

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

on Tuesday 15 July 1986 at 1 Old Bircombe Lane.

At the Mrs J. Litochi in the chair. Apologies from Mr Brierley & Mr Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 27 May 1986 approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

(a) The Stables. The footpath decision was going ahead. It was reported that the neighbouring owners had experienced some difficulty through the revised route being used by courting couples.

Mrs Litochi said that the Planning Committee of W.B.C. were shortly to consider again the question of the caravan; and that the Borough Engineer would keep in mind the point raised as to reinstatement of the line of the stream.

(b) Road reinstatement Pond. The Borough Engineer had written that reinstatement work by the pond would have to be by the

"filled sandbag method" in view of financial constraints, but "for future years he would endeavour to include extra finance in his budget in order that a complete reinstatement of this most pleasant area may be undertaken" (11.6.86).

(c) Siting. The W.P.C. appropriate committees had rejected Miss Pihvan's application relating to Verlands Road, and had made no suggestion as to alternative sites.

(d) Potholes in roads. The Borough Engineer had been ^{pursuing} ~~proceeding~~ the question of filling in potholes, mainly due to work by other statutory undertakers. The Chairman said she would keep the matter under urgent review with the B.Eng.

(e) Christmas Card. The printers had written (4 July) regretting they cannot produce a card on coloured paper under their "standardised system". The committee settled on a coloured photograph.

3. Planning Matters.

(a) White Horse Garage. The Planning Committee of W.P.C. were negotiating with the owner of this land about two dwellings being erected hereon.

(b) 4 Selton Court Lawns. Mr Anders discussed with the Chairman and Secretary his proposals for using this house, with a proposed extension, for child minding/nursery. Two neighbours had objected in writing. The Planning Sub-Committee asked the Planning Committee of W.P.C. to bear in mind (a) likely noise, (b) probable traffic congestion and (c) whether an undesirable precedent might be created.

(c) New house adjacent to Shaddles, Maister's Lane. This dwelling is exceptionally well built and of high quality, but obscures greatly in the skyline. (The Planning Committee of the Council had rejected the plans but had no support from the County Council and accordingly the Planning Committee saw no useful purpose in further action). The Borough and County Councils will be informed of this Committee's feelings.

4. Bus Services. Consideration was given to the effect of the curtailment of bus services to the Village. The 500 Summer Service will run to the end of ^{October} September but thereafter no buses will come to the Springhead bus-stop; the new Shuttle service terminates at Preston/Verlands Hds. strenuous representations will be made to Southern National at the adverse effect of the absence of buses on elderly people wishing to go to the Post Office, shops, doctors, etc; and the company will be pressed to arrange for one of the Shuttle buses to run to the Springhead at reasonable intervals during the day.

5. History of Seltton Pogutz/Preston. Fredy Lifschin is compiling a booklet on aspects of these areas (history, development, customs etc, including some of the findings in the Rev. Turner's booklet). He asked whether the Society would in due course read it and publish it in the Society's name, and whether members would assist him in surveying the village.

It was decided to tell Mr Lifschin that members could themselves

decide how far they can assist, and that the Society will be willing to read the document when ready and then decide as to publication, when more details of cost etc are available.

6. Financial Report. The bank balance is £60.14, Petty cash balance £7.60 and in the Savings A/c £561.21. (A number of members of the Committee handed in collected subscriptions, these not being included in the figures mentioned).

7. Social Activities

- (i) 24 people had gone on the walk to Drington on a pleasant evening.
- (ii) Mr Birch went through the arrangements for the "Evening" at his home. It was agreed that no more tickets be sold, as the attendance appears to be up to about 80. Mr Birch had obtained assistance in many ways from many organisations and individuals, and done an enormous amount of planning. Members expressed their gratitude to him + his wife.
- (iii) Tea on the Lawn. Mrs Wilkinson agreed to liaise with Mr. + Mrs. Mercer before the next meeting.
- (iv) It was agreed to consider whether, for 1987, the Society might organise an "Open-gardens" afternoon, as is done at Cerai Abbas and other villages.

8. Other Business

- (i) Notice Board - to be considered at next meeting.
- (ii) Keeners in Weymouth - Members and others have expressed

pleasure at the excellent display of flowers in the garden,
Esplanade etc in byways. A letter of appreciation
will be sent in a few weeks time.

9 Next Meeting: 6th August at Fox Cottage.

10 Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson for hospitality

Joyce H.B. Litchin
CHAIRMAN