

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 December 1982  
at the Rest, Selwyn Street, at 7.30pm Mr. Mercer in the chair

Apologies for absence from Mr. Campbell & Mrs. Litchfield

1. Minutes of meeting on 11 October 1982 approved.

2. Matters arising

(a) Sutton Road. A "children" warning sign had recently been affixed to the road sign at the Peerton Rd/Sutton Rd junction.

(b) Social Events. Mrs. Ince was congratulated on the success of (i) the craft class, the last session of which would shortly take place; (ii) the initial sessions of the arts club, begun recently - a decision as to future venue etc. would be taken on 16 December; (iii) the talk by Mr. Hearing on the Mary Rose; and (iv) the talks on local history by Mr. Hearing, to be resumed on Friday evenings commencing 21 January. The overall cost to the Society of the classes was £8.

(c) Carols. The Springhead being closed, that location was not available; therefore, no action to be taken this year.

(d) Christmas card. Allowing for a shortage in the number of cards received from the printers and a small number bought at cost by Mr. Jones, all had been sold locally at an overall profit of £9.36. Mrs. Wilkinson and the Chairman were thanked for their efforts.

(e) Newsletters. Arising from Newsletter 28 issued late October, Mr. D. Sallis had written to the Chairman questioning the "lack of thought

given by SPS to fostering spiritual and social activities" and criticising the lack of welcome given to new residents. The chairman had replied at some length explaining why some functions were not proceeded with but pointing out positive achievements. No further action was thought necessary, save to offer Mr Sallis the opportunity to browse through all past newsletters.

3. Chairman's Report. Mr Murch reported briefly on the meeting of Donet Branch of CPKE which he attended recently. He said also that in conversation with the WPBC Planning Officer the latter had complimented the Society on its reasonable comments on planning matters and emphasised the need for this to continue (eg in regard to the Duneau Land - see below).

4. Treasurer's Report. Mrs Williamson gave a summary of income and expenditure since April. Current bank balance was £140.86 (£42.65 increase since April), with 20p cash in hand.

As regards investment of money, Mrs Mullins compared interest rates in building societies with that in the National Savings Investment Accounts. She said that the Inland Revenue tended to ignore very small amounts of interest accrued by bodies like the Society. Transferring to N.S. Investment A/c would benefit the Society by approx £5 a year, with no likely disadvantages. The Committee decided that the accounts with the Halifax B.S. be closed and transferred to N.S.I. at an appropriate date

before 1 January 1983, and also that £100 of the balance in the bank be similarly transferred at the same time.

5. Secretary's report. A letter had been written early in November to ~~Wessex~~ Water at Poole enquiring whether part of the now spare land at the pumping station might be used for car parking by villagers or visitors. The reply said that although the station is controlled from Dorchester by computer, security considerations prevented the use of any part of the site by outsiders. (The Committee may review this matter later).

6. Planning matters. (a) Detailed consideration was given to an outline planning permission application submitted by Mr Dineat (and auor) for conversion of the barn and erection of four dwellings on his land, between the house and Sutton Road. The Committee decided (a) no objection in principle, (b) very important that the buildings are sited and constructed (materials, landscaping etc) with great care in view of their key position in the village, (c) various details of importance concerning the immediate geography had not been included in the plan submitted, which was in any event of extremely small scale, and (d) access to the whole site would be preferable via Puddledock Lane, which would prevent traffic problems likely to arise from the proposed access by the barn. The WPBC would be asked to ensure close consultation with the Society over this likely development.

(b) Reference was made to rumours of large-scale development

at the far end of Huddelock Lane / Old Bincombe Lane. Mrs  
Litschi had indicated that WPBC Manning Dept knew nothing of this.

7. Next meeting: Monday 24 January at Mr Stiles' house,

8. Thanks to Mrs Pressley for hospitality

W.A. Meece

CHAIRMAN 24.1.53.