

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on  
Tuesday 26 April 1983 at 7.30pm. in the Union Hall.

Mr W.H. Mercer in the chair. 43 Members present.

Apologies: Mr F. Litschli and Mr Ellis Wallis.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the AGM on 20 April 1982 were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising. Councillor Mrs Litschli reported that there would be a delay of some 18 months in the making-up of part of Seven Acres, and that Dorset CC. were involved in a possible compulsory purchase order which might delay the making-up of Kuddledock Lane in the Sunnysfields/Seven Acres area.

3. Chairman's report. (a) Mr Mercer welcomed such a good attendance at this meeting. Mr Wallis wished to express thanks for the assistance given him in clearing up the land round the Mill; the Chairman felt that Mr Wallis was doing a very good job in restoring the mill.

Mr Mercer said that over the year the Society had endeavoured to continue to fulfil its objectives in preserving the nature of the village. Some development, he felt, was a little unfortunate - building in Kuddledock Lane was mixed and somewhat unattractive, and building in the Corvise Valley was in danger of getting uncomfortably

too close to the village. As regards the development proposed on part of the Diament land, we had most carefully considered the outline plans with a view to preserving the general appearance of the area; and the Borough and County Councils were very concerned with traffic and other implications. Over the years a lot of building had taken place in this part of the borough and we needed to continue to guard against Preston and Sutton Tugt becoming an area of continuous development.

(b) Mr. Sallis was concerned about sporadic development both inside and near the village. Councillor Mrs. Litschi reminded the meeting that the Borough Council had always refused development on "white" land, despite pressures from proposed developers and even other authorities. House-building which had taken place was always in line with zones of development settled in the development plan of the late 1950's.

(c) Mrs. Kemp raised the question of car-parking at the Springhead when it re-opened, and was concerned about noisy noise and traffic problems. Several members pointed out that these matters were fully discussed at the very well-attended meeting in March, when there was general agreement with the proposed development of the pub - development which seemed more favourable than might have been contemplated.

(d) The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work, mentioning particularly the Treasurer, Mrs. Brown's activity

in the social side of our work, and the Secretary.

4. Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Hodson-Wilkinson presented the audited accounts for the past year. The Board had decided to transfer the investments in the Halifax Building Society to a N.S. Investment Account, which was more beneficial to bodies like the Society; the balance in that account was £375.64. Receipts in the year were £299.95 and payments £252.30. The bank balance was £28.59 and cash-in-hand £3.59. The accounts were approved, with thanks to the Treasurer.

5. Subscriptions. On the motion of Genl. Fenton, duly seconded, it was agreed that no change be made in the level of subscription for the current year.

6. Social Activities. Mrs. Brown mentioned the various activities over the past nine months or so. Well over 50 people had participated in the classes held in this Hall. The craft and art classes would resume in September and the history class in October.

A display of art and crafts was in the Hall and much admired.

7. Membership of Committee. The Chairman stated that the present members, except Mr. Shires, were willing to serve



again. Mrs Joy Shires was nominated. There being no other nominations, Mr L. Ingham moved, being duly seconded, that the present Committee be thanked for their work and, with the substitution of Mrs Shires for Mr Shires, elected for the ensuing year. (Agreed).

8. Other matters. The question of a Christmas card this year was discussed. Mrs Wilkinson mentioned the difficulty of obtaining a reasonably-priced coloured card these days. Mrs Shires said she hoped to get the block of an old drawing of the pond. This matter was referred to the Committee, it being generally agreed that a Society card is desirable. The Chairman thanked Mrs Wilkinson for her enthusiasm and work last year; all 960 cards were sold very quickly.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm when coffee and biscuits (kindly supplied by Marks and Spencer Ltd) were served. Then Mr G. Poole gave an interesting illustrated talk on "Aspects of Dorset Landscape", showing the inter-relationship between geology, geography and land use and development. Thanks were expressed to Mr Poole by the Chairman.

W. H. Mercer

Chairman.