

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 13 March 1989 at Little Acorns. Ann J Leitch in the chair. Apologies from Wes Holobottom & Dee Saunders.

1. Minutes of meetings on 7.2.89 and 1.3.89 read and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising

(a) Litter bins. The Chairman spoke to councillor Ellis who promised to pursue the question of more bins in the area. He has referred to Environmental Week from 22 April, during which W.C.S. hoped all organisations would reinforce their attack on litter. The secretary said there was a reference to litter in the Newsletter just prepared.

(b) Mountain Ducks. In view of the number of other ducks on the pond it was agreed to keep this in abeyance.

(c) The Commemorative Stone. This was now ready and is a substantial piece of stone, weighing approx 2 cwt. The Chairman left it to members to decide where it should be sited.

[After the meeting, members looked round the pond area and concluded that the best site is by the wall of the Pub's small car park, on the pond side; alternatively, by the small remnant of wall where the "Car Park Private" notice is situated]. Payment of the cost - £86.25, inc. VAT - was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Wes Holobottom said that the Postmistress had purchased £21 worth of SPS cards for sale. Bank balance is £335.44, petty cash £13.69 and N.S. Mc unchanged.

4. Secretary's Report. The Newsletter (24th Anniversary edition) was available for distribution.

5. Planning Matters

(a) The Chairman had asked councillor Harvey to look into the recent erection of a length of fencing at Bowdley Downway.

(b) The Chair referred to his understanding that W.C.S. has

money available to help with amenity projects. He suggested that the Electricity Board be asked again to remove the mass of poles and wires, especially near the Springhead; depending on their reply, the Council might be approached. Agreed.
(c) It was agreed that renewed representations be made to Dorset C.C. about the foundations of the Mill House.

6 Social Activities - The 21st Anniversary. Ron Birch stated that the Jack rooms would provide hot or cold chicken and a salad (fruit salad + cream). He suggested that three or four "anniversary" cakes be made by the ladies, but the Committee thought it better to have a professionally-made cake - Mrs Wilkinson to arrange. The Mayor, the local councillors and their ladies to be invited as guests of the Society. A raffle is unnecessary.

Arrangements for the A.G.M. were finalised. Mrs Stephen undertook to be responsible for coffee and biscuits.

7 Other Matters.

- (a) The Road. The Secretary was asked to remind the Borough Engineer's Dept of outstanding reinstatement work on the grass verge and roadway, following the dredging in January.
- (b) The Notice Board. Mr Birch undertook to renovate the woodwork and provide new lettering inside.
- (c) "Best Kept Village". The local W.I. had referred, via Mr Birch, a note from CPRE, the Community Council for Dorset and A.C.R.E. about the Dorset Best Kept Village competition. As entries were required by mid-April, the Committee thought we could not enter this year; next year's competition, if held, might be appropriate. A number of suggestions for tidying up (eg. brownies by the Stables and rubbish by the old shed near the Chapel) were taken up.
- (d) The late Mr Harbour's Display. Mr Knight said we would speak to Mrs Harbour about our helping to present the display more

satisfactorily, if she wished.

(6) The Stables. The Chairman understood that Miss Pitman may have proposals for consideration. It was agreed that if the Council receive any proposals she be invited to discuss them with the Committee.

8. Thanks to Mrs Birch for hospitality.

9. Next Meeting arranged for 25th April at Mrs Stephen's house.

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Chairman.