

MINUTES of Committee Meeting  
on 17 July 1989 at 2 Sutton Close. Mrs Lipschitz in the chair.

1. Minutes of meeting on 22 May 1989 were read and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

- (a) Communication stone - now in place. Repair and re-cutting cost £23; account for installation in wall is awaited.
- (b) S.P. Cricket Club. - details still awaited.
- (c) Litter - bins not yet supplied. Brian Ellis said that he had confused the issue by contacting the Borough Engineer - but that was in fact some time before the his environmental group was set up! Chairman and Ron Birch are pursuing the matter.
- (d) "Weyndings" footpath - cleared by Simon Smalls.

3. Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson said that some subscriptions remained to be handed in. Bank balance - £36.27; petty cash - £15.06; N.S. Acc balance - £135.67. (This excludes payments in respect of the visit to "Phantom of the Opera").

4. Secretary's report.

- (i) A leaflet about a new book "Weymouth through old Photographs" to be published shortly was circulated.
  - (ii) A letter and pamphlet from Dorset C.C. on the Structure Plan, relating to Mineral Exploration and Waste Disposal, were distributed. In view of the oil companies' conclusions about oil extraction in this area, it was decided that no comments are necessary on Mineral Exploration. As regards waste disposal, the Committee decided to make representations about Lodmoor tip - concern to be expressed about the offensive smells, methane, inadequate supervision at times at the entrance; noxious liquids should not be deposited over the lagoon; notices should be provided to show where things like slurry-oil etc could be deposited.
- On salvage generally, Mrs Swords asked that almost anything

salvable and useable in school should be given to her, and reference was made to waste-paper collections at the Littlemoor Vicarage in aid of St. Francis Church.

(iii) Membership. - Mr & Mrs Suggett of 50 Budmouth Ave. are interested in conservation etc and applied to join the Society - agreed.

Simon Bullock mentioned that a few people in Marlers Lane had expressed disappointment at the Society's activities (or lack of them) and wondered whether we are becoming too concerned with activities outside the village. One person had suggested we might help the elderly with, e.g., gardening or outside work. Urs Jitschi said the Society had always been loath to appear to get involved in a interfere with individuals' activities. Mr Bright said that, in planning, some members have always thought we were too easy-going while others complained that we interfere too much. It had to be borne in mind that "conservation" does not mean a complete ban on development. No particular action was called for. Arising from this discussion, it was agreed that representatives be made to Encilla Ellis, as chairman of the E.H. Committee, for more frequent sweeping of roads and hedge-clipping.

### 5. Social Activities.

- (i) The 21st Anniversary. Ron Birch reported briefly and presented a balance sheet: the Society's funds had total expenditure of £103.44.
- (ii) Summer Walk - 14 people had participated.
- (iii) Teas on the Lawn: Details were left to a sub-committee of the ladies and Ron Birch.
- (iv) Barbecue. Ron Birch had discussed this with Luke Wills: it will be held at the Springhead on 10 September from 12 noon. In view of health and other problems, no lamb or piglet will be roasted. Stalls for books, cakes, produce etc. will be organised, together with one or two games for children.

Tom Birch and Simon Bullock will arrange for articles to be prepared.

(v) Mrs Margaret Brown has asked whether a series of meetings might be arranged for the winter months on topics like, e.g., wine and food. This will be further considered at the next meeting.

6. Planning - The Stables.

The Chairman read the report submitted to the WPC Planning Committee on this application. It discussed the Society's comments, based on Mr Jeavons' letter, as unjustified criticism, and recommended decision in Category 3 (i.e. without the full Council). It did, however, emphasise the need for strict control over the development, <sup>to be</sup> in accordance with approved plans. The Committee decided to write to the Chief Executive expressing concern at the lack of any architectural input, & at the apparent haste in dealing with the matter, and asking for consideration in Category 2. Copies of the letter to be sent to the local MP and C.P.R.E.

7. Next Meeting: 31st August at "Cliffe" Blaisten Lane.

8. Thanks to Mrs Stephen for hospitality. (The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.)

George H.B. Russel

Chairman.