and from TimeLine Originals (website) for £175. The object under discussion was a substantial piece with good decoration, but incomplete. The Committee was therefore minded to recommend £160.

Viking artefacts

8. Viking gold finger ring from Sedburgh, Cumbria (2008 T147)

The provisional valuer suggested £6,000- £7,000; the Committee considered the find in light of this. To better inform its decision, the Committee requested that the ring be further analysed by the British Museum lab for more comprehensive insight into its facture. The Committee also requested that a second provisional valuer suggest a price for the ring, based on this information.

9. Viking gold finger-ring from Newark area, Notts (2007 T254)

The first provisional valuer suggested £900; The Finder & Landowner submitted separate comments and the same private valuation by [REDACTED]. The TVC requested a second valuation (6/01/09); the second provisional valuer suggested £4,000. The Finder and Landowner have submitted further comments. The Committee examined the ring again in light of this evidence, taking into account the submissions of the Finder & Landowner. Owing to the rarity of Viking rings and the fact that this example was in good condition, the Committee was minded to recommend £3,250.

Anglo-Saxon artefacts

10. Saxon silver brooch pin from Diss area, Suffolk (2008 T419)

The provisional valuer suggested £18- £20; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and, feeling itself in agreement, recommended £20.

11. Anglo-Saxon silver brooch from Shalfleet, Isle of Wight (2008 T519)

The provisional valuer suggested £30-35; the Committee took this into consideration when examining the object and agreed again that this was an accurate range for this example. It recommended £35.

12. Anglo-Saxon silver hooked tag from Goring-by-Sea area, West Sussex (2008 T288)

The provisional valuer suggested £10; the Committee viewed the hooked tag in light of this and, in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £10.

13. Anglo-Saxon grave assemblage from Streethouse, Redcar & Cleveland:

(2005 T540) Grave 21 & 10- The first provisional valuer (objects) suggested as follows: Grave 10- £3,080; Grave 21- £240. The second provisional valuer (objects) suggested: (Gr. 21+10) at £4,580- £5,000. The coin provisional valuer suggested, for the coins (2), £1,400- £1,700.

The Committee viewed the items in light of these and made the following recommendations:

Grave 10 -

The gold pendant in this group, (SF 17), was provisionally valued at £3,000 and £1,000 - £6,000. The Committee felt that an accurate value was £3,500, and recommended that amount.

The Committee recommended £20 each for 2 monochrome glass beads, and £40 for the larger monochrome bead. Total recommended value for Grave 10 = £3,580

Grave 21 –

The Committee was minded to agree with the first provisional valuer with respect to the beads from this Grave. It therefore recommended:

£40 each for the pale green barrel (x2)

£50 for the turquoise melon bead

£25 for the crème coloured barrel bead
£10 for the dark blue bun bead
£25 for the blue barrel bead
£20 for the dark blue barrel bead
£30 for the orange/red barrel bead

Total for the beads = £240

With respect to the two pierced coins, the Committee found itself in agreement with the top-end of provisional valuer's range for each coin, and recommended £500 for one and £1200 for the other, better condition, coin. This totalled £1700. Total recommended value for Grave 21 = £1940

Total recommended valuation for Treasure number 2005 T540 = **£5520**

(2006 T473) Grave 42 & 43- The first provisional valuer suggested as follows: Grave 43- £93, 000; Grave 42- £3, 670. The second provisional valuer suggested £74, 000- £82, 000, with an additional £100 for all iron work in 2006 T473 and 2007 T498.

The Committee viewed the items in light of these and made the following recommendations:

Grave 42 –

The first provisional valuer suggested £90,000 for the shield-shaped pendant (SF 235A), and the second provisional valuer £65,000- £72,000. The Committee felt that the second valuer's suggestion was well argued and supported by the *comparanda* mentioned. In particular, it agreed with the relative value of this item with respect to the Holderness Cross. It therefore recommended £70,000 for this object.

For the small gold bead (SF 235B) the Committee recommended the same value as for the other gold beads found in this assemblage, £150.

The two cabochon pendants with settings (236 and 237) were felt to be closer in value than the second provisional valuer suggested, due to the intricate dog-tooth setting on the smaller pendant. However both were felt to be of higher value than suggested by the first valuer. The Committee recommended £1800 for the larger oval pendant (236) and £1500 for the smaller round pendant (237).

The jet pin fragment (SF 300) was not felt to have a commercial value.

The total for recommended value for Grave 42 = £73,450.

Grave 43 –

The first provisional valuer suggested £3000 for the triangular gold pendant with applied bead (SF 206A); the second provisional valuer suggested £5000-£5,500. The Committee felt that in reference to these values and the recommended value of the gold pendant (SF 17) from Grave 10, the appropriate value for this piece was £4000, which it recommended.

The Committee examined the small gold beads (SF 206B and SF 210) and, noting that they were similar to that from Grave 42, recommended £150 each for them. It also recommended £20 for the silver bead labelled as SF 210.

As for the items in this grave that were not listed on the report, the Committee recommended £150 for the further gold wire bead, and noted that the fragmentary silver balls and fragmentary silver annular brooch had no commercial value.

The second provisional valuer suggested a value of £100 for the iron work from this case and the next. Taking this into consideration, the Committee recommended £50 for the ironwork from this grave.

The total recommended value for Grave 43 = £4520.

Total recommended value of Treasure number 2006 T473 = **£77, 970**.

(2007 T498) Grave 70 - The first provisional valuer suggested £25, 700; the second provisional valuer suggested £35, 150- £40, 000, with an additional £100 for all iron work in 2006 T473 and 2007 T498.

The Committee viewed the items in light of these and made the following recommendations:

The main item from this assemblage is the gold bracteate (SF 390). The first provisional valuer suggested £25,000 and the second provisional valuer suggested £35,000 - £40,000. The Committee noted that several large bracteates had failed to meet their reserve at auction, and therefore was more sympathetic towards the first value. It recommended a price of £29,000.

The second provisional valuer suggested £150 for all of the other items from this grave. The first provisional valuer suggested £20 each for the 3 glass beads, £300 for the gold wire wrapped glass bead, £300 for the gold cylindrical bead, £5 for the small fragment of chain and £100 for the cable-patterned glass annular bead. With respect to these suggestions and the values recommended for similar items in the other graves, the Committee recommended the following:

3 x glass beads - £20 each
1 x glass bead with gold wire wrapped around it - £150
1 x gold cylindrical bead - £150
1 x small fragment of chain - £5
1 x glass annular bead with cable pattern - £20.

Total for these objects = £385

The other items in this grave, the iron fragments, the sherd of courseware pottery, and the small glass fragment were felt to have no commercial value.

Total recommended value of Treasure number 2007 T498 = **£29, 365**.

14. Anglo-Saxon grave assemblage from Ringlemere, Kent:

Dr Sonja Marzinzik, Early Medieval curator at the British Museum, attended these discussions in an advisory role. Dr Marzinzik was able to comment on aspects of the case pertaining to the recovery and current state of many of the objects, but did not comment on the valuations except to clarify and answer questions about her submission on behalf of the Museum.

The Museum has submitted comments regarding the provisional valuations, which are broken down as follows.

(2005 T395) Grave 34- The provisional valuer suggested £2,550 for these items; £2,500 for the cone beaker and £50 for the buckle. The Committee considered these and noted that the suggested price seemed high for the amount of work to be done on the beaker. It requested a second provisional valuation based on first-hand viewing of the item (rather than a photograph). The beaker is in the conservation lab and arrangements are to be made for the valuer to see it, and the associated silver buckle, there.

(2005 T452) Grave 39- The provisional valuer suggested £50, for the silver plaque, stating that the rest of the items had no commercial value. However, the objects were with the conservation department and not available for immediate viewing by the Committee, who will consider it a subsequent meeting.

(2006 T30) Grave 40- The first provisional valuer suggested the following: Claw Beaker £400, 000 - £500, 000; footed glass beaker £2,000; other objects £1, 215. The second provisional valuer viewed the Claw Beaker and suggested £500, 000. The Committee examined the objects in light of this.

The footed-glass beaker was noted to be reconstructed, and whilst it had a pleasing shape, the Committee felt that the suggested value was too high, and recommended £700.

The provisional valuer suggested for the value of the 31 amber beads, £155; the 42 glass beads £210; and the 3 decorated beads, £150. The Committee considered this to be slightly high for this collection and recommended £250 total.

It agreed with the provisional valuer's suggestion for the 8 silver rings with glass beads, and recommended £400 for them.

The Committee also agreed with the suggestion of the provisional valuer for the rock crystal bead, and recommended £300.

The main item from this grave was the glass Claw Beaker. The Committee noted the difficulty in valuing such an object, since, while the items themselves are fairly common, especially on the Continent (in agreement with the Museum's comments) they rarely come up at auction. As such, there are few pertinent *comparanda* to suggest. The Committee did see similarities between this beaker and the *situla* mentioned in the first provisional valuer's argument, and felt that the true value of this beaker trended in this direction (£100,000). The possibility of having a glass specialist value the beaker was discussed, but it was felt that the limited circle of valuers in the UK would not be able to provide an unbiased estimate. It therefore requested that the Secretariat approach an independent third party at Sotheby's, New York () for a provisional valuation. It recognised that the valuation provided may provide a clearer idea of the demand for such an object on the international market.

(2006 T31) Grave 41- The provisional valuer suggested £960; the Committee viewed the objects in light of this and felt that the average price per ring was accurate, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £960.

(2006 T32) Grave 44- The provisional valuer suggested £115; the Committee viewed the objects in light of this and found that the items were of slightly less value, and recommended £90 for the group.

(2006 T390) Grave 36- The provisional valuer suggested £150 for the three beads; the Committee took this into consideration and felt that they were worth slightly less than this, and recommended £125.

Early Medieval artefacts

15. Early Medieval gold setting with cloisonné from Chelmsford, Essex (2007 T149)

The provisional valuer suggested £60; the Finder submitted comments. The Committee took this into consideration when viewing the object, and noted that while this setting had suffered more damage and was less complete than the example cited by the finder (Treasure case 2005 T510, Item 300 from *Treasure Annual Report 2005/6*), the suggested value was too low. It therefore asked for a second provisional valuation of the setting, with the request that the provisional valuer take note of the example produced by the finder.

16. Early Medieval silver ingot from Breedon on the Hill, Leicestershire (2007 T193)

The provisional valuer suggested £100; the Committee examined the ingot in light of this and found that by comparing the silver content and weight of this item with others recently valued, a more appropriate value was £75. The Committee recommended £75.

Medieval artefacts

17. Medieval silver strap end from Patching, West Sussex (2008 T330)

The provisional valuer suggested £10- £20; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and felt that it deserved the value at the higher end of the range. The Committee recommended £20.

18. Medieval silver mount from Penrith, Cumbria (2007 T524)

The provisional valuer suggested £30; the Committee considered the mount in light of this, noting that the identifiable figure makes this an attractive piece, and worth more than the suggested value. The Committee recommended £75.

19. Medieval silver mount from Bowes, Durham (2008 T291)

The provisional valuer suggested £30- £40; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and felt the range to be accurate. It recommended £35.

20. Medieval silver brooch fragment from Steyning, West Sussex (2008 T282)

The provisional valuer suggested £10- £15; the Committee inspected the brooch in light of this and noted that it had little commercial value, and so recommended £10.

21. Medieval silver brooch from Uttlesford area, Essex (2008 T164)

The provisional valuer suggested £60; the Committee viewed the brooch in light of this and agreed that

this was an accurate value. It recommended £60.

22. Medieval silver-gilt annular brooch from Alton, Wiltshire (2007 T716)

The provisional valuer suggested £20- £30; the Committee took this under advice when viewing the brooch. Noting that it was an interesting example, the Committee felt the suggested value was slightly low, and recommended £40.

23. Medieval silver coin brooch from Paull, East Riding of Yorkshire (2007 T626)

The provisional valuer suggested £170; the Committee viewed the brooch in light of this. The brooch was praised for its legible design, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £170.

24. Medieval silver-gilt finger-ring fragment from Urchfont, Wiltshire (2007 T595)

The provisional valuer suggested £20; the Committee inspected the finger-ring in light of this and felt that this was a reasonable value. It recommended £20.

25. Medieval silver-gilt finger-ring from Pinhoe, Devon (2007 T117)

The provisional valuer suggested £80- £100; the Committee examined the finger-ring in light of this. The suggested range was believed to be accurate for this example, and the Committee recommended £100.

26. Medieval silver-gilt finger-ring from Long Whatton, Leicestershire (2007 T294)

The provisional valuer suggested £100; the Committee took this under consideration when viewing the object and noting that it is an interesting form of an earlier medieval ring, and in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £100.

27. Medieval silver seal matrix from Tendring District, Essex (2008 T233)

The provisional valuer suggested £700; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and commented on the decent setting and loop. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £700.

28. Medieval gold finger-ring from Beverley area, East Riding of Yorkshire (2007 T561)

The provisional valuer suggested £600; the Committee inspected the ring in light of this. Allowing for its condition, and the fact that a lack of substance made it undesirable to be worn, the Committee recommended £500.

29. Medieval gold finger-ring from Littleton area, Hampshire (2007 T270)

The provisional valuer suggested £1, 000; the Committee viewed the object in light of this, commenting that with its good band this ring was desirable. Feeling that similar examples demanded a higher price on the market, the Committee recommended £1,500.

30. Medieval gold finger-ring from Llanfair, Vale of Glamorgan (07.18)- 2nd viewing

The provisional valuer suggested £1, 000; The TVC recommended £1, 000 (29/10/08). The Finder has submitted a challenge. The Committee viewed the object again in light of this and thanked the Finder for his submission. However, it found nothing in the challenge nor in the review of the object to alter its previous decision. The Committee recommended £1,000.

Post-Medieval artefacts

31. Post-Medieval silver dress pin from Hambleton, Buckinghamshire (2008 T431)

The provisional valuer suggested £15; the Committee considered the object in light of this and commented that as a full, intact object it held potential interest. The Committee therefore recommended £35.

32. Post-Medieval silver bodkin from Sherington, Buckinghamshire (2007 T591)

The provisional valuer suggested £60; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and felt that it may be an interesting piece for bodkin collectors. It recommended £60.

33. Post-Medieval silver earscoop from Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire (2007 T480)

The provisional valuer recommended £70; the Committee viewed the object in light of this. Noting that it was a thin piece, the Committee believed the suggested value to be slightly high, and recommended £50.

34. Post-Medieval silver button from East of Colchester, Essex (2007 T638)

The provisional valuer suggested £30; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and with respect to the similar item below (2007 T543). This button was felt to be a finer example with a clear design, but unfortunately no loop on the backside. The Committee recommended £40.

35. Post-Medieval button/cufflink element from Sherington, Buckinghamshire (2007 T543)

The provisional valuer suggested £50; the Committee examined the button in light of this and with respect to the item above (2007 T638). The Committee pointed out that this example was more worn, making the pattern difficult to work out. Since, however, it does possess a loop on the back, the Committee recommended £40.

36. Post-Medieval silver locket fragment from East of Colchester, Essex (2007 T496)

The provisional valuer suggested £80- £100; the Committee inspected the locket fragment in light of this, complementing its inscription and acknowledging the interest this item would demand. Feeling the range provided by the provisional valuer was accurate, the Committee recommended £100.

37. Post-Medieval silver seal die from Brooke, Rutland (2007 T549)

The provisional valuer suggested £100; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and agreed that the suggested value correctly accounted for the poor condition of the seal die. It recommended £100.

38. Post-Medieval silver-gilt spoon terminal from Sherwell, Isle of Wight (2008 T478)

The provisional valuer suggested £30; the Committee viewed the spoon terminal in light of this, recognising that, as a part of a spoon, the terminal possessed an attraction in a certain market. The Committee therefore, in agreement with the provisional valuation, recommended £30.

39. Post-Medieval silver medal from Itchen Valley, Hampshire (2007 T522)

The provisional valuer suggested £50; the Committee took this under advice when viewing the object. This medal represented a class becoming more common in the sale rooms. In this example, the unfortunate poor condition contributed to its value, and the Committee agreed with the provisional valuer and recommended £50.

40. Post-Medieval silver-gilt pin head from Colyton, Devon (2007 T169)

The provisional valuer suggested £60; the Committee considered the object in light of this, noting that this was an accurate price for a nice, crisp terminal. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £60.

41. Post-Medieval silver-gilt dress hook from Houghton, Hampshire (2007 T205)

The Provisional valuer suggested £20- £30; the Committee viewed the dress hook in light of this and deciding that this represented a true range for such an object, it recommended £25.

42. Post-Medieval silver signet ring fragment from East Wiltshire (2007 T492)

The provisional valuer suggested £100; the Committee inspected the object in light of this and noted that this was a relatively common type. Due to that fact and its fragmentary nature, the Committee recommended £85.

43. Post-Medieval gold posy from Everleigh, Wiltshire (2007 T516)

The provisional valuer suggested £380; the Committee examined the object in light of this, commenting on the unusual inscription and that it was rather large for a ladies ring. It felt that the provisional valuer provided a good parallel in her report, and so in agreement with her, it recommended £380.

44. Post-Medieval gold ornamental finger-ring from Patching, West Sussex (2008 T370)

The provisional valuer suggested £200; the Committee took this under advice when inspecting the ring. Feeling that this possessed a nice decoration and was a pleasant, wearable size, the Committee was minded to increase the value, and recommended £300.

45. **WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA**** Post-Medieval silver finger-ring from Colerne, Wiltshire (2008 T80) -**

The provisional valuer suggested £80- £100; the owner has submitted comments. Wiltshire Heritage Museum subsequently withdrew.

This ring was purchased by its current owner from a dealer on Portobello Road, London. The ring came with a tag indicating it had been found in Colerne, Wiltshire, and the owner responsibly put it through the Treasure system. The coroner was not able to discover the identity of the landowner, however. With respect to paragraph 10(5) of *The Treasure Act 1996* which states that 'The reward may be payable to: (a)

the finder or anyone involved in the find' the Secretariat would welcome the Committee's position on the entitlement of the current owner to an *ex gratia* reward and the portion of the value to be given as a reward to the owner.

Although this item was withdrawn from the agenda, the prospect of similar situations (where someone other than the finder comes into possession of potential Treasure and reports it) coming before the Committee was raised. Although the Committee like the concept of rewarding an honest buyer, it felt that it would in those circumstances have to refer to DCMS for [amendment made 15/1/13, IR] advice as to whether or not a reward would be payable to the person handing over the item(s).

46. Post-Medieval silver spoon from Littlehempston, Devon (2006 T420)- 3rd Viewing

The first provisional valuer suggested £420; the TVC requested a second valuation (12/12/07). A second provisional valuer (expert in antique silver) valued this at £1,700. The Committee took this under advice when considering the spoon and believed that the second valuation was much more in line with what they expected this piece to be worth. However, there was some concern about the justification for this figure, as the second valuer did not provide any *comparanda* to accompany the suggestion. Knowing that this object falls into a niche market and desiring to be as thorough as possible, the Committee requested that the second valuer supply them with examples of similar items whose settled prices fall within the range of the suggested value. The second valuer has provided this information.

The Committee examined the spoon again with this information at its disposal and felt that the examples cited by the second valuer suggested that his value of £1700 actually reflected a *retail value*, rather than the *hammer price*. Given this knowledge, and the fact that the first suggested value (£400) was so much lower, the Committee recommended £1000 for the spoon.

Item 4: Coins

Iron Age coins

47. Iron Age coins (2) from Urchfont, Wiltshire (2007 T55)

The provisional valuer suggested £100- £130; the Committee inspected the two coins in light of this, and feeling that the range was correct, recommended a value of £90 for the larger coin and £20 for the lesser, or £110 total.

Roman coins

48. Roman denarius of Hadrian from Westgate, County Durham (2007 T198)

The provisional valuer suggested £35- £40; the Committee considered the coin in light of this and noted that the reverse is also an unrecorded variety. Whilst not in great condition it was legible, and this made the coin slightly more desirable. The Committee therefore recommended £50.

49. Roman copper alloy coins (16) from Storrington area, West Sussex (2007 T344)

The provisional valuer suggested £50; the Committee took this into consideration when viewing the coins. While the condition of the coins was not good, several were thought to be saleable, and as a hoard they represent potential historic interest. The Committee, in agreement with the provisional valuer, recommended £50.

50. Roman silver coin hoard (101) from Leckford, Hampshire (2006 T194)

The provisional valuer suggested £300- £400; the Committee viewed the coins in light of this and noted that the corrosion did not seem too serious, with only a deposit on the surface. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £350.

51. Roman coins (103) and pottery fragment from Petworth, West Sussex (2007 T106)

The provisional valuer recommended £2, 750; the Committee inspected the coins in light of this. It commented that this value seemed accurate, as the earlier coins in the hoard were worn flat and the more common examples were in the best condition. Agreeing with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £2,750.

52. Roman coin hoard (1470) from Milton Keynes District (2006 T631)

The provisional valuer suggested £29, 100; the Committee viewed the coins in light of this and noted the large number of rare, good quality coins, particularly those displaying the *Chi Rho* marks. It was inclined to agree with the suggested value. However it was concerned that the provisional valuer had not provided

sufficient justification for the accumulated value of all the coins. Before making a recommendation, the Committee requested that the provisional valuer supply it with a more comprehensive breakdown and explanation of how the suggested value was arrived at.

53. Roman coin hoards from Sulley, Vale of Glamorgan (08.03 & 08.04)

The provisional valuer suggested £50, 000- £60, 000 for both hoards; the Committee took this under advice when viewing the coins and found the suggested range to be accurate and well-justified. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £22,500 for the smaller hoard and £32,500 for the larger hoard, for a total of £55,000.

Item 5: Norfolk Cases [Dr Pestell left the room]

54. Bronze Age gold strip fragment from West Acre, Norfolk (2007 T8)

The provisional valuer suggested £45; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and found it a reasonable value. Agreeing with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £45.

55. Late Bronze Age hoard from West Acre, Norfolk (2008 T454)

The provisional valuer suggested £120; the Committee inspected the objects in light of this and commented that punch was the item that gave the group most of its value. Given that they are commonly seen at prices slightly below the suggested value, this seemed a reasonable amount for the collection. In agreement with the provisional valuer, the Committee recommended £120.

56. Roman gold brooch from Gunthorpe, Norfolk (2007 T236)

The provisional valuer suggested £750; the Committee took this under advice when viewing the object. It noted the rather crude manufacture of the brooch, and felt that the suggested price was slightly high. Given the quality of the piece and its condition, the Committee recommended £550.

57. Early Medieval silver pin from Barton Bendish, Norfolk (2008 T565)

The provisional valuer suggested £30; the Committee viewed the object in light of this and found that the suggested value was slightly high for an item in this condition. It recommended £20.

[Dr Pestell returned to the room]

Item 6: AOB

Revisions to minutes: It was agreed that the Committee shall endeavour under normal circumstances to inform the Secretariat of revisions to the minutes roughly 2 weeks prior to the following TVC meeting, so that these may be circulated in advance of the meetings. However it was recognised that this will not always be possible and corrections may be made on the day of the meeting, with the finalised minutes to be circulated afterward.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, 24th April 2009, 11:00am. Hartwell Room, The British Museum