

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on  
Tuesday, 12th September <sup>1913</sup> at 3. Silver Street.

Apologies were received from:—  
Mr. Galpin, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. Penning,  
Mr. Butler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and adopted.

### Matters arising

Mrs. Ditschi reported having seen the  
Town Clerk and Mr. Meach regarding the  
"Keep Out" notices on the latter's land  
around the mill. This has confirmed  
that Mr. Meach had been required to  
erect notices by the Borough Engineer  
and at the instigation of the Water Board.  
Mr. ~~Scott~~ <sup>Scott</sup> doubted that the notices gave  
legal protection against responsibility  
for accidents to young children. Members  
expressed fear of fencing as the  
only alternative and decided  
regretfully that the notices must be  
accepted. Mrs. Ditschi said she had  
expressed the Society's regret at not  
being consulted and given an opportunity  
to seek an alternative to unsightly

whites in the Conservation Area.

Mrs. Ditschi then reported on her continuing representations regarding the state of the pond, responsibility for which falls between two L.A. Committees. She hoped that the Borough Engineer was now taking greater interest; that it was realised the raising of the weir was in error; that it ~~was~~ had been suggested the island in the pond should be removed.

Mr. Duckett Jones commented the L.A. seemed now to be coming around to the view urged by the Society for some years, ~~the case~~ and proposed the Society should now ask for the island to be removed. This proposal was accepted <sup>unanimously</sup>, subject to consultation with Mr. Ernest Saunders.

The sudden presence of large white boards advertising Vogue Motors on the verge beside Eamie Down golf course was remarked by the committee. Mrs. Dawson reported she had enquired at the Golf Club

and had been told the boards were temporary and for a tournament held on Sunday 9th. The committee asked the Secretary to follow up with the Golf Club and County Council if necessary.

Ms. Ditschi reported the concern of Mr. Hansen over House Agents <sup>labeled</sup> representing houses as in Sutton Nyntz. Mr. Hansen advised that the Trade Description Act covers goods, not services and therefore not House Agents. It was felt that while regrettable, the matter was the concern of agents and customers rather than the Society.

Xmas Cards. Ms. Ditschi had sent samples which were shown to the committee and the information that the cards have been ordered. The committee expressed delight with the design.

Land beside the 11 Cottages  
Ms. Ditschi reported that she now recalled the proposal to redesignate  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of "white" land being raised

at a previous planning meeting. She understood this was at the suggestion of the County Planning Office, the reason given being to preserve a knoll and yet allow the developer the same total site. Redesignation would involve advertising - the matter will be discussed at a future planning meeting of the L.A. on October 11th.

Ms. Hackett-Jones, who has consulted with a number of neighbours, expressed their deep concern and opposition in principle to any loss of white land, in spite of any assurances we may be given by planning officers as to this not creating a precedent etc. Mrs. Medcalf and Ms. Kenton supported this. Other members wished for more information and it was decided that the Committee should examine the plans (TP 2361/3) and meet before the next planning meeting.

Social evening It was requested Mrs. Brown is happy to arrange décor and entertainment, Mrs. Dowland the

replacements. Date according to availability of the hall, about the end of October.

The Secretary reported that owing to pressure on her time she was not able to fulfil duties as Secretary without neglecting the work of the Conservation sub-committee. Mr. <sup>Scott</sup> Gore kindly offered to take over as Secretary after the meeting and the committee expressed thanks and acceptance.

Mr. Ditchei had enquired as to whether the soc. should purchase a seat for the green at Old Birkcumbel Lane. Mr. Gore agreed to check as he believed a seat was part of the plan by the developer.

Future programme The committee agreed Mr. Bentley be asked to organise the bazaar; Mr. Samuels for his permission Mr. Shivers to try to book College of Education group for "an evening of Victorian music". Mr. Barton agreed to lead a Carol singing party, proceeds to a local children's charity, on Friday

December 21st, 7.0 p.m. before the  
Springhead.

Mrs. Shier agreed to prepare a  
newsletter, and the next committee  
meeting was arranged for  
Monday, 5th October at 7.30.

Jaye Kitchi  
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