

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 3, Silver St,
on Thursday 10th April 1969, Mr Sampson in the
Chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs Morris.

The Chairman welcomed the four new members
of the Committee.

The previous minutes of the previous meeting
were read and adopted.

Matters Awaiting

The Island in the Pond

Mr Shires & Mr Brown felt that it was
essential that a referendum be taken re:
the island, otherwise the retaining of the island
would be looked upon as a sign of the
Society's defeat in this issue with the
Lands Dept. Mr Phillips & Mr Mullins
suggested that the referendum be dispensed

with. Valuable time could be lost in planting the island which was in a tatty state. Mr Brown insisted that since no vote had been taken at the A.G.M. we had a moral obligation to carry out a referendum. Mr Phillips pointed out that the whole village should be given the chance to state their views. It was agreed that the referendum be put to every household, regardless of membership of the society. Mr Sauphien suggested that the referendum be combined with the collection of subscriptions. Mr Mullins suggested that Mr Hetschi organise this operation and that the village be carved up for present & future circulation. The divisions were made as follows: — Mr Phillips — both sides of Sultan Rd to ~~east~~ fork of Sultan Close.

Mrs Hunt — Sultan Close plus three houses opposite the entrance.

Mr Mullins — Puddledock & Sunnyfields.

Mr Sauphien & Mrs Morris — Plaster Lane

Mrs Shires — Silver St up to Rip Van Winkle

Mr Brown — White Horse Lane, Waterworks & houses adjacent to Waterworks.

Mr Hetschi — the remainder.

It was agreed that should the island be retained it be planted (subject to Parks Dept. permission) by the Society. Mr Phillips felt this could be an exciting development to attract wild life to the pond. He offered to write to a nursery specialising in aquatic plants asking advice on the best plants to thrive in the present conditions. It was agreed that a subcommittee could meet to organise the planting. The secretary agreed to contact Mr Rownton before writing Mr Saville, when appreciation could be expressed for the tidying &

turning of the pond perimeter. When the results of the referendum were known a letter would also be sent to the Borough Engineer & the seepage by the seat should be mentioned.

The A. G. M.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs Shives for the excellent & charming film she had chosen to be shown that evening.

Future Programme

Mr Fetschi suggested a Barbecue. This was discussed in detail but it was felt by many that this was by far too large an undertaking at present. Although we would like to increase our bank balance it was generally agreed that a social run on the lines of last year, but at a higher charge, would be less worrisome. It was agreed to hold it at the Scout Hall one Sat. evening in June or early July.

A Sub Committee should be appointed, and for this Mrs Brown & Mr Reed should be co-opted to the Committee. Of the standing committee

Mrs Hunt, Mrs Morris, Mr Shives, Mr Fetschi & Mr Saunders were nominated for the Social Committee. Mrs Shives stated that a Book Token had been sent to Mr Ricketts.

The old chapel - it was agreed that Mr Fetschi continue to try for permission to use it.

Footpaths Mr Phillips deplored the fact that barbed wire had been put across the opening of the footpath in Plaisters lane. Could not pressure be used to replace the stile even if soc. paid for it. Mr Saunders promised to look into the matter with Mrs Amber where land it adjoined.

Cartshed - Mr Phillips felt that a watch must be kept on this factory being kept open at all hours. Since the present firm would be leaving in the near future it was essential when the time drew near to write the Planning Office to ensure that the newcomers were not given too much freedom where evening & weekend working was concerned.

Planning Office

Mr Sampson agreed to visit this office for inspection of applications & plans.

It was agreed that Miss Holmes be contacted as to whether she would be willing to address a meeting.

Report of A & M in Echo

Mrs Shires deplored the fact that her report of this meeting had been mangled with sensational misleading headlines.

The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wed 23rd ^{April} ~~July~~ subject to Mr Phillips correspondence with the nursery.

A vote of thanks was made to Mr & Mrs Shires for their hospitality following which the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. Sampson
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