

Minutes of a Meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup> 1977 at Northdown Farm, Mrs Hanson in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Mr Hanscombe.

The Chairman welcomed those new committee members. As no Vice-Chairman had been yet elected it was proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mr ~~Saunders~~<sup>Smith</sup> that Mr Litschi be Vice-Chairman. This was unanimously agreed upon. Mrs Litschi agreed to write up the Minutes until the post of Secretary was filled.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising for future activities.

After some discussion, <sup>it was agreed</sup> that a Family Walk be held in place of the Ladies Walk. Mr Saunders would lead it to Osington (Sun-Ray) and back, starting from the Springhead at 7pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Morris would do the

posters.

Tea on the Lawn would be at Bellamy Cottage, home of Mr & Mrs Mercer, on the afternoon of July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Silver Jubilee Dance 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Bell (Ship Inn) had expressed his inability to run the Bar after all. Mr Jay had however arranged for a Bar from Dorchester. He reported also that the Chicken & Chips supper would cost 60 p. per head less 5%, and that it would be delivered. It was decided not to serve ice-cream in addition. The Chairman reported that so far 54 tickets had been sold. It was agreed that helpers meet at the Scutt Hall at 2.30 pm to prepare the Hall.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations - Mrs Harrison reported on arrangements for the Silver Jubilee Children's Party and for the Evening Barn Dance on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Insurance Cover for the Children's Party was discussed. Several members expressed anxiety lest a child should have an accident. Mr Litchie would obtain details and the matter was delegated to the Chairman & Vice-Chairman to finalise.

Coffee Morning - this showed a profit of £13. It was agreed that this be donated to the Silver Jubilee

Sub-Committee, and that profits be given to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.

"Yau House - the Outside View" by John Puzeman. The Chairman reported that she had not yet been able to obtain it. Mrs Sitschi suggested that since the book was somewhat expensive, and since the Society had no Headquarters where it would be readily available, it would be better to waive this decision. It would no doubt be in the Public Library should it be needed. The Committee decided not to purchase.

State of finances. The ~~Chair~~ Treasurer reported a balance of £60.

Subscriptions. It was felt that lists could be rearranged more satisfactorily where the convenience of collectors was concerned. Mr Joy, Mr Sitschi and Mrs Morris would get together and re-allocate. There had been complaints made that people had not been invited to join. Mrs Sitschi stressed that when the Society had been founded in 1968 all people had been approached, but some had not wished to join. As far as she knew most newcomers were approached soon after arrival. Mr Sitschi proposed that a Circular be delivered



to all villages, and this followed up by a call from a Committee Member. By this means, membership could be increased, and no-one could complain that they had not been contacted. The Chairman agreed to arrange for the printing of the Circular.

Notice Board - Mr Litschi agreed to take over the insertions in the Notice Board. He felt that these should be changed quite frequently in order to retain people's attention.

Future Dances Since Denis Godsell's Band met so beautifully the requirements of our Dances, it was agreed that it be booked for May and November <sup>1975</sup> - dates to be convenient to the Band. Regarding the Nov. dance, Mr Jay informed the Committee that the professional caller, who had assisted him with the arrangements for the forthcoming Barn Dance on June 7<sup>th</sup>, had expressed a wish to call at a Suttler Payntz Dance. It was therefore unanimously agreed that Mr Jay should contact him with a view to calling at the November Dance, for which we had as yet no Band. White hand: It was agreed that a letter be sent to the h.A. regarding the application to buy <sup>adjacent</sup> to the White hand Probandal Farm, Prosten. The next meeting was fixed for June 25<sup>th</sup>

at "Camelot".

A vote of thanks to Mr Saunders and Elizabeth for their hospitality was proposed, and this concluded the business of the Meeting.

M. A. Hanson.

29<sup>th</sup> June, 1977.