

MINUTES of Committee meeting on 19th JULY 1988 at The Nest.
Mrs J. Leitch, in the chair. Apologies from Mr. A. King & Mrs L. Howarth.

1. Minutes of meeting on 13 June 1988 read and approved.

2. Matters arising.

- (a) Footpaths. The County Surveyor had indicated that he would be arranging for the signs in the area to be checked, and the definitive plan would be available as soon as possible. The Borough Engineer raised no objection to the clearing of the path behind Mission Hall Lane but pointed out that the comments of the owner (not the Council) should be sought. The Secretary will discuss this with Mr Z. Brant, who has recently been concerned about access to his land there.

(b) Rats/Ducks. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Don Birch for preparing excellent notices about not feeding the ducks. There is still evidence of some rats in the pond and by Mrs. Corbett's garage; this will be reported to the Environmental Health Dept. and to Councillor Ellis, who had expressed an interest (see 2(b) of 13/6/88).

(c) The Pond. Wessex Water had explained that engineering work at West Knighton had meant difficulties over cleaning the spring, thus reducing flushing; but the situation has eased and regular cleaning will resume.

Reference was made to the accumulation of fern-like silt in the pond, especially by the footbridge. It was decided to ask the Borough Engineer to arrange for a clearing of the silt to be undertaken.

(a) Cards. The Secretary circulated a note to the Committee on 30.6.88 about quotations received from other firms - in all cases a minimum quantity of cards (varying from 2,500 to 6,000) was specified, with costs averaging around £350-£400 for 3,000 cards. Jatto of Dover had later agreed to print 1,000 cards, without the cellophane wraps, for £150 + VAT and as nine members agreed to this being accepted, an order was placed. The cards will be sold at 20p each.

(c) Hills. Old Hincombe Lane. Mrs. Wilkin said that a representative of the Council had told her that planting would take place in the autumn; unsuitable weather had prevented earlier planting.

3. Chairman's report. Mrs. Lipschitz had been informed by Mr. Cambell that he would like to entertain the Committee in the Club House at Manor Farm after the season ends. This was accepted with pleasure.

4. Treasurer's Report. £125 had been received in subs.
Bank balance £264.79; cash in hand £23.88; N.S. Acc. £1177.59.

5. Planning.

- (i) The Wedge. The Secretary's letter to the C.P.O. of the Council (dated 17.6.87) had not been acknowledged and a reminder, seeking reassurance, will be sent.
- (ii) The Mill. The Planning Committee had approved an application by proposed new owners to use part of the ground floor for sale of antiquities etc and to illuminate the machinery: the approval would be personal to the new owners. The Secretary had previously reminded the C.P.O. of the Society's concern over parking in the area, now probably worse than at the time of the original Cameron work at the Mill.
- (iii) Two houses on site of "boelyu", Maisters Lane. It was decided to stress to the Planning Committee the importance of ensuring that dwellings on this site (and probably in the future on Mrs Bailey's land) should be not obtrude, in view of the steeply rising ground; height is a crucial factor.
- (iv) Sutton Farm. It was decided to invite Mr Peter Duintout to discuss his plans for a new house and other work on his land.
- (v) White Horse Service Station. No action necessary on an application to install new tanks and canopy.

6. Social Activities.

- Teas on the Lawn 13.8.88. It was agreed that the price be 75p and a raffle held. Details were left to a sub-committee, including Hon Birch who will see to chairs, tables, etc.
- Cricket. Mr Birch referred to the arrangements for games at "Little Acorn" during the summer.

7. Other Matters.

- (i) Plaque by the Mill. The Committee accepted in principle a suggestion that the Society provide a plaque showing the association with Nicolas Hardy. Mr Lipschitz, who made the suggestion, is to be asked to pursue design, cost, etc, for discussion.

(ii) Donor Women's Refuge. Mrs N. Nesbitt had asked whether we might arrange a talk by a representative of the refuge. Members thought ^{it's} more appropriate for the Women's Institute or Mothers' Union.

(iii) The Mill House. Mr Doyle said that an engineer working at the mill had indicated that the tunnels under the Mill House were in a dangerous condition, and the walls were cracked in places. The Chairman said she would speak to the Planning Office about this, which may then need to be referred to the County Listed-Buildings Officer.

8. Next Meeting: 6th September at "Blue Matters".

9. Thanks expressed to Mrs Presely for hospitality.

Joyce Kitchie

Chairman