

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting at 7 Old Kincourbe Lane on
Monday 4 October 1982 at 7.45 pm. Mr W.H. Mercer in the chair

Apologies received from Belle Mrs Libschi.

1. Minutes of meeting on 12 July 1982 approved.
2. Matters arising.
 - (a) Sutton Road. Edge of carriageway markings had been provided by the Borough Engineer and seemed satisfactory. Mrs Campbell informed the Secretary that the B.E. was also proposing to erect a triangular warning sign (child with mother) indicating no footpath in Sutton Road; the committee saw no objection, provided the siting is right. As regards the proposed village sign, the Borough Council had approved in principle a sign near ^{Winstow} ~~Winstow~~ Road and were seeking the views of Dorset CC. as highway authority.
 - (b) Social events. The walk led by Mr Saunders, tea at Mrs Brooker's, a coffee morning at Bellamy Cottage and a film show by Mr Mike Sheppard had taken place as arranged, and were all successful and enjoyable. Marks and Spencer Ltd had kindly given £5 vouchers for refreshments from the store. Thanks were expressed to all concerned.
 - (c) General activities. A meeting, arranged by Mrs Brown,

had taken place on 28 September when 23 ladies expressed a desire to participate in a craft class, which would commence on 5 October and be held weekly with each participant paying 75p per week. Six more ladies had since asked to join the class.

Mrs Brown had also arranged for a talk by Mr J. Hearing, Chairman of Orset History Society, to be given on 26 November on the theme How Just.

A History Group would commence on 27 October, with Mr Hearing initiating it. Cost would be 75p per weekly session.

It was hoped to commence a water-colour painting class early in the New Year.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Brown for all these arrangements.

(a) Carols. In view of the impending departure of Mr & Mrs Broseus from the Springhead, it would be necessary to discuss this matter with the new landlords when they arrive.

(b) Christmas Card. Because of the cost and the fact that a minimum of 2000 cards in colour would have to be printed, the Chairman and Mrs Wilkinson had decided against such a card. Mr Jones had agreed some weeks ago to produce (including printing) a black & white card which could sell for about 15p, as

against about 23p for a coloured one. The committee approved this, asking Mrs. Wilkinson to pursue the matter urgently so that the cards are available by about 10 November. If any serious snags arise, Mr. Slives undertook to produce a drawing.

3. Chairman's report. Mr. Mercer said he would attend the AGM of Dorset branch of CPRE at Abinghampton later this month. The society's subscription of £8 to CPRE was renewed.

4. Treasurer's report. We had £136.30 bank balance and £23.85 cash in hand. Mrs. Mullins thought it more profitable for the funds in the Halifax B.S. to be put instead in N.S. Investment Account, in view of tax liability. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

5. Secretary's report. A newsletter had been received from Upwey Society. There had been no communications or planning matters since the last meeting.

6. Other Business.

(i) Fireworks. It was decided to do nothing this year.

(ii) Newsletter. The committee agreed that another newsletter be distributed - preferably a week before 27 October, so as to give notice of the History Group. They also agreed it

should contain a note about the society's background and role, in view of conflicting views expressed that (a) we fail to "conserve" the village and (b) we interfere with people's development of their property.

(iii) Trees in the Village. Mr Shires mentioned the shortage of long established trees in the village, while accepting that a fair amount of new planting had taken place. The need for general care of the estate of the village was emphasised.

(iv) Possible future developments. Certain possible activities were mentioned, which the society would need to keep an eye.

7. Next Meeting: Monday 6 December 1982 at Mrs Howley's.

8. Thanks to Mr. + Mrs. Campbell for hospitality.

W. H. Mercer

Chairman. 6.12.82