

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on Monday 19th November 1984 at
Bob Kottage.

Mr W.H. Mercer in the chair

Apologies from: Mrs Mullins, Mrs Presely + Mrs Shires.

1. Minutes of meeting on 10 September 1984 approved.

2 Matters arising :

(i) Underground cables : The chairman said he had

visited Batistock where some underground laying of electricity cables had been reported. In fact this had taken place in only two small areas on the fringe of the village; nothing had been done in the centre. The Yeovil office of SEB has confirmed that nothing further could be done before 1986.

The Secretary had written on 22 Oct to So. Telecom Area Office at Bournemouth asking for their comments on the idea of their jointly putting cables underground jointly with electricity cables and local authority services. A telephoned reply on 19 November said they were unlikely to do any such work in this area and they would never contribute to joint expenditure.

(ii) Village Sign. Nothing further had been heard from the Council. It was decided to drop the proposal in view of the difficulties (real or imaginary) envisaged by WPBC and Dorset CC.

(iii) Conservation Policy. Mrs Slives had informed Mrs Brown that no progress had been made on receiving the plan. Mrs Brown reported on a meeting with Mr Saville who had recommended tree-planting in various parts of the village, with species and suppliers named. The Committee thought that the Society could bear the cost of, say, 6 trees which the Sub-Committee may decide would be appropriate.

3. Manning Matter.

p1 Miss Tibman's Appeals - houses in Louisa Road and near the Chapel, Sutton Road. Both had been dismissed; an extremely well-reasoned letter from the Dept. of the Environment (dated 31.10.84) would be copied for future reference.

(b) Ormeau Road. Plans for 3 more houses to the south of present development had been put to the Council. Letters from Mr Birch and Mr Edge to the Manning Dept had stressed the need for natural-stone buildings, care over services to other properties in Puddledock Lane and realignment of the three houses. The Committee supported these representations.

It was reported by two or three members that work was going on in the old farmhouse, some by floodlight after dark. Mrs Linsell undertook to liaise with the Manning Dept on this.

(c) An application by Miss Tibman to have a residential caravan on the stable land had been objected to both by individual residents nearby & by the Society.

4. Chairman's report. Mr Mercer stated that Mrs O'Connell had told him we are not doing sufficient in the social activities. He had reminded her of poor attendances at several varied functions over some months; she had not been

present at any of them.

The Weymouth Birds Society have asked to retain our photo prints for exhibition next year. This was agreed on the assumption that they will be stored properly.

5. Treasurer's Report. Apart from a payment to Mr Mullins and CPRE, the situation was as last reported. Subscriptions of £90.50 had been received.

6. Secretary's
Treasurer's Report:

- (i) We had submitted a brief resume of our activities for inclusion in WCS. annual report.
- (ii) The General Manager of Bournemouth Town wrote early in October that the shrubs removed from the Springhead grounds would be replaced. The Chairman undertook to pursue this; nothing has so far happened.
- (iii) Councillor C. Taylor (WBC) has been appointed the Council's representative on CPRE and is anxious to assist the Society in any way in its relations with CPRE. (He has been informed of an membership).

7. Social Secretary's Report. Mrs Brown pointed out the difficulty of firming up on the proposed function at the Springhead in view of changes in landlords. A new landlord had moved in only this morning. It was agreed to arrange instead a gathering at the end of

January or early February, with wine and very light refreshments, at a charge of £1. Mr Roger Gutteridge would be invited to speak on Dorset Smugglers (his fee is £12). Slips will be distributed around the village after Christmas.

A suggestion that Mrs Penny of Mansford might be invited to talk to a ladies' gathering on "Victorians" was enthusiastically supported.

8. Other Business.

Mr Stephen (+ others) mentioned a possible traffic hazard for cars emerging from Suttin Close into Plaisters Lane. He was asked to investigate the possibility of a mirror being sited somewhere opposite Suttin Close.

9. Next Meeting: Monday 14 January 85 at Mr Stephen's ^{house.}

10. Vote of thanks to Mrs Brown for hospitality.

A Mercer
Chairman.