

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th
September, 1983, at 7-30p.m. at "The Rest". W.H. Mercer
in the Chair.

Apologies from Mr. K. Knight.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July were approved,
subject to two minor amendments in items 6(a) and 7(c).

2. Matters arising:-

Flooding. Attention was drawn to the excessive volume of
water in the River Jordan and the streams from the Pond.
Mr. Saunders explained that since the water supply from
West Knighton became available, Wessex Water Authority
had greatly increased their capacity and at times the
Sutton Poyntz supply from the springs was in excess of
requirements. Mrs. Shires thought the Water Authority
should be able to regulate the flow more successfully.

Christmas Cards. The Chairman reported that Mr. Rawlings
was proceeding with the production of 500 cards, based
on the picture held by Mrs. Pressly and these should be
available during October.

Planning Matters. Dealt with under item 5 below.

Conservation Policy. Dealt with under item 3 below.

3. Chairman's Report.

Council for Protection of Rural England.

The annual general meeting of the Council is to be
held at Waterston Manor on 6th October. Refreshments
will be provided at a cost of £2 per head. The Chairman
regretted that he would be away on 6th October and unable
to attend the meeting. No other member of the Committee
wished to go.

Conservation Policy.

The Chairman read extracts from the Dorset County
Plan News, dated July, 1983, which stated that the
Dorset Structure Plan had been approved by the Secretary
of State for the Environment and came into force on 28th
July, 1983. This plan included Weymouth and the fact
that an additional 300 - 400 houses were being allocated
to South Central Dorset, principally in Weymouth.

The Chairman pointed out that in the Conservation
schemes purchased by Mrs. Shires, there was a reference
to the fact that the principles included by the local
Committees would be superseded by any County Structure
plan and it was agreed that the proposal for such a policy
document for Sutton Poyntz should be left in abeyance.

3. Chairman's Report (Continued)

The Chairman said he would have further comments to make under the heading "Planning Matters".

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that petty cash amounted to £8.03, the current account to £2.19 and the deposit account to £449.64. There had been a profit of £24.75 at the Coffee Morning.

5. Planning Matters.

Land next to "Staddles".

The Chairman said that a member of the Society, who wishes to remain anonymous, had asked that the attention of the Committee be drawn to the danger of this application, which would most likely go to appeal and, if then successful might be varied to allow part of the plot to be used for an access road between there and the Turner's house. It had been pointed out that in the past there was a hard-fought case involving Mrs. Kimber over the question of a wider access at this point. The Committee thought this view was exaggerated and decided that if an appeal were to be undertaken, the views of the Society should be submitted in writing, rather than by personal representations.

99A Sutton Road.

The Secretary's letter was read and endorsed, but Mr. Saunde rs said that, although the Weymouth Planning Authority would approve there had been an alternative suggestion forwarded from the Dorset County Council, which would involve considerable changes and the demolition of a chimney. He would have to consult the architect to decide how to act.

Houses near the Chapel in Sutton Road.

The Committee agreed with the views expressed in the Secretary's letter of 19th September, 1983.*

It is understood that there may be a further application in respect of three houses to be erected on land adjoining Sutton Road beyond the house where Mr. Chappell had lived (No. 55) and No. 53. Mrs. Litschi pointed out that in the 1970s approval had been given for such a development and it would be hard to resist if renewed.

Houses off Winslow Road.

The Committee endorsed the points made in the Secretary's letter dated 9th September, 1983. *

* - written following consideration of the plans by the S.P.S Planning Sub-Committee.

6. Social Activities.

Springhead. Mrs. Brown had made enquiries about a party at the Springhead, but the date of opening is too doubtful for anything definite to be arranged.

Arts & Crafts.

Mrs. Brown reported that the Craft class had been resumed and 19 people attended the opening evening. The class would be held each Tuesday evening and the Arts each Thursday: 16 were expected at the first Art class.

History.

It does not appear likely that the History talks can be resumed with the available level of support.

Talks.

Mrs. Brown has arranged for Mr. Wiggins, from the County Planning Department, to give a talk on 18th November and Linda Poulson, from the County Museum, will come on 3rd February, 1984.

Music & Movement Classes.

The Secretary is in touch with Mrs. Rnadall about the use of the Mission Hall for this purpose.

7. Newsletter.

It was agreed that there should be a Newsletter and the draft submitted by the Secretary was approved, with the addition of a mention of the efforts being made to improve No. 99A Sutton Road. Also Mrs. Litschi stated that a new Council Policy for the use of white land was being considered and, if approved, it would be of interest to members of the Society: she would furnish details to the Secretary when available.

Mrs. Wilkinson requested that people wishing to purchase Christmas Cards should be asked to apply to her at No. 1 Old Bincombe Lane, (Tel. No. 832910), but the price was left in abeyance until the cost of each card is known.

8. Any other business.

Sutton Mill. Mr. Doyle informed the Committee that he had objected to the plain glass windows which had been put in the office facing his bedroom on the first floor of the mill and, as Mr. Wallis had not acted on his protest, he had written to the Planning Authority, pointing out that this was a breach of the conditions of the planning consent.

White Horse Lane. Mrs. Brown complained that the present condition of White Horse Lane is far below what one would wish in a Dorset beauty spot: Mr. Hunt had removed a hedge and the wall being substituted was an eyesore, but she had hopes that this would be remedied. The state of White Horse cottage was a disgrace. She hoped something could be done.

8. Any other Business (Continued).

Removal of Notice - Footpath (only) to Broadmayne.

There had been interference with the notices relating to public footpaths leading from White Horse Lane and the Chairman undertook to consult the County Council Department dealing with footpaths to see if they could help.

Display of Photographs in Society Notice Board.

It was suggested that there must be photographs in existence, illustrating the improvements taking place in Sutton Poyntz (e.g. to the Mill) and that it would be of interest to residents and visitors if they were displayed *in* the case provided for notices in Sutton Road.

Weed in the Pond.

Weed is again taking hold in the Pond and, if the Council will not clear it, it was suggested that volunteers should be sought to undertake the work, as had been done before.

Vote of Thanks.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Pressly for her hospitality.

9. Next Meeting.

Mrs. Brown invited the Committee to meet at her house on Monday, 21st November, at 7-30p.m.

W. H. Mercer

Chairman

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