

MINUTES

of COMMITTEE MEETING on Monday 22 JULY 1985 at
Bellamy Cottage, Sutton Bogutz. Mr W.H. Mercer in the chair
Apologies from Mr Saunders and Mrs J. Smith.

1. Minutes of meeting on 11 June 85 approved

2. Matters arising:

(a) The stream/Silver Street. Nothing further to report as
regards registration by H.M. Land Registry.

Mr Mercer referred to further flooding of his
garage recently, caused by blockage of the grills
in the stream near his boundary. It was decided
to ask Wessex Water whether they cannot arrange
a more even flow of water into the pond and
do away with excessive flows.

(b) The Stables. A letter dtd 21 June from the Chief Planning Officer of W.P.C. had been copied to members of the Committee on 25/6/85. (It set out the Council's requirements regarding demolition of the old privy to form the new route of the footpath and partial closure of the original entrance to the Stables to compensate for the newly-created entrance). The C.P.O. had been asked to ensure compliance with these requirements.

(c) Possible development off Old Sincoube Lane. There are rumours that an application was about to be made to the Council for consent to 14 dwellings. The Chief Planning Officer had informed Mr Birch, Puddock Lane, on 11 July that he "would oppose such an application on policy grounds" but none had yet been received. The Committee disagreed with a proposal to organise a petition, (a) because nothing definite has yet been proposed and (b) because individual comments are invariably considered to be more effective.

(d) Tea on the Lawn, 10th August. Arrangements for the provision of refreshments, crockery etc were completed. It was agreed to charge 50p per head.

(e) Proposed Museum at Waterworks. The Chairman said he had conveyed the Committee's views to Mr Howard, the Regional Engineer, who accepted them. It seems most likely that the Authority will "hardly study" over this project.

(6) Traffic Mirror, Handker Lane. This is now in position and is regarded as effective. Mr. Stephen was thanked for his action in arranging to provide it, in consultation with other residents of Sutton Close.

3. Planning Matters (not already covered). The new owner of 'The Laurels' had applied to re-thatch the cottage and erect a "pedestrian covered entrance gateway" - welcomed.

4. Chairman's Report. Mr. Mercer submitted a note he had sent to the organizer of "Operation Oorunday" (at the latter's request) giving up-to-date information on the village, particularly its socio-economic, employment and trading structures.

5. Treasurer's Report. There is now £69.46 in the bank and £44.18 cash, with no variation in the N.S. Investment Account.

6. Social Activities. About a dozen people went on the walk to Osnington. Suggestions for future activities were a treasure hunt and a cheese and wine evening.

7. Other Business.

(i) River Jordan near St Francis, Sutton Road. The

Secretary would write to Mr Dale, new owner of this bungalow, expressing the Society's pleasure at his hard work in clearing the stream by the bungalow.

(ii) Reference was made to continuing staffing problems at the Springhead; the impending departure of the present landlords was particularly regretted in view of their care for the premises and friendly attitude. The Society's feelings will be conveyed to the Managing Director of Buccaster Inns.

(iii) No action was considered necessary at this stage on representations from a villager about horse manure on Sutton Road.

8. Next meeting: Monday 2 September at 10 Sutton Close.

9. Thanks to Mrs Mercer for hospitality.

W. Mercer
Chairman