

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting on Tuesday 16 March 1982
at Russet Cottage. Mr. L. Ingham in the chair.

Apologies from Mrs Brown, Mrs Wilkinson and Mr. Knight.

Minutes of meeting on 3 February 1982 approved.

Matters arising-

(a) The Mill: Mrs Little said that no plans had

so far been submitted to the Planning Committee, and Mr Mercer said he understood the prospective purchaser was making careful enquiries before completion.

The Chairman mentioned that a member of the Society had suggested we might write to the prospective buyer indicating the Society's willingness to help him in any way possible; the Committee considered it preferable not to do so.

(b) Mr Poole's talk on 24 February was most successful and enjoyable - over 50 people attended. A cheque for £5 had been sent to him.

As regards Mr Shepherd, the Chairman had tried several times to contact him and was continuing his efforts.

(c) Piano. Mr Wright had spoken to the appropriate people of St Andrew's Church; they appreciated our proposal but felt unable to contribute towards the cost. Use of the Mission Hall was not encouraged and, in fact, the Church would like to find another hall nearer the centre of Preston. No further action to be taken.

Newsletters from Societies. The Secretary had received recently newsletters from the Osington and Upwey Societies; these were being circulated amongst the Committee. Two film shows arranged by Osington had been publicised in our notice-board. Dates of other functions were noted.

Treasurer's Report. The balance in hand (current account) was £117.26, and there was £255.05 in the Halifax Building Society.

Seat on Old Farm Road/Hill. Mr Litschli had submitted preliminary ideas for a stone bench to be built into the hill. Mr Saunders said his sons should be approached about the use of stone from derelict cottages further up the hill; the Chairman would do this. Then the Committee could, as necessary, discuss the questions of actual design, construction and costs.

Annual General Meeting. This was arranged for Tuesday 20 April in the Mission Hall. The Chairman was preparing a news-letter-cum-annual report for distribution. After the meeting (fixed for 7 pm) Mr Bartlett of Devonish's was coming to talk on wine, and ~~will~~^{would} bring samples - this had been cleared with the hall authorities - and the Chairman undertook to see to the hire of glasses. It was agreed that coffee + biscuits would be provided at 15p. per head.

Puddlecock Lane. Members noted the article and photos in the "Evening Echo" on 16 February. Mrs Litschli said there was a serious surface-water problem, which she and her husband were trying to do something about.

Next Meeting - Left to new committee.

Thanks to Mrs King for hospitality.

W. St. Mercer

Chairman 24.8.82