

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Committee on Monday 10 September 1984
at The Rect, Silver Street.

Mr Mercer in the chair.

Apologies from Mr Doyle, Mrs Fitzsimon, Mrs Brownridge & Mrs Wilkinson.

1. Minutes of meeting on 9 July 1984 approved.

2. Matters arising.

(a) Disputed Land. A letter dated 15 August from the Dept. of the Environment said that "the Secretary of State has concluded that the barn & stables are of insufficient interest to warrant inclusion in the statutory list [of listed buildings]"

(b) Electricity Sub-station. The Southern Electricity Board (Yeovil district) ^{have} said (a) grey is the most effective colour for their equipment and (b) they cannot agree to any tree or shrub planting within the boundary railings but the Society could if so desired plant a hedge outside the fence, subject to consultation over siting.

The general feeling was that planting anything outside the fence would cause highway problems in view of its closeness to the edge of the road. Mrs Fitzsimon would like

asked for comments.

3 Chairman's Report

(a) Underground Electricity cables. Mr Meica briefly outlined a discussion with Mr Wallis (Sutton Mill) about the need for the adjacent pole to be removed now that the garages are being erected; it was likely that the supply cables would have to go underground and this would affect the supply to some of the Silver Street dwellings. Mr Wallis had suggested that the Society approach other utilities with a view to their supply lines also being put underground. (This matter is referred to in Newsletter no. 32).

It is understood that the houses on the Seiment land are having underground supply at a cost of £800 each. As it appeared to members that the S.E.B. will have to continue to supply all properties affected by the pole by the Mill, any action on our part should be deferred.

(b) "White" Land, Sudmouth Avenue. The Chairman summarised a letter from D.O.F. giving the Secretary of State's reasons for rejecting the Inspector's findings in the appeal relating to this land and authorising Bouris Ltd to erect 32 bungalows thereon. The implications of this decision could be far-reaching.

4 Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Mrs Wilkinson on holiday, the Chairman reported - N.S. Investment Ac £400,

Current a/c £91.40; petty cash £9.03. A profit of £20.95 was made at the Tea on 28 July.

5 Secretary's report.

- (i) C.A.F.E. Dorset branch. The AGM. will be held on 4 October. The Chairman indicated that he would attend and any other member willing to do so should let him know.
- (ii) Upwey Newsletter - relevant extracts were read.

6 Social Secretary's report.

- (a) Mrs Brown confirmed the arrangements for Mr Mullin's talk on 18 October. It was agreed that the Dorchester and Upwey Societies be invited to send members. (The talk is amply covered in the Newsletter).
- (b) Reference was made to a possible film show - it was decided to leave this over for consideration with the AGM.
- (c) It was decided to arrange a "Christmas Happening" for 6 December at the Springhead Pavilion. There would be cheese and wine, plus other "eats" which ladies might provide; a few carols might also be arranged, and a Christmas hamper would be the raffle prize. Peter Stephen undertook to organise that. Tickets to be £1.50. Small information slips to be prepared for general distribution. Maximum attendance has to be 80.
- (d) The Arts Class will resume in the Mission Hall. Mrs Noble had informed Mrs Brown that unfortunately any

general use of their Pavilion must be charged at £8.50 per session, although an odd occasional use might be cheaper.

- 7 Village Sign. The Chairman said he had spoken to several people in the Municipal Offices and County Hall. Apparently only four types of sign are acceptable to the County, and a system of consultation, including reference to Ministry of Transport, has to be gone through. It is understood that Horsham have recently paid £147 for a sign. The Secretary commented that this seemed at odds with the correspondence he had had with the Borough Engineer. Mr. Mercer would, as suggested by the County Surveyor's representation, get in touch again with the B.E. Office.
- 8 Conservation Policy. Mrs. Shires reported that the sub-committee agreed to on 21 May had met three times under the chairmanship of Mr. Bob Denton. The earlier paper had been revised but further amendments were necessary, and more information about trees in the conservation area was being sought. Mr. Denton had indicated that Mr. Kelly (W.P.D.C. Planning Dept.) had been very helpful in discussing various matters and had promised to pursue our paper when finally approved and submitted to the Department.
- 9 Footpaths. The sub-committee mentioned above were concerned that old footpaths should not become expunged; in particular

it seemed desirable to ensure the maintenance of the footpath immediately to the east of Mr Saunders' field by the waterworks - i.e. in effect from Fox Cottage to Plaislin Lane. It is understood, however, that this is not shown on the County Council's map of registered footpaths. This will be further considered.

10 Next meeting: Monday 19th November at Cob Cottage.

11 Vote of thanks to Mrs Pressly for hospitality, especially as this meeting was arranged to take place at 'The Nest' at very short notice.

W. Sturman
Chairman.