

MINUTES

of a Committee meeting held at
38 Preston Road on Tuesday, 11th November
1980. Mr. H. Ingham in the Chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Valerie
Treegarde

The Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and approved.

Matters Arising

(a) Pond and Trees The Parks Dept. had
told the Chairman that the pond would
be dredged during the winter, and
leakages stopped up. New trees would
also be planted. The chairman had
pointed out the state of the streams
and the Parks Department had said
these would be attended to.

(b) Plaister's Lane - No further
developments.

(c) Activities The Chairman said that
there was no prepared presentation
on Sutton Hooz alone, but arrangements
had been made for Jack West and
Miss Maureen Boddy to give a slide/
tape presentation on "Old Weymouth -

"from Romans to Railways" on 25 November in the Mission Hall (admission free - refreshments 20p).

The chairman would approach the Manager of Marks & Spencer asking if they would be willing to donate biscuits for the Society's functions.

Inquiries would be made about a presentation by the Weymouth Camera Club at a future meeting.

(d) Fireworks and Bonfire As it was learned that the Springhead were arranging a fireworks evening on 1st November, there was no point in the Society proceeding with its arrangements for 5th November.

The chairman reported on a discussion he had recently had with the licensees of the Springhead.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence

(a) The Dorset Branch of CPRE had circulated a paper objecting to the CEGB proposals for a nuclear power station at either of the Dorset sites; they were hoping to set up a joint

Langton Herring / Winfrith objection group.

(b) Details of the A.G.M. of the Dorset Branch of the CPRE on 18 November would be put on the Notice Board.

(c) Details of a CPRE Buffet Supper and film show, etc. at Wolferton House on 22 November, and of CPRE Books on wild flowers, etc. were noted.

(d) 2 new members had joined the Society.

Treasurer's Report Since the last meeting £50 in subscriptions had been received.

Planning and similar matters

(i) Double yellow lines - Preston Road
The Chairman will write to the Borough Council to enquire about progress.

(ii) The Mill Mr. Knight reported a meeting on 23 October with the Mayor, which Commander Lenton, Mrs. Shires and Mrs. M. Brown also attended, together with Mr. Hockett (Architect) and Mr. Kelly (of the Planning Department). Consideration had been deferred by the Planning Committee and Mr. West (Museum Curator) had expressed an interest in the Mill as a

possible extension to the Museum. The general consensus was that:- (a) the four flats would considerably over-develop the site, and (b) a suitable development might be a combination of residential flat, studio accommodation for a professional person and a small museum and/or working mill. Mrs Litschi said that if the Borough Council rejected the present proposal, the ideas in (b) above could be put to Mr. Meech as an alternative.

The Chairman read a letter from the Weymouth Civic Society giving their views on the proposal. They were concerned at the high density and thought one or two units would be preferable.

It was agreed to await further developments.

(iii) Puddledock Lane The Planning Committee had approved the erection of 13 houses near Sunnyfields. The residents there had, at their own very considerable expense, laid hard core to provide better access

to their road. Preliminary work on these houses had already churned up the hardcore. The Chairman and Mr. M. Jacobs of Sunnyleads had discussed this matter with the Planning Officer and representatives of the Borough Engineer, who reiterated the questionable status of Puddledock Lane. It was agreed, however, that the Chairman would write to the Chief Executive pressing for priority to be given to making-up the section of the lane concerned. Funds were available for filling potholes, which might be used in connection with the sewer laying. The council would remind the contractors of their responsibility for due care in carrying out the work.

The Committee felt it unfortunate that no steps had apparently been taken to prevent the deterioration of Puddledock Lane through this new development, and endorsed the action being taken.

(iv) DoE planning document The CPRE called attention to the Department having ignored amenity societies while consulting the local authority associations on this document, which proposed planning relaxations in many cases.

Winter Activities - Carols. The committee arranged that carols be sung around the village in the week before Christmas, so as not to clash with the Vicarage carols. [Subsequently arranged for 16 December]. Singers would meet at the Mission Hall and return there for soup, which Mrs. Knight would prepare. Proceeds to the mentally handicapped, as before.

Christmas cards There was some disappointment with the card, particularly in view of the excellent original drawing (Silver Street in 1890). The cost would be 12p each or 10 for £1.10p. 1,000 had been printed and as the wording was "With Best Wishes", they could also be

made available at other functions as
normal greeting cards.

Next Meeting will be held at Mr.
Saunders' house on Tuesday, 13th
January 1981.

The meeting closed with thanks to
Mrs. Robinson for her hospitality.

Lorraine

13/1/81 Chairman.