

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

on Tuesday 14 JANUARY 1986 at Rellanny Cottage. W.H. Mercer in the chair  
Apologies from Mr Rosekilly (ill).

1. Membership of the Committee. The Chairman referred to the death in December of Mr P. Stephen. A spray of flowers was sent from the Society for the funeral, attended by a packed congregation. Mr Mercer said Mrs Eve Wilkinson was willing to take up again the Treasurer's office; upon the motion of Mr Knight this was unanimously agreed. On the motion of Mrs Pressly it was agreed that Mrs Beth Bentley be co-opted in place of Mr Doyle. (Both ladies then joined the meeting).

2. Minutes of meeting on 29.10.85 approved.

3. Matters arising. (Planning - see minute 6).

(a) The Stream/Silvan Street. The Secretary referred to the note of a meeting with Mr Wallis and read the letter sent to him recording Mr Wallis's decision to take no action on the proposed fencing and gates, at least until any further discussion became necessary.

(b) Christmas card. A quotation for £100 + VAT for 1000 cards, printed in colour, with envelopes had been received from Noel Text, Ltd. of Dolkestone. It was agreed that we go ahead at the appropriate time, the choice of photographs

of the village being decided later.

(c) Fireworks evening. This had been successful but Mr Wallis' arduous advertising brought about 300 spectators with consequential problems for admission, hot dogs etc. These matters need attention on any future occasion.

(d) Cheese + Wine evening. (8<sup>th</sup> Dec.) About 38 people attended this enjoyable event; the intended speaker (wine Director of Demerich's) was unable to be present, and his substitute unfortunately wasn't too well organised as regards wines to be sampled, but the varieties of cheeses etc supplied by Mr Wallis were good. (Cost £1.50 per head - the Society subsidised the event by just over £3).

#### 4. Chairman's report on the Mill Area.

(i) Mr Wallis had complained that ash etc is still being deposited in the stream, and that a sluice gate had been tampered with to affect the flow of water which Mr Wallis's were away. The Committee felt that no positive action could be taken by the Society.

(ii) Mr Wallis also said that the wooden bridge was becoming dangerous because of holes and the slippery surface. He believed Mr. Doyle had timber which could be used and he wondered whether the Society would do the necessary work. The Chairman said he would talk to Mr Doyle, but the Committee were cautious about the Society's responsibility if they got involved in the work.

(iii) A further idea of Mr Wallis was to construct a wheel some 10-12 ft. in diameter, with buckets round the rim, which would fill with stream water and cascade and turn the wheel; this would be only ornamental. Mr Wallis had abandoned the idea of reconstructing the mill wheel, mainly because of cost - some £8,000. The Committee raised questions of safety, noise, perhaps unsightly fencing, and the effect on water supply through Silver Street. The Chairman agreed to discuss this matter with Mr Wallis.

#### 5. Financial Statement.

The Chairman mentioned his work on the accounts, following the illness + death of Mr Stephen. At 1.2.86, the Bank Balance was £38.49, cash in hand £4.89, and N.S. Bank investment of £504.88 (exclusive of 1985 interest). (See also item 8(b)).

#### 6. Planning.

(a) The Stables. Representations made to the Council about work at Miss Libman's land had resulted in an unapproved stile/new entrance to the possible route of the diverted footpath (itself still to be approved) being removed + the small section of wall replaced. The Planning Department were also keeping an eye on the spiral staircase to the bungalow, and on the car, boat and caravan on the site. Work needed if the footpath diversion is approved will also be borne in mind.

- (b) Proposed use of 115 Sutton Road as tea-room. Following consultation with members during December, the Secretary had informed W.B.C. that the Society did not object in principle to his change of use, provided the parking situation in the area was not prejudicial.
- (c) The October '85 newsletter on progress of structure plans in Dorset had been received - so far as Weymouth area is concerned, the newsletter mentioned "a possible failure to create enough jobs to meet the area's needs".

7. Secretary's Report. A recent newsletter from the Upwey Society, the Weymouth Civic Soc. annual report and papers from C.P.R.E. were being circulated. Our next newsletter would be prepared in advance of the AGM.

#### 8. AGM & Other Business.

- (a) AGM - This will be held if possible in the Pavilion at the Springhead, with sherry or punch at the expense of the Society, <sup>in late</sup> ~~on~~ ~~15~~ ~~and~~ ~~22~~ April. The Secretary will discuss this with Mr. Watts. (Two members of the Committee said the job was likely to revert to Dennis's control and Mr. Watts' future may be uncertain.)
- (b) Bank Accounts. It was formally resolved that Mrs E. Madon-Wilkinson, as successor to Mr. Stephen, be one of the two signatories of cheques and N.S. Investment

papers, the others being the chairman and secretary.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11th March at Allaway Cottage.

10. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Mercer for hospitality.

W J Mercer  
Chairman