

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 22 April 1986 at 7.30pm. in the Pavilion at the Springhead. Mr Mercer in the chair and 37 members present. Apologies from Mr D. Briceby and Mr Mrs M. Smith.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the 1985 AGM were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising - no action was subsequently taken on the proposal to stock the pond with fish.

2. Chairman's report. Mr Mercer referred to the completion of the development at Sutton Farm, and the current demolition of Hill House garages prior to the erection of a dwelling-house. Comparative fees for new applications for development were being made, but the Committee had been concerned about proposed housing construction on the stable site, which was white land; the Council had very recently rejected these applications.

The Chairman referred to the untimely deaths of Mr Peter Stephen in December and Mrs Nellie Kendall in February. He thanked members for their support.

3. Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson mentioned that outgoings in the past year had almost equalled income. She had taken over again following Mr Stephen's death.

Cash in hand was £11.84, cash in the bank £14.14 and the balance in the N.S. Investment A/c £561.21. The audited accounts were approved.

4. Annual Subscription. On the motion of Mr Foster, seconded by Mrs Peronly, it was agreed to maintain the current subscription (£1 per household, 50p for people living alone). Membership had slightly decreased this year, and it was agreed that non-members be encouraged to join the Society.

5. Secretary's Report Mr Knight referred to the proposal to produce a coloured Christmas card for 1986 and asked for photos of the village to be submitted for selection for the card.

6. Committee 1986/7. Nominations had been received in respect of: Mrs E. Bentley, Mr Krierley, Mr L. Birch, Mr Knight, Mrs G. Loveland, Councillor Mr Lischli, Mrs B. Prosser, T. Mr. L. Saunders, Mrs J. Smith and Mrs R. Wilkinson. Mr. M. Rosekilly

There were elected - on the motion of Mr Hayles, seconded by Mr. Lingham.

Councillor Mr Lischli thanked Mr Mercer for his hard work and valuable assistance as Chairman for the

past four years. He had decided that the time had come to give up his membership of the committee. A small gift was presented to him, with acclamation.

7. Social Secretary's Report. Mr. Doekilly mentioned the events which had taken place or were planned (as set out in newsletters) and asked that any suggestions for other events be put to the committee. The Chairman said that unfortunately there appeared to be a general lack of enthusiasm for social occasions.

#### 8. Other Business

(1) Mr. L. Sugham mentioned his attendance at a recent meeting in Rooster Village Hall, addressed by Viscount Cranborne, M.P. He was pleased that Lord Cranborne was a firm supporter of maintaining the sanctity of "white" land. It appeared to Mr. Sugham that a society for Preston, similar to the S.D.S., would be a great advantage to Preston residents.

Mrs. Fitch mentioned that the Borough Council's approval of the substantial development at Littleton, Upway and elsewhere would be of help to the village, as an indicator that sufficient building land for several years ahead was available in the borough.

(2) Mr. Denton and others referred to the many potholes in roads in the village; very bad ones

existed in Maisters Lane, as a result (it appeared) of gas-pipe laying. Reference was also made to the road subsidence by the pond; the Secretary and Mrs Litschi had both previously reported this. The Secretary will bring these matters to the notice of the Borough Engineer for urgent attention.

Jayne Litschi  
Chairman