

## MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on Tuesday 29 October 1985 at 7-30 pm.  
at The Nest, Silver Street. Mr W.H. Mercer in the chair.  
Apologies from Mr Brierley + Mr Stephen.

1. Minutes of meeting on 2 Sept 85 approved.

### 2. Matters arising

(a) The Stream / Silver Street. A letter was received from Mr Ket Wallis of the Hill complaining about "a member of the Committee" who had thrown cigarette ends by the hill door, thrown material in the stream and trespassed on some part of Mr Wallis's property. Mr Wallis would, "as soon as arrangements could be made, erect fences and gate(s) to protect his boundaries. Mr Dogle said the "member" was he; he denied that the cigarette ends were his & that he had thrown things into the stream since the ownership had been confirmed. He nevertheless undertook to avoid provocations, although pointed out that this was not a one-sided action. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman + Secretary were asked to discuss this matter with Mr Wallis.

Reference was made to the problem of water in the pond. Mrs Litschi recalled the previous history of negotiations with the Water Board + Council, and the Secretary had made a note of relevant minutes of the Committee between 1971 and 1975.

(copy attached). The Chairman mentioned that, while water had come into the pond only seldom during the past summer, he understood ~~more~~ a greater quantity would pass through as from 1st November. No action at this stage.

(b) Fireworks Evening. Tickets were selling well - around 70 as at 28 Oct. Mr Watts of the Springhead has recently advertised the event to customers + others, who would pay £1, as SPS members do.

3. Chairman's Report. Mr Dale of St. Francis, Seltm Wood, had expressed concern at the felling of a number of ~~large~~ trees on the Seltm farm site. Mr Hirsch recalled that the original <sup>planning</sup> approval envisaged some felling but she would look into the removal of one or two large trees.

4. Secretary's Report. (a) Papers received from C.P.R.E. and the Upwey Society were being circulated to committee members. (b) Mr Knight said he would enquire into the possibility of a Christmas card for 1986, with a photograph of the village, being produced by the company who recently printed a postcard for St. Andrew's Church.

5. Social Activities. Mr Doyle said he was discussing a Chess and Wine Evening at the Springhead. A date in December seemed preferable. Details will be circulated.

by means of a photo-copied slip.  
(As regards the use of the livery house, the Secretary said that under a 1983 regulation a special licence from the licensing justices is now required in respect of other than licensed premises).

## 6. Planning Matters

(i) The Stables. Reference was made to a fresh entrance to the public footpath which Miss Sibman had in the past day or two been making, over the raised boundary of the stables; and nothing seems to be in hand to comply with the conditions laid down by the Council in respect of the new entrance to the yard - particularly the erection of a stone wall where the original entrance is.

It was agreed that urgent representations be made to the Chief Planning Officer. Mrs Litschke said she would also discuss the matter with the C.P.O.

(ii) Proposed stables (two) on paddock at rear of Old Bakehouse. Plans had just been submitted to the Borough Council. It was decided to draw the attention of the C.P.O. to the undesirable precedent which approval to this erection would create.

(iii) Proposed dwelling adjacent to Turver's Lodge. Mrs Litschke said the Planning Committee had refused consent.

## 7. A.O.B.

Mr Doyle said that, as he was being posted to an R.N. establishment at Portsmouth he felt obliged to resign from

the committee. He was thanked for his past services.  
(No action on filling the vacancy).

8. Next meeting - 14 Jan. 1986 at Bellamy Cottage.

9. Thanks to Mrs Presley for hospitality.

W. H. Mercer  
CHAIRMAN

- 10.9.71 Committee decided on representations to the Council about the state of the pond, especially on health grounds.
- 19.11.71 Reported that Town Clerk was "sympathetic" The Water Board were legally entitled to withhold water. Council to be asked to meet the cost of a metered supply. G. Shires agreed to work out "the minimum amount of water required".
- 14.1.72 G Shires working with Mr Cox on the above.
- 14.7.72 The appropriate committee of the Council had agreed to pay for a supply of water; a meter would be installed at a cost of approx. £44. It was decided that the Society make a contribution towards this, up to £20. Borough Engineer to be informed (a) leaks are losing up to 1000 galls. of water per day; (b) end of pond requires dredging up to 1 ft.; (c) the meter should not be installed on Water Board land; (d) we need to know who will be responsible for notifying Council when water needs turning on.
- 18.8.72 Secretary reported on the B.E.'s plans for the meter and the Council's appreciation of the offer to contribute towards cost.
- 19.1.73 Secretary requested to check on the meter so as to ensure water supply adequate for the coming season; also to enquire as to position re. dredging and seepage. (It was decided to take no action on the "untidy island" in the pond until the water supply is operative.)
- 30.3.73 It was reported that the Board were "un-cooperative". It was "proposed that the Corporation foreman inspect the pond twice a week and when necessary turn the water on". Committee not happy with this and "decided to send a letter suggesting this be left to one of the members, although they accepted the proposed scheme temporarily". No indication as to whom letter to be sent
- 12.9.73 (A minute re "keep out" notices erected by Mr Meech - no decision recorded). Mrs Litschi reported on the state of the pond and said "she hoped the Borough Engineer would take more interest; it was realised that the raising of the weir was in error". No previous ref. to the weir (Also decided to go ahead with trying to have the island removed).
- 27.11.73 The Council had passed a proposal to dredge the pond and remove the island in 1974. Committee decided not to pay the £20 until dredging done.
- 25.3.74 Reported that dredging was expected to take place in the Spring; Mrs Litschi would talk to the officers of the Council.
- 29.4.74 Reported that £500 was in the Council's estimates but the Engineer had no information as to even an approximate date for commencement of work.
- 31.5.74 Mr Saunders undertook to carry out repairs to the wall in order to prevent seepage if the Council failed to do so within a reasonable time. (Reported that rod, net and hook available in Shires' garden for removal

of surface litter etc).

29.8.74 Reported that work carried out by Engineer's Dept. in June but there is still some seepage. The Society will provide materials and a working party organised by Mr Saunders will do the necessary repairs. Agreed that the £20 contribution to meter should now be paid.

(Mr Saunders offered to provide and care for several ducks. Mr Litschi would arrange for some fish. N.B. On 6.5.75 the Committee decided against fish in the pond on the advice of expert that it is undesirable to have ducks and fish in the pond).

19.4.75 A.G.M. - Mrs Litschi reported "the work promised on the pond has been carried out".

3.9.75 On the question of weeds in the pond, the Committee thought the weeds would disappear when the Water Authority flushes out the pond although "this was not possible during exceptionally dry weather".

14.10.75 Reported that the Chairman, Mr Loveland and Mr Fressly had cleared the pond of weeds.

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