

MINUTES of a Committee meeting on Monday 28 March 1983  
at Hullbream Cottage at 7.30pm. Mr Mezer in the chair.

Apologies for absence from Mr Wilkinson + Mr Campbell.

1. Minutes of meeting on 24 January 1983 approved.

2. Matters arising:

(a) The Diment land - Mrs Litchi reported on developments so far as the Council are concerned. Tests on the soil had proved satisfactory and outline planning permission for the four houses and barn conversion had been given, subject to strict conditions relating to the stone to be used, roof structure, "sympathetic" conversion of the barn, paving of courtyard and landscaping. Some work also required the consent of the Dorset C.C. Mrs Litchi understood (a) that Dorset C.C. were also considering the question of the farm-house being listed and (b) that the Diment family had no plans at this stage for any further development.

(b) The Mill - Work by G. Heath Ltd and specialist firms was proceeding. A gift of £500 was reported to have been made by the County Council to Mr Wallis

(c) The Springhead. - A most useful meeting, attended by some 120 people, had been held on 23 March. The Secretary briefly referred to an aide-memoire he had prepared of the discussion [to be filed]. Mr Ludlow of

Deacovich's had been asked for any comments on the note, which would be amended as necessary.

(d) Conservation. In the absence of Mr Sluis, consideration of his paper was deferred.

(e) Social activities. Mrs Brown mentioned that the art class would continue at weekly intervals until September. Bristol University was willing to sponsor a further history class next autumn, with Mr Harding again being the lecturer on Friday evenings. We would need to consider, after the first two meetings, whether this class would be worthwhile.

3. The Historical Association. The Chairman had been approached by Mr. Litschi about the visit of members of this Association to Hardy Country in June. It was agreed that the Society would entertain the members (about 20) to coffee and biscuits on 10th June.

4. The Annual General Meeting had now been fixed for 26 April and Mrs Brown had arranged for Dr Donald Baker to speak afterwards on "Hardy Hermits". A book token value £5 will be given to him. Coffee and biscuits will suffice.

5. Treasurer's Report. Mrs Wilkinson wrote saying that the Halifax B.S. accounts had been closed and there was now £375.64 in the N.S. Investment Account. The current account balance was £35.71

6. Secretary's report. Correspondence had taken place with the Weymouth Civic Society, who had written to the Borough Council about the Diment land proposals; this had come to light because the Chief Executive sent<sup>us</sup> a copy of the Civic Society's letter. Further consideration will be given at the next meeting to our representation on the Civic Society, and means of liaison.
7. Planning matters. Nothing new to report.
8. Committee membership. The Chairman asked those present if they would be willing to continue to serve for the ensuing year; all were agreeable. Mrs Libschi hoped that Mr. Mercer would serve again as Chairman; he said he would do so, if elected, but only for one more year. Approaches would be made to Mrs Heide Sarrauce and either Mr. or Mrs. Wallis about their nomination to the Committee. In the circumstances, it was decided that formal nomination forms could be dispensed with this year.
9. Next meeting: 6th June at Hellamy Cottage.
10. Thanks to Mrs Knight for hospitality.

W. H. Mercer