

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1969 at the Church Hall, Sutton Pointz, Mr Sauphier in the Chair. The Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1968 were read & adopted.

Chairman's Report: - Mr Sauphier stressed the importance of the Society not only in what it performed but in its very existence; as representative of 55 households it was a force to be considered, and could command attention where individuals could not. He thanked the members for their support & help in organising a very successful Social and a remunerative Jubilee Sale. He also thanked his Committee for their support and help during the vital first year of the Society's existence.

Secretary's Report was next read. Mrs Sutton, sec Mrs Bolean, proposed that the Report be adopted. This was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report read by Mr Saunders was not satisfactory. It was proposed by Mr Fetschi, sec. Mrs Sauphier and unanimously passed that the report be adopted.

### Election of Officers

Chairman: Mr Branton proposed, sec. Mr Shires that Mr Sauphier continue as Chairman with an additional officer to serve as Vice Chairman. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Mr Meach proposed, sec Mrs Sauphier that Mr Shires be Vice Chairman, this was passed.

Secretary & Treasurer were unanimously elected to serve a further year. Mrs Fetschi & Mr Saunders agreed to do so.

Committee eight names were put forward and Mr Hall prop. sec. Mr Shires that these eight people be accepted for Committee. They were as follows: —

Mrs Hunt, Mrs Morris (Bramble Patch), Mrs Shires, Mr Litschi, Mr Brown, Mr Mullins, Mr Phillips, & Mr Branton.

This proposition was passed.

### Rules

The Chairman read the rules drawing special attention to Rule 3 which was inserted to ensure that control of Society remain in the hands of residents of the village.

Mr Wood proposed that an additional rule be made giving Committee power to co-opt in case of need. This was agreed upon.

Where a Special General Meeting was called the purpose of it must be circulated with the notice of the meeting, three weeks before the date of the meeting.

Mrs Shires prop. sec Mr Branton that the rules be adopted. This was carried.

### The Island in the Pond

Chairman felt that before a firm decision could be made as to whether it be removed or not, all members must be circulated. In discussion it was stated that it was doubtful whether the ~~pond~~ island served any purpose in prevention of silt in the pond. It was pointed out that the very wet winter had caused a faster flow of water, and the ducks kept the pond clean. Mr Branton stressed the importance of

the island in keeping the ducks in the perimeter of the pond. It was an escape point for them when dogs & children gathered round the pond. Mr Branton estimated that the Parks Dept. had spent app. \$230 on improving the bank etc.

The Secretary read out two letters deploring the scruffy state of the island & requesting its removal. One letter also requested that the pond be not made too "park-pond" like & feared that its natural beauty might be lost. Mr Meech suggested willows be planted on the pond & offered to provide some as a gift to the Society.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr Saville of the Parks Dept by Mr Shires who wondered if the seepage problem could be solved. In reply Mr Branton explained that it would be attended to next winter.

### Subscription

Mr Litschi sec. Mrs Shires proposed that in view of the funds raised by Jubilee Sale, the subscription be reduced possibly by 2/6. After some discussion Mr Phillipe sec. Mrs Litschi proposed subscription be reduced to 5/-, but this was opposed by a majority. Mr Branton then proposed, sec by Mrs Sutton that it be reduced to 7/6. This was passed.

### Future Plans

Mr Branton suggested that since the ducks were old & dying off new stock be procured.

Mr Litschi proposed a Barbecue be held in the High Season.

Mrs Shires suggested a working party be formed to collect facts to compile a history of the village.

Mr Hall suggested that Miss Holmes of the County Archive Dept. be invited to address a meeting.

Mrs Shires stressed the point that the Society was not against development in such parts of the village as was permitted according to County plans, but that it wished to make sure that the new development would be in keeping with the village.

There being no further business to discuss refreshments were served. These were followed by a coloured film made for the C. P. B. F. entitled "Who cares for England". This proved most enlightening and revealed in what ways beautiful countryside was being desecrated, and how easily villages could be spoiled by ugly development and thoughtlessness. The Meeting then drew to a close.

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