

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on Monday 6 June 1983
at 7.30 pm. at Bellamy Cottage. Mr. W. H. Mercer in the chair.

Apologies for absence from Mrs Brown and Mr. Mrs Litschi.

1. Election of Chairman. Mr Mercer was re-elected Chairman and thereupon took the chair.

2. Election of Officers, etc. The following were re-elected:

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Mrs Litschi

Secretary: Mr Knight

Treasurer: Mrs Hoden-Wilkinson

Social Secretary: Mrs Brown.

The Haunting Sub-Committee was re-appointed with membership being: the Chairman, Mr Saunders, Mrs Pressly, Mrs Shires, Mr Doyle and the Secretary.

3. Minutes of meeting on 28 March 83 approved.

Matters arising:

(a) Conservation - paper deferred.

(b) Historical Association - 22 members would be visiting the village on 10 June, and Mrs Wilkinson would make arrangements for coffee for them in the Mission Hall.

(c) Weymouth Civic Society - Mrs Shires was appointed to represent the S.P.S. on this body.

(a) The Springhead - the new landowners seem to be informed of our willingness to provide one or two trees, if necessary, to ensure a continuation of the park concept at the pub.

4. Chairman's report. Mr Meier referred to the flooding and dislocation caused by the torrential thunderstorms on Sunday 5 June. It was agreed that we inform the Chief Executive of the Borough Council (a) that work is necessary to clear some of the gulleys and conduits around the Plaistons Lane / Sulton Rd / Puddhock Lane area and (b) drainage problems generally in the village are such that they are an additional reason for restricting further development.

5. Treasurer's report. There was £28.59 at the bank, £1.28 in cash, and £375.64 in the N.S.I. Account.

A villager had enquired whether those in straightened circumstances might forego payment of the subscription to the Society. It was decided that no formal rule need be prescribed, collectors being free to exercise their discretion.

6. Secretary's report. A newsletter from Lepsey Society would be circulated among members of the Committee.

7. Planning matters. (a) The Planning Sub-Committee had recommended the W.P.B.C. to reject an application to develop land forming part of the site of "Straddles" in Haistons Lane on the grounds of traffic problems and undesirable in-filling.

(b) Mrs Wilkinson referred to a comment that the barn on the Duivent land would be taken down; the Chairman and others thought this unlikely in view of the Council's consent to the proposed development.

8. Social Activities. It was decided (a) that Mr Saunders' usual summer walk take place on 24 June and (b) a coffee morning and bring-and-buy be arranged for Sat. 16 or 30 July. [Note: to be on 30.7.93 in view of other commitments at the Mission Hall]. At the next meeting, an afternoon tea party will be considered.

9. Other matters.

(a) Christmas card. Mr Rawlings of "Timberline" had kindly offered to print black and white cards at the cost of the paper only. Mrs Prensley produced a drawing of the Mill/Courthouse/Farm in 1863. The Committee thought this would make an excellent Christmas card, and Mrs Wilkinson undertook to liaise with Mr Rawlings.

(b) Mr Saunders mentioned that for a long time

there was a weather-vane on the hill. It was agreed to inform Mr Wallis of the committee's willingness to provide a replacement if he so wished.

10. Next Meeting: Monday 25 July at 1 Old Rincombe Lane.

Thanks to Mr + Mrs Mercer for hospitality.

W.A. Mercer

Chairman 25/7/83