

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on 28 November 1988 at Dull College.  
Mrs Vitvicki, in the chair. (Apologies from Mr. Roschilly & Mrs. Stephen).

1. Minutes - of meeting on 10.10.88 read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising

Portland Stone commemorative plinth. Mrs Litschi said that she had erroneously referred to this at the last meeting as being connected with Thomas Hardy - it is in fact to commemorate the 1000 years of Saltham Knight's existence. Mr Litschi wrote to say that the cost would not exceed £30; the Mayor had agreed to lay it and Cllr Harvey to pay for the fixing. The suggested site was the wall by the small car park.

The Committee approved the idea in principle but will further consider the siting, size and cost. Mr Litschi to be asked whether students of the College might engrave the stone.

3. Chairman's report. A notice about the proposed museum of the workshops had been put on our noticeboard.

The Planning Dept of Wilt DC had spoken to Mrs Litschi about plans for a workers bungalow near the old cottages by Fishersbridge; she had informed them that this was unlikely to be acceptable.

4. Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson said the bank balance was £293.56, petty cash £22.19 and N.S. account £1179.59. The Christmas cards had been paid for (£162.57) and so far the sale of 445 had produced £89. Mr Birch said that the Berlin postmistress would be willing to sell the cards at Easter/summer (buying at 20p and selling at 25p) if we wished; it was felt that we should retain them for future sale, at least for some time.

5. Secretary's report. The Mayor had invited the Society to contribute to his Christmas Fund "for those not so fortunate". For reasons discussed, it was decided to take no action.

## 6. Social Activities.

- (a) The talk on 23 November by Mike Shepherd was generally considered excellent, with 44 people present. Enquiries will be made again about another talk. The use of the Mission Hall might be preferable.
- (b) The video on "The Green Link to Europe" was being ordered. Mr Birch undertook to enquire of Mr Dunsford about a large screen for the AGM.
- (c) 21st anniversary. Mr Birch agreed to make enquiries about a function in the Spring; the Committee felt it important that this should be in the village itself.
- (d) Maxon Farm Restaurant - This is scheduled for opening on 17 December. Mr Birch will contact Mr Cottell about a meeting there.
- (e) "Phantom of the Opera". The Secretary suggested a visit to the theatre in London next autumn, costing around £25 per head including coach seat. The Committee agreed to members of the Society being canvassed to ascertain likely interest.

## 7. Planning matters.

Work at Ruddledock Farm. Mr Biss produced the outline plans (submitted to the Council) for the conversion<sup>g</sup> and additions to the barns to form four dwellings and the erection of another dwelling. He left the meeting before the matter was discussed as he is acting for Peter Dunsent; the matter was<sup>then</sup> considered at length. Members felt that if the conversions can be satisfactorily undertaken, no comments are called for; but as regards the extra house, they expressed concern lest it should create a dangerous precedent in that sensitive area.

## 8. A.O.B.

- (a) Weymouth Civic Society. Mr Birch reported briefly on a recent meeting.
- (b) Use of house in Old Rincombe Lane. Mrs Reid, Plainbar Lane, had offered a house she owns in OBL to the Council for use by homeless families selected by the Council; and two residents had asked Mrs Wilkinson to raise it, as they were concerned & opposed.

The Chairman said she understood that the Housing Office would exercise considerable discretion in using the house; not all "houselets" are by any means undesirable. Members felt that it is not for the Society to act in a matter of this kind and those concerned should raise it with the Council as they did.

(c) The road. Much of the accumulated silt had recently been removed by the Council, and the workmen would be clearing some of the silt.

9. Next meeting: <sup>9th</sup> ~~10th~~ January 1989 at Mrs. Hooley's home.

10. Thanks expressed to Mrs. Hooley for hospitality.

Joyce H.S. Leitch  
Chairman