

MINUTES

of Committee meeting on Monday 16 January 1984 at 7.30 pm.
at Selloony Cottage.

Mr W.B. Mercer in the chair

Apologies from Mrs Brown and Mrs Sullivan (ill).

1. Minutes of meeting on 21.11.83 approved.

2. Matters arising

(a) Footpath notices. The Council official concerned had promised Mrs Lipschitz that he would attend to this.

- (b) Weeds in pond. The Borough Engineer had told Mrs Linsell that these would be dealt with as soon as possible. It was agreed, however, that a working party of members of the Committee would clear the weeds during February.
- (c) Mission Hall curtains. The Chairman, with some assistance, had fixed the battens and rails, and removed the window stays (which had been replaced with chains). Mr. Mercer did not wish to claim any further expenditure and was thanked for his work.
- (d) The Springhead. The directors of Devereux's and Buccacore Inns had entertained many members of the Society to a generous buffet on 14 December. They and the manager had been thanked on behalf of the Society. No further reception seemed called for.
- (e) Puddledock Lane. Mrs Linsell confirmed that the Domet Co. were to make-up part of this lane at their expense; it was possible there would be only one footpath and a narrower carriageway than originally proposed. The work would be spread over two financial years.

3. Weymouth Civic Society: 40th Anniversary. - W.C.S. had invited S.P.S. to "display material in the context of their work" in an exhibition at the Nothe from May to November 84. Members were anxious to

co-operate, and items like the Mill, Old Sincoube Lane development and the conservation study were suggested. As it was not clear, however, what form the display could take and what facilities might be available from W.C.S., Mrs Stines agreed to a general discussion with Colin Oakford, and the matter will be further considered.

4 Planning - (a) Land next to "Stables". In the light of fresh proposals relating to access to this site and other minor variations in the plans, and in view of the County Surveyor's acceptance of the proposals, the Borough Council had not pursued their objections and no appeal was therefore heard. The County Surveyor will be surprised of our regret at his decision.

(b) The Sinent Land. The Planning Sub-Committee learned in December of reported proposals to proceed with the sale/purchase of this site on the basis of four houses off a "drain" type roadway and demolition of the barn. A strong letter has been sent to the Borough Council on 20th December asking for closer adherence to the outline planning permission. The Committee endorsed the terms of that letter.

Mrs Libelin said that Mr Keast of Overcombe who had, it was understood, purchased the site had not submitted further detailed plans; she promised to liaise closely with the Chairman. Mrs Pressly

said she would ask a relation, who is ^{an archaeologist &} ~~a structural~~ engineer, whether he would be willing to examine the barn to ascertain its propriety for development in any way.

- 5 Chairman's report. (i) Mr Mercer hoped more people would support Miss Paulson's talk on 3 February. It was agreed (a) to pay her fee of £10 and (b) that slips be prepared for distribution to houses in the village. (ii) Reference was made to a possible cheese and wine party at the Springhead; the Chairman and Secretary were asked to discuss this with Mr Noble. [Note: Mr Noble was anxious to assist - the event will be held on 21 February and tickets £1].

- 6 Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson had had to transfer £50 from the Savings Account during December, but had since paid it back. There was £9.33 petty cash and £65.47 in the current account. She hoped we might re-consider the question of a Christmas card, and would make some enquiries as to likely support (e.g. from the Springhead).

- 7 Annual General Meeting. This will be held on 17 or 18 April. A Newsletter will be prepared and distributed during March, to contain a

nominations form for membership of the Committee.

- 8 Other Business. Southern Electricity had notified householders in the pond area of a cut in supply on 19 January while work is done. A suggestion that we ask the Board to put the cables underground was not pursued in view of the known costs and local water and geological problems.

A watch would be kept on the parking of un-taxed vehicles near the bus terminus and on an apparently damaged tree in Puddock Lane.

- 9 Next Meeting: Monday 12 March at Jon Campbell's house.

- 10 Thanks to Mr & Mrs Mercer for hospitality

W.H. Mercer
Chairman