

MINUTES

of Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 June 1987 at 7:30pm
at Hillstream Cottage.

Mrs J. Litschi, in the chair. Apologies from Mrs Loveland
Mr Saunders and Mrs Stephen.

1. Minutes of meeting on 28.4.87 approved.

2. Matters arising

(a) Christmas Card - prints still awaited; minutes would
endeavour to contact likely photographers.

(b) Seat. The Chairman and Secretary had obtained quotations, and seen some seats, ranging from £30 to £170. The latter could be supplied by the Council, with a plate indicating that the Society had donated it. It was decided to purchase such a seat, which would be similar to that by the pond.

(c) Lower Kingscombe. An donation had been acknowledged by the Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation, who had been able to purchase almost all the designated meadows for £320,000. Details of a celebratory picnic at the site on 26.6.87 will be displayed in the Society's notice board.

(d) Ducks. Mr. Lipschli said that a note for the Mandarin duck should be obtained in the autumn. Mr. Swindlow had very recently provided ten Muscovy ducks and two white runner ducks for the pond; thanks were expressed to him.

Mr. G. Bracklin had made available a number of waterlilies and irises which (with the consent of Messrs Water) had been put in the pond by Mr. Lipschli, Mr. Birch and Mr. Knight.

It was suggested that a nesting-box might be sited in the pond - advice will be obtained from Mr. D. Ireland.

(e) Silver Street Stream. A reply from Messrs Water said that "some modifications" had been made to the dams and the agents for Mr. Wallis had undertaken to clear the stream-bed periodically. It appeared to the Committee that the modifications were minimal and that the situation generally is no different now; this will be raised with Messrs Water, together with possible intrusion into the stream by a stone wall recently erected, which might adversely affect the flow of water.

3. Chairman's Report. Mr. Lipschli read a letter from the Chief Planning Officer (23.3.87) setting out possible environmental improvements in the village

and just outside it in Sutton Road; these included tree and shrub planting, clearance of derelict shed, replacing scrappy fencing by stone/brick walls etc.

The suggested programme was generally welcomed.

The scheme also suggested further information on the Information Board by the road, to bring it more up-to-date, and it was agreed that Fredy Lipschitz might provide this.

The Committee greatly welcomed the suggestion that the Planning Dept would communicate with the Electricity and Telephone authorities to endeavour to have overhead wires under-grounded.

An Hockley outdoor cafe with folk in Old Lincoln Lane about possible tree/shrub planting there.

4. Treasurer's Report. Mrs Wilkinson reported the position as: Bank balance £71.20; cash in hand £19.79; N.S. Account £932.65. It was decided that £200 be taken from the N.S. Account in anticipation of payment for the seat and installation work.

5. Planning - Nothing to report.

6. Social Events

(i) "Little Acorns" evening. Mr Birch discussed the programme and jobs were allocated. Enquiries made at Wykeville Hospital showed that a "Text Book of Medicine" would be appreciated by the Nursing Staff, and the Committee decided to purchase this as part of the donation to charity. Depending on the outcome of the event, a donation might be made to Doncaster Hospital.

(ii) Coffee Morning 18.7.86. Nothing to report.

(iii) Tea in the Lawn 15.8.76. Mrs Bentley is enquiring re: event; signs pointing to Fox Cottage are desirable.

(iv) "Mystery Tea". Quotations for line of coaches had been received (£45-£70, depending on size). The Committee

- felt that this kind of event should be deferred until next mid-summer, and a visit to Parish Home, Beaconsfield, should be organised for Sunday 6 September.
- (v) Mr Douthilly undertook to enquire into the possibility of a visit to Police HQ, Windsor; and visits to either Stourhead or Beham Gardens will be further considered.
- (vi) Mrs. Wilkinson agreed to speak to Mr. Butler of Loxley about a talk on the Wessex Coast, during November.
- (vii) Details of theatre shows in the autumn were not yet available; lists had been prepared.

7. Other Business.

- (a) Advertisement in Notice Board. Mr. Windibank had asked whether a small advert for his printing service could be put on the board. As a similar request for advertising had been refused in the past, and to avoid creating a precedent, the Committee declined to approve this request.
- (b) Telephone Box and Villan Box. Mr. Douthilly thought it would be desirable for these items to be preserved if possible; the Secretary was asked to enquire into the possibility of this being achieved.
- (c) Shooting of Broadbills. There appeared to have been such shooting around the Springhead recently; at his stage the Committee did not think any action could be taken.

2. Thanks to Mrs. Knight for hospitality.

9. Next Meeting - 8th July at Mr. Saunders' house.

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Chairman