

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting on Monday 24 May 1982
at Bellamy Cottage. Mr. W.H. Mercer in the chair.

Apologies from Mr King.

1. Election of Chairman. Mr Mercer was elected Chairman and thereupon took the chair.
2. Election of Other Officers, etc. The following were elected:
Vice-Chairman - Councillor Mrs J. Litschi
Secretary - Mr K. C. Knight
Treasurer - Mrs E. Wilkinson
Social Secretary - Mrs M. Brown
Planning Sub-Com - Mr Saunders, Mrs Pressly, Mr Shires
and the Chairman and Secretary.
3. Minutes, of meeting on 16 March 1982 approved.

Matters arising

- (a) Proposed road, Old Farm Road. Mr Ingham had discussed this matter with Mr David & Mr Derek Saunders, who felt unable to agree the proposal. No further action to be taken.
- (b) Puddledock Lane. Mrs Litschi said that Dorset CC. had decided to proceed with the preliminaries for making-up this lane, from Seven Acres to Sunnysfields, in the year 1983/4, on the basis of a country road with a footpath.

4. Financial report. Mr Saunders reported that since the Annual meeting expenses of only £3.65 had been incurred. He passed the books, etc. over to Mrs Wilkinson. The Committee resolved that all necessary steps be taken with Lloyds Bank and the Halifax Building Society to transfer the Treasurership.

5. Secretary's report. The CPRE journal had been received and was being passed around members of the Committee.

6. Planning Matters.

(i) The Mill. The Chairman of the ^{Council} Planning Committee had recently sought the Society's views on the proposed use of the mill machinery from 8 to 6.30 on weekdays and 10-6.30 on Saturdays and Sundays. After considerable local consultation, the Secretary told the Chairman we agreed. Mr Wallis, the new owner, was anxious to commence reconstruction work as soon as possible.

(ii) Land adjoining the Mill House. The Planning Dept. sought views on an outline application to "convert the present garages into a residence with two garages". After considerable discussion, the Committee decided that in principle little objection could be raised, provided the dwelling is in tone in appearance, height etc, with the vicinity; but the resultant loss of garaging and parking space would be serious, and the local authority should carefully consider

this aspect.

(iii) "Six Elms" site, Plaisters Lane. The Manning Sub-Committee had considered plans for two houses on this site and had raised no particular objection, apart from the materials proposed for garage roofs. The need for realignment of the boundary hedges fronting Plaisters Lane had been re-emphasised.

(iv) Development generally. Mrs Litschi mentioned a discussion with the Borough Engineer when he suggested that further development within the village (especially involving access to roads) might be undesirable, particularly to preserve the rural nature and charm. Members agreed in principle.

7. District Representatives. The Committee agreed to continue the present arrangements; a few adjustments were accepted, following changes in membership.

8. Future Events.

(a) It was agreed that Mr Saunders' usual walk be on Friday 18 June to Broadmayne, and that "Afternoon Tea" be on Saturday 26 June at Kathy Pressley's.

(b) Mrs Brown would pursue the proposed talk by Mr Shepherd. She suggested, and all agreed, that she make enquiries about a short series of "evening class"-type addresses on a variety of topics, for the autumn/winter. Other possible speakers were in mind.

9. Newsletters. The committee gratefully accepted Mr Ingham's offer to continue the actual production of Newsletters.

Other Business

- (i) Mrs Little was re-appointed the Society's representative on Preston Village Hall Committee.
- (ii) Mrs Shires had been asked to serve on a newly-appointed Historic Buildings Trust in Weymouth. Noted with pleasure; liaison by the Society with the Trust could be beneficial.
- (iii) It was considered desirable that the Council should not destroy new shoots at the stumps of the old willows by the pond.
- (iv) A suggestion for the 1982 Christmas card was noted. Mrs Wilkinson said there were some 230 of the old "Silver Street" card, which she sold at 8p to visitors and 5p to residents.

→ Next Meeting - Monday 12 July at 1 Old Lincombe Lane.

Thanks to Mr & Mrs Mercer for hospitality.

- (v) The owner of 79 Sutton Road had erected posts and chains in front of his property. While recognising his right to do so, the committee felt they presented a considerable hazard; the Borough Engineer will be asked if he could arrange for the posts to be set back and provided with reflectors.

W.A. Mercer
CHAIRMAN