

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 November 1983 at 7.30 pm. at 3 Silver Street. Mr W.H. Mezer in the chair. Apologies from Mrs Brown and Mr Campbell.

1. Minutes of meeting on 27 September 1983 approved.

2. Matters arising.

(a) Footpath notice - the Chairman had been unable to contact the appropriate officer at County Hall. Mrs Kitchin undertook to see if Borough Council officers could help.

(b) Appeal - Land forming part of "Straddles" curtilage. The Borough Council had informed us of a public inquiry to be held on 13 December; comments had to be put to D. of E. at Bristol by 29 November.

A draft letter to the Department had been circulated among the S.P.S. Planning Sub-Committee in advance, and now to all members. It emphasised the highway and traffic problems and the adverse effect on amenity arising from any development as proposed. With a number of amendments and additions the letter was approved.

It was agreed that the attention of the Weymouth Civic Society be drawn to this appeal.

(c) Weeds in the pond. The Secretary wrote to the Borough Engineer about this matter on 30 September. Mrs

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Litschi said she would ascertain the position so far as clearing by the Council is concerned. If nothing is likely to be done within reasonable time a working party from the Society will be arranged.

On the question of the pond, several members commented on foul-smelling oil which had formed on the surface within the past few days. Mr Saunders said he believed workmen at the Springhead had reared an oil pipe. The Water Authority knew of the seepage and had in fact taken steps to prevent it continuing.

3. Mission Hall - Provision of Curtains. The Women's Institute had decided, with the agreement of the P.C.C., to provide curtains for the Hall windows, at a cost of around £80-£100. The W.I. Chairman had asked whether the Society might wish to assist. In anticipation of the Committee's agreement, Mr Mercer had bought the necessary mono-rails from Cashmans (20% closing-down discount) @ £18.72. He said he hoped we would be able to fix the rails when something could be done about the brackets which support opened windows. The Committee were pleased to approve the action taken and to pay the bill for £18.72, plus any other small outgoings incurred by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's report. Mr Mercer referred to continuing problems between Mr Doyle and Mr Wallis regarding the Hill windows overlooking "Blue Shuttles"; there seemed no action the Committee could take. He also commented on the apparent lack of further activity re the Dument land; Mrs Libschi confirmed this.

5. Treasurer's report. The recent coffee morning had raised £9.25. She had transferred £50 from the Investment Account, the balance of which was now £399.64, and there was £52.19 in the current a/c and £11.32 petty cash.

On Christmas cards, Mrs Wilkinson said 240 had so far been sold. The Chairman said he thought Mr Haulings' charge would be only around £10 for the 500 cards. On the proposal of Mrs Wilkinson, it was agreed by all that we should not produce a card for Christmas 1984; giving the cards a "rest" for a year would be beneficial. Reference was made to some attractive cards of Sturminster Hill on sale @ 5 for 80p.; it is understood that some 5,000 people visit that mill each year.

6. Secretary's report. Literature from C.P.H.E. and the Upwey Society had been circulated among the Committee.

7. The "Springhead" - Planning and Social Activity - The

Secretary reported that the Planning Sub-Committee had raised no objection to proposed illuminated signs outside the pub. (The main sign had been erected that day and members who had seen it thought it very attractive). The Committee now raised no objection to a small sign about the pub being pub in the "willows" ground.

(ii) A Council note on the tree replacements had been received.

(iii) Margaret Brown had been informed by Suzanne Jones that Mr Noble would move in as manager of the Springfield on 22 ~~Sept~~ November, and the pub would open early in December. There was general discussion as to the kind of "social activity" by the Society in connection with the opening; the Committee thought that much would depend on the manager's commitments; and they asked Mrs Busby and the Secretary to make any desirable arrangements, committing the Society to a maximum of £30.

8. Social Activities. Apart from the foregoing, nothing to report except a poor attendance (14 people) at Mr. Wiggins' talk on Friday 19 November. He had <sup>shown</sup> some fascinating "before and after" slides of conservation, etc. schemes in the county.

9. A.O.B. Mrs Hullius said she understood that work in Fuddledock Lane was now to be of a temporary re-surfacing and drainage, and not the

full highway works previously announced. She also understood that some private street work apportionment deposits had been refunded to frontagers. Mrs Litschi commented that she believed that a narrower road than previously approved was to be constructed; she promised to ask Mr Litschi, as a county councillor, to find out what is to happen.

10. Next meeting: Monday 6 January 1984 at Bellway Cottage.

11. Thanks to Mrs Shires for hospitality, especially at fairly short notice in view of Mrs Brown's absence from the village.

W H Mercer  
Chairman.