

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Mission Hall on Tuesday, April 24th, 1981. Mr. L. Ingham in the Chair.

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. J. Hirschi.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman had sent out his report with Newsletter no. 24 to all Sutton Poyntz residents, both members and non-members of the Society.

Treasurer's Report.

Copies of the financial statement and balance sheet were passed around the hall. The Treasurer reported a balance of £277.62 :-

Hatfield Building Society:	£ 119.51
	£ 115.59
Lloyds Bank	£ 39.60
Cash in hand	£ 2.92,

The accounts were audited by Mr. Cole.

The Christmas cards, which could be used as novelties, would be sold during the year, at eight pence each.

The Chairman told the meeting that Mr. Griffiths, a representative of the Langton Herring Action Group, had spoken at a Sutton Poyntz Committee Meeting on 22nd July 1980. He had explained their protest against the proposed siting of a Nuclear Power Station at Herby. Mr. Griffiths had asked for the support of the Sutton

Poyntz Society in this case. The Committee members had decided that it was too big an issue for them to deal with, and that it should be referred to the next General Meeting. The Chairman then read out a letter sent by Mr. Griffiths to the County Council and also extracts from their Newsletter no. 3.

The meeting was then asked to consider whether the Sutton Poyntz Society should become involved in this issue and if it were decided positively, then ^{should} the Society support the action group. After much discussion Mr. J. Allen proposed that "The Sutton Poyntz Society considers that it is not within its aims to involve itself with the Langton Herring Action Group in its opposition to the Nuclear Power Station". This was seconded by Mr. Mercer.

Mr. K. Knight pointed out that ^{while} it was not one of the aims of the Society to support the Langton Herring Action Group, ~~but~~ the point arising was whether the Society should become involved with this issue. An amendment was therefore proposed by Mr. Knight, "That the Sutton Poyntz Society will support the Langton Herring Action Group in their opposition to the Nuclear Power Station at Herby". This was seconded by Mrs. Anne Digby.

A vote was taken and the amendment was lost.

A vote was taken on the motion. The motion was

carried by 14 votes to 4.

It was pointed out that although the Sutton Poyntz Society as a body would not involve itself with the protest, many individuals were sympathetic to the case and might be happy to support it.

The Chairman asked the meeting to consider whether the Emergency legal fund should be built up considerably in the future because the amount in the Building Society was 'chicken-feed' compared with what would be required if legal aid were needed. Alternatively, it should be considered whether the idea of this fund should be abandoned, since inflation and conditions had altered greatly since it was first formed.

It was pointed out by Mr. Fenton that if it were necessary to mount a campaign of some kind, it needn't be too expensive and therefore the legal fund should be retained. There was general agreement. Mr. Fenton proposed "that the emergency fund should remain and the subscriptions should be raised to 75 pence per household". This was seconded by Mr. F. Hirsch. After some discussion about how this would affect elderly people living alone, Mrs. McEachern proposed that "subscriptions should be raised to £1 per family and remain 50 pence for people living alone". This was seconded [by Mrs. Fenton] and carried by

18 votes to 5.

The Chairman pointed out that he could not find any copies of the Society Rules that were not "Draft Rules" and these could not have been ratified by the A.G.M. He proposed that they should be revised and ratified at another A.G.M. Mr. Hirschi stated that, in fact, they had been ratified but not typed out as such.

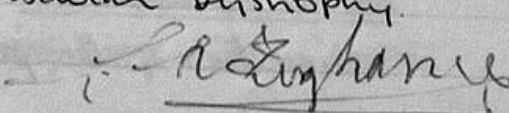
The Chairman thanked the outgoing Committee and those members who were staying on for a further year. Mr. Knight proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ingham for his services as Chairman and this was enthusiastically supported.

Twelve nominations (all seconded) for the new Committee had been received as follows:- Messrs. Ingham, Saunders, Knight, Mercer, King and Campbell. Mesdames Loveland, Robinson, Wilkinson, Hirschi, Brown and Dodge.

Mrs. Knight proposed that they be approved. This was seconded by Mrs. Ingham.

The officers would be elected by the Committee, as would be the auditors.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed. Coffee was served and a very pleasant film shown given by a member of Weymouth Camera Club followed. A collection was made for Muscular Dystrophy.


CHAIRMAN

20th April 1982