

MINUTES of Committee meeting held on 6 September 1988 at 1 Old
Bincowbe Lane (Mr Doyle of 'New Sluthies' was away on holiday)
Murtkele in the chair. Apologies from Mr Doyle & Mrs Stephen.

1. Minutes of meetings on 13 June and 27 July read and approved.

2. Matters arising

- (a) Footpaths. The Secretary said he had discussed with Mr Branton the situation regarding the path behind Mission Hall Lane. Mr Branton had sold the plot he owned, by the footpath, but confirmed what the Council had said that it is not shown in the definitive map as a right of way; his solicitor advised that it was only an access way to the land in question. It was decided not to pursue this matter at least for the present.
- (b) The Road. The Borough Engineer had said he would arrange for the weed to be cleared when staff resources permit. The Secretary was asked to tell the Engineer's Dept. that some accumulated silt might also be removed. A limited quantity of weed serves as oxygenation for the fish.
- (c) The Mill House. Chairman to pursue with Planning Dept.

3 Measures Report. The overall profit from Teas on the Lawn was £56.56. (bottles of sherry had been given to Mrs Biss and to the caterer for transport, and £5 to the P.C.C. for the use of furniture and crockery from the Music Hall).
The balance at hand is £328.69, in P.C. £18.19 and the N.S. Account £1179.59.

4 Planning Matters.

- (i) "The Wedge" The C.D.O. had written about comments received by him (advocating limited development) and his views as expressed to the Planning Committee (not in favour of any such development but suggesting some form of scheme under their environmental improvement scheme). The Committee thought this satisfactory; [extracts will be included in the impending Newsletter.]
- (ii) "Kewlyn", Plaister Lane, site. The Secretary's letter to the Chief Planning Officer was read and approved.
- (iii) 119 Sutton Road. Plans had been submitted for a first floor extension (bedroom and bathroom). No action was called for.

5 Social Activities

Teas on the Lawn. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Ellen Biss and to all who contributed to this enjoyable afternoon.

The Barn Dance. 8.10.88. Ron Birch said that arrangements necessary had been made. Hire of the hall and the baller's fee were greater than last year. It was agreed (a) that additional entertainment - for the refreshment interval - was unnecessary and (b) that the cost of tickets be £2. (A suggestion of £2.50 was defeated). A sub-committee of Mr Birch & Mrs Presby, Norobotham Stepleton will deal with refreshments, etc - to be called "a light supper".

Future Events.

It was agreed that some balls during winter evenings should be considered; Mrs Birch undertook to talk to Eric

Nichols; the Secretary to Mike Shepherd, and Mrs King would be asked to talk to the Peter Jones; further discussion at next meeting.

It was also decided that at the next meeting we would consider (a) a function to celebrate the Society's 21st birthday in 1988 and (b) something to honour the 100th birthday of Thomas Hardy in 1990.

The suggestion of a "Desert Islands Discs" type of evening was not ruled out, provided someone interesting could present it; for members of the Committee together to do so was considered inconsequential.

Aulton Rugby Cricket Club. Mrs King mentioned the activities of this club.

6. A.O.B.

(a) The Secretary said copies of the next Newsletter would be available in a few days' time, for distribution.

(b) Mr Mich said that Peter Dineen wished to thank the Committee for their consideration of his planning proposals.

7. Next Meeting:- 10 October 1988 at Millstream Cottage.

8. Thanks expressed to Mrs Wilkinson for hospitality.

Jayne A.B. Hutchins
Chairman