

MINUTES

1987

of COMMITTEE meeting on Tuesday 13 January, at 1 Old
Biccombe Lane. Mr Matt Rosekilly (V-Ch.) in the chair.

Apologies from Cllr Mrs Kirkcaldy and Messrs Bradley + Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 9 Dec. 86 were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising.

(i) Newsletter. A slip had been distributed to the membership about the 'Music in Vienna' evening, which made the issue of the Newsletter in February less urgent.

(ii) Planning - White Horse garage. The plans for four flats were examined. It was decided to reiterate to the Planning Department the committee's view that bungalow development is considered more appropriate for this site, which has a crucial impact on the skyline.

3. Secretary's report - nil.

4. Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson reported no change in the figures given to the last meeting, apart from bank balance now being £223.24. 966 Christmas cards had been sold, bringing in £144.90, so they had already produced a profit of £35.65. Although we had paid for 1,000 cards, the printers had in fact delivered over 1,190.

5. Planning - ^(a) Mr Branton's land. Mrs Hibochi had informed the Secretary of a discussion she had with prospective purchasers of Mr Branton's cottage, who contemplated the erection of a bungalow on the adjacent land. They had been informed that, in view of previous decisions affecting land in Mission Hall Lane and of the Council's (and the Society's) opinion that the village was sufficiently developed, permission to erect the bungalow was unlikely to be given. The Committee endorsed this attitude.

(b) Springhead - application had ^{just} been made to convert part of the building to the North of the pub for accommodation - it is believed for a trainee manager. Provided the outside appearance will not be affected, the Committee acquiesced.

(c) Generally. Considerable discussion took place on the function of the Society in commenting on planning applications; it was suggested that we may favour some and act harshly on others. Reference was made to a new house by the Mill which, it was said, many people thought too large for the site; and also to our attitude towards development at the stables and compared to the development opposite (Henry Miners' land). The Secretary reminded members that it was the Committee's hope to further the Society's aims "to preserve the beauty of the village and endeavour to prevent unnecessary and undesirable development"; surely we were entitled - even expected - to do this ^{emphatically}. The

Committee decided that the next Newsletter contain (a) a reference to planning applications being recorded in the Evening Echo and (b) a request for comments thereon to be submitted to a Committee member. It is highly desirable to encourage "communication" between the membership and the Committee.

It was also decided to air this matter again at the next meeting when the Chairman will be present.

6. Future Programmes

- (a) "Musci in Vienna" 22.1.87 - Arrangements in hand.
- (b) "First Aid" - Mr. J. Nichols, St. John's Ambulance, will give a talk and demonstration on 18 February. Tea/coffee and biscuits to be provided, at the Society's expense, afterwards. This will be in the Springhead Pavilion, and a notification slip will be circulated in advance.
- (c) "A.G.M." 31.3.87. It was decided that a glass of wine be served to members on arrival, and refreshments (? sandwiches or jacket potato, and coffee) afterwards, at the expense of the Society, up to £1.75 approx per head.

7. Other Business

- (i) Gas Service. Several members reported complaints about the non-appearance of many of the hourly Weybers buses from the Springhead, causing inconvenience and uncertainty. The Secretary was asked to seek the

comments of Mr. Charlton, so that his matter may be included in the Newsletter.

(ii) Mr. Bob Fenton - A founder member of the Society, he is seriously ill. Mrs. Wilkinson was asked to take him some flowers as a present, with the Society's best wishes.

(iii) Sutton Road - The incline between Pudding Lane and Winstow Road is often dangerous through frozen water (irrespective of the current extremely inclement weather). The Borough Engineer will be asked to attend to getting, urgently.

(iv) This year's Christmas card. Mrs B. Harrison had submitted a card. The Secretary was asked to ascertain whether a printer can be found to print it, and the cost.

8. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Wilkinson for her hospitality (including a warming drink on arrival, on a bitterly cold night).

9. Next meeting: 10th March at "Bramble Patch", Plaistow Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Joyce Wilson
Chairman