

MINUTES

of a Committee Meeting on Monday 14 January 1985 at 12
Sutton Close.

Mr. W. H. Mercer in the chair.

Apologies from Mr Campbell (11).

1. Minutes of meeting held on 19 November 1984 approved.

2. Matters arising.

(a) Underground Cables. The secretary said a representative of So. Telecom had recently discussed this with her. So Telecom worked closely with S.E.B. over the undergrounding of SEB cables by the Mill and in parts of Milton Street. They had done some undergrounding of telephone wires in the village some years ago and further work was unlikely. The representative would, however, look at this again after the SEB work is completed.

(b) Conservation Policy. Mrs Slives said she would report at the next meeting.

(c) Traffic hazard, Sutton Road. Mr Stephen had made some enquiries and would pursue this matter.

(d) "Springhead" shrubs etc. One or two saplings had been planted but much of the promised replanting remains to be done. The Chairman will pursue this.

3. Planning.

(i) Orchard Land. Mrs Litschi said discussions over the siting and design of the three proposed houses beyond the

farmhouse, together with matters relating to drainage and water courses etc, were proceeding.

(ii) Stables. Miss Pitman had, in December, had about 20ft of the boundary wall in Sutton Road knocked down and such earth removed. The Chairman and Secretary had between them immediately alerted the Chief Manning Officer, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Manning Committee, local councillors and the Civic Society. Despite representations from council officers, work continued - some of it after dark - and fresh gates were erected at the top of the new opening to the stables. Mrs Litschi reported that the Manning Committee had just resolved to serve an enforcement notice requiring Miss Pitman to seek permission; the Committee had been advised that taking down some of the wall was not an offence, but making a fresh access to the road without consent was an offence. Mrs Litschi said a request by Miss Pitman to divert the footpath would come before another committee. Enforcement notices had also been served on Mrs P. in respect of a caravan at the stables and of work done at the end of Verlands Road.

4. Chairman's Report.

(a) Land by Myrtle Cottage. Mr Tranton had asked the Chairman and Secretary to look at a letter he had received from Mr Harlow's solicitors stating that

Mr. Harlow had a possessory title to this land and would be fencing it. There had been problems over streams and a post erected by Mr. Harlow by the edge of the land. The Chairman had confirmed that his land is not registered by the Land Registry. Several members disputed whether Mr. Harlow had used it, as his solicitor stated, "since 1951" although he had traded it for several years. It was decided that the Society should not intervene, save to endeavor to prevent a fence being erected; Mrs. Brown undertook to speak to Mr. Harlow about providing a small hedge instead.

(b) Streams by the Mill. Mr. Wallis was understood to be taking Council's opinion as to the boundary of the Mill land in relation to Silver Street; he considers both walls by the stream are his property. Mrs. Beverly said that the Land Registry had confirmed in writing that the stream is "common land" and the Mill boundary is in fact the wall which Mr. Wallis has re-erected. It was agreed that this matter must be kept under review.

(c) Membership of Committee. Jon Campbell had resigned because of pressure of school activities but he would continue if desired as the "contact" for Old Sincrobe Lane. Mr. Campbell will be thanked for his services, and his offer accepted. It was agreed that Mr. H. Kayles be invited to serve.

5. Treasurer's Report. The Savings Account stood at £400 (interest having been withdrawn), the bank current a/c at £88.85, and petty cash £9.51. Mrs Wilkinson was authorised to make payments for the social functions in February & March (see below).

6. Secretary's Report. The annual report of the Civic Society and the winter 1984 copy of C.P.R.E. magazine were being circulated to members of the Committee.

7. Social Functions. Mrs Brown said that as the Springfield management were unable to contemplate any function cheaper than £2.50 per head, the Chairman had agreed not to go ahead with a function there. She had finalised arrangements for Roger Gutteridge to talk on 6 February. As Mrs Penny would be speaking elsewhere in this district, Mrs Brown had arranged for a talk to Ladies on 5 March by Mrs Helen Boyce on wildfowls. (Mr Gutteridge's fee was £12, and Mrs Boyce's £5).

8. Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that a talk by a representative of R.S.P.B. on gardens and birds would be acceptable, with coffee and a free raffle. The date to be 10 (or as an alternative 16) April, 1985. A newsletter would be circulated about a month beforehand.

9. Next Meeting - 26th March at 1 Old Sincrobs Lane.

10. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen for hospitality.

W.A. Mercer
Chairman