

MINUTES of October
COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday 30 ~~November~~ 1986 at "Little Acorns"
Puddleduck Lane. Ch. Mrs. Yivochi in the chair.
Apologies from Mr. Kierley, Mrs. Hoden-Wickinson and Mrs. Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 24 September approved and signed.
2. Matters arising. (a) Water in the Pond. A message had been left for Mr King, Engineer's Dept. This will be followed up.
(b) Bus Services. There appears to be some irregularity in bus services to and from the Springhead; the Secretary was asked to raise this with Mr. Charlton.
3. Chairman's Report. Mrs. Livochi had been in touch with all the Council officers concerned, about the light by the pond; apparently new cable was required. It was mentioned, however, that the light remains unlit at night, despite the cable-laying having been done almost a week ago!
Mrs. Livochi also mentioned that W.P.C. have appointed a French supervisor, to deal with reinstatement in highways.
4. Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Wickinson's report was read.
 - (a) Subscriptions received to 29.10.86 - £128
 - (b) Receipts from Tea-on-Lawn - £46.24; from Beetle drive £15.75
 - (c) 587 Christmas cards sold; income £88.05.
 - (d) Balance in ~~Bank~~ ^{Bank} £~~75.60~~^{75.60}; cash in hand £~~11.50~~^{5.10}; in N.S. Ac - £761.21

heads were expanded to those concerned with the social
events and to the Hon. Treasurer.

5. Planning Matters.

- (a) Sutton Court Leases. Result of appeal awaited; it is
believed Mr Anders is contemplating applying to convert a shop
in Preston for use as a day-nursery.
- (b) The Shabbos. Miss Libman has at the very last moment
lodged an appeal against the refusal ^{perhaps best to} develop these areas in
the curtilage of the Shabbos. It was agreed that the Society
should strenuously support the Council's refusal, following our
previous decisions; and that a solicitor be engaged to communicate
our views to the Department of the Environment. C.R.F., Doncaster,
will be asked to recommend a solicitor; the secretary said that a
partner of Lock, Mee and Lock had previously been very helpful
to the Society on a planning matter and had made no charge.
- (c) The Donet Federation of Community Societies Conference. Mr Birch was
prevented by family reasons from attending; Mr Roskilly went in
his place, with Mrs Loveland. They reported on the conference, which
noted the Government's decision to expand housing in S.W. Donet;
Sutton Poyntz appeared not to be greatly affected although Crossways
would be. It seemed that previous structure plans might be
regarded as less rigid and that development would "not necessarily
be geared to demand, but to the Government's view on supply."
Mr Roskilly reported that the afternoon session degenerated into
near-chaos, and also that the presentation by the Planning Officer

of Weymouth and Portland seemed less effective than ~~that~~^{those} of the County Planning Officer and West Dorset District P.C. Our representatives were thanked for going to the Conference.

6. Social Activities

(i) Bettle Drive - see item 4.

(ii) 1960's evening. Mr Birch reported on the proposed arrangements, including entertainment, a quiz, and the meal - to be meat curry with an alternative if curry is completely unacceptable to anyone attending. A raffle will be arranged. Various tasks were allocated to members of the Committee. About 100 tickets (£2.50 each) had been sold or spoken for.

(iii) Music Evening. Venue to be the Springhead Pavilion, with coffee and biscuits provided at the expense of the Society.

(iv) Future activities

- (a) It was decided that the A.G.M. be held on 31 March 1987 at the Springhead, followed by a so-called meal (which Mrs Watts had agreed to provide), at a cost up to £1 a head.
- (b) In view of the difficulty in finding more than a handful of people interested in the Open Gardens weekend, the Committee decided to defer this proposal.
- (c) It is hoped to arrange "Tea on the Lawn" in the summer of 1987; Mr. & Mrs. Mercer felt they could not undertake the arrangements.
- (d) Further consideration will be given to the possibility of an outing (to, say, a country house) being organised next year.
- (e) Fireworks - Mr. Watts had suggested a fireworks evening on

Sunday 9th November. The Committee felt, however, that as there will be fireworks at the school and also at the Music School there might be little support for another event, especially on Remembrance Sunday. The Committee will consider later whether a barbeque and fireworks evening might take place on St. George's Day 1957. (23rd April).

7. Next meeting: 9th December at "The Rest", Silver Street.

8. Thanks to Mr. Allen for his hospitality.

Walter A. B. Ince
CHAIRMAN