

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

on Tuesday 25 April 1989 at 7.0 pm. in the Mission Hall.

Mrs J. Litochi in the chair. Apologies from Mrs Rowbotham.

1. Election of Officers. The following were elected:
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| Chairman                   | <u>Mr. J. Litochi</u>          |
| Vice-Chairman              | <u>Mr. R. Reich</u>            |
| Secretary                  | <u>Mr. H. Knight</u>           |
| Treasurer                  | <u>Mrs. G. Rodin-Wilkinson</u> |
| Social Secretary           | <u>Mr. R. Reich</u>            |
| (new) Membership Secretary | <u>Mrs. G. Kessly.</u>         |

2. Minutes of meeting on 13 March 1989 read and signed as correct.

3. Matters arising

- (a) Boundary Fencing - Mr. Litochi had spoken to Councillor Hanney and the W.P.C. Planning Office, and the matter will be referred to the County Council Footpaths Officer for investigation.
- (b) The Bond - reinstatement seems satisfactorily completed.

(c) The Mill House. The County and Borough authorities are discussing how far intervention is possible.

(d) Mr Harbour's Display - Mr Harbour recognises that his display is now in a tatty state and she hoped her son-in-law would be restoring it.

4. Chairman's Report. Mrs Kibbeli said the commemorative stone was now being cut to provide about 4" thickness. A formal request has been sent to Mr Swook that permission be given for its siting in the car-park wall. It was generally agreed that the damaging of the stone was reprehensible.

5. Secretary's Report (a) A letter from Mr Michael Presely was read: it regretted the anxiety caused to the Chairman at the AGM over the Stone and expressed views on the Committee being fully informed before decisions are taken. The Chairman reiterated that the Stone was obtained with the assistance of the Mayor, and Mrs Presely was sorry that the incident had been caused through the stone not being in the agreed site.

(b) Environmental/Litter Work. The W.C.S. asked whether the Society would agree to a portable exhibition - installed and dismantled by W.C.S. - being arranged in the village. This was approved.

(c) Mr A. Butler's packs of <sup>notepad</sup> notepaper had just been delivered - 480 packs at a cost of £147. It was agreed that they be sold at 75p each.

6. Treasurer's Report. There is £316.82 in the bank account, petty cash £7.24, and N.S. Account £1285.67.

7. Social Activities. Mr Birch reported on up-to-date <sup>for the 21st Anniversary.</sup> arrangements. The maximum number of guests should be about 100, and the new Manager had agreed to proceed with all the arrangements previously agreed.

Had the function been at the Springhead, Mr P. Swook of Slough's would have loaned one of the company's marquees; but because no decent one was available he had paid £40 deposit on the hire of another, which he said he would not ask the Society to reimburse. In view of our changing the venue, however, it was unanimously agreed that Mr Swook be paid the £40.

8. Division of Village into areas for collection of subscriptions, etc.

The following arrangements were approved:

1	Plaisters Lane N. from Tru Blue and Furbeck Lodge, up the hill	Liz Rowbotham
2	Plaisters Lane, central - between Longmead and Springbank, inclusive	Simon Emblen
3	Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close and Plaisters Lane not otherwise covered	Maureen Stephen
4	Old Bincombe Lane, Brookmead and "Dolphins" Plaisters Lane	Eve Wilkinson
5	Puddledock and Sunnyfield, and neighbouring dwellings	Ron Birch and Tony Bugler
6	Sutton Road from Cartshed south to approx. village boundary	Joyce Litschi
7	Silver Street and Sutton Road from fork junction to Springhead and 111 (inc.)	Cathy Pressly
8	Mission Hall Lane, 113 Sutton Rd and all area north of Springhead and pond	Mike Doyle
9	Members outside village (Sutton Rd, Verlands Rd. etc.)	Ken Knight

9. Matters for discussion at next meeting:

(a) Date and venue of Teas on the Lawn; (b) possible barbeque, (c) Summer walk; (d) pitch for Sutton Rugby Cricket Team.

10. A. D. B.

Reference was made to the suggestion at the AGM that new members be invited free to their first event. The Committee considered this unpracticable, since the first event could be costly; but they hoped members would make early contact with newcomers to encourage membership of the Society.

11. Next meeting - Monday 22 May at Little Acorns.

Planning - Development at the Stables

Mr P Dance, a town planner of Prudential Property Services, attended the meeting between 7.30 and 8.45 pm, with eleven members from around the Stables site, to discuss proposals to rehabilitate the barn and construct another two dwellings. Plans were on display. He referred to discussions with the W.P.C. Planning Dept., as a

recall of which preliminary plans had been reviewed. He was aware of the need for the development to fit in with the environs and emphasized that high standards would be maintained. Various questions as to likely further development were asked and replied to; Mr Dance thought that more than four houses would be impracticable in any case. He thought that the previous DOE decision on appeals affecting the site and the fact that Miss Pitman's bungalow had been "tied" to the Stables had at some time to be superseded. Discussion also ensued on the realignment of the development boundary and how far it is feasible or correct to deal with this application before the structure plan has been formally amended - this is understood to be awaiting the Luton Inquiry. Mr Biss thought an "architectural input" was essential & Mr Dance said he would be willing to discuss this although time was most material; he would also consider levels and then reconsider the height of the dwellings which would be within 10 feet of Mr Hunt's house.

After Mr Dance had left the meeting, further discussions ensued.

It was finally agreed -

- (a) the loss of the Stables is regrettable but probably inevitable;
- (b) the design of the dwellings calls for reconsideration, & steps be taken with a view to an architect advising us;
- (c) the street scene, levels, and effect of any <sup>road</sup> visibility splays are important, and the Council should supply details;
- (d) we reiterate the situation emphasized by the DOE appeals only 18 months ago and question why plans covered by a revised, but unapproved, boundary are being accepted.
- (e) the matter be discussed, in the light of developments, before the meeting fixed for 22 May.

Representations will be made urgently to the Planning Department.

Joseph Letts  
Chairman