

MINUTES of meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 31 August 1989
at 7.30 pm. at "Cliffe", Haistons Lane.

Miss Libschi, in the chair; apologies from Mr Doyle & Mrs Woodroffe.

1. Mr Ernest Saunders. The meeting took place on the eve of Mr Saunders' 90th birthday. The new book "Weymouth through Old Photographs" was given to him and his health drunk in wine. The Chairman thanked him for his devotion to the Society since its inception, and he briefly replied.

2. Minutes of meetings on 17 July and 18 August 1989 read and signed.

3. Matters arising.

(a) Sutton Rugby Cricket Club - Mr Biss and Mr Embler explained the present position; there is some confusion over who play under the title of S.P.C.C. No further action to be taken unless the Club approaches us.

(b) Letter - Mr Birch mentioned this matter at a meeting of the Weymouth Civic Society. It was agreed that two more bins are desirable.

4. Chairman's report. Mrs Litchie referred to the official opening of the Waterworks Exhibition on 5 Sept., with general opening on 10 Sept.

It is understood that a room for use by local organisations will be available, together with cinema facilities.

5. Treasurer's report. Mrs Wilkinson reported: bank balance £364.65; petty cash £19.24, N.S. Acc - no change. Profit from the Sweet cream teas was £47.07. Very few packs of the black + white cards have been sold.

6. Secretary's report.

(a) Councillor Peter Harvey sent £7 towards the cost of installation of the commemorative stone and thanks had been expressed.

He asked whether the Society would be doing anything to commemorate the Hardy Celebrations in 1990. The Chairman + Senion Embler mentioned activities in the past by the Sutton Rugby Players and others; Senion would like to see one of the shorter Hardy plays produced next year, and perhaps an "evening" event might be arranged for, say, June. To be discussed at next meeting.

(b) Letter from Planning Dept. about possible work by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Planning Officer to be informed of need to attend to stiles over footpaths and parts of Sutton Road; and reminder of discussion some time ago about work on the old garage by the Chapel and of tree-planting in Old Bincombe Lane (which ^{are} still outstanding).

Arising from this, it was decided that if possible dilapidated
footpath signs be replaced by decent wooden ones, with the Society
contributing to the cost. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr. D.
Hetcher in the Engineer's Department. Mr. Triss said he had
been informed by Colin Ellis of the Planning Dept that money
is available for general amenity work, and it was decided
to make renewed representations for undergrounding some or all
of the cables etc in the vicinity of the Springhead / Music Hall Lane.

7. Planning - The Riding Stables.

The letter sent to the Chief Executive of W.P.B.C. on 20 July was
read. No reply had been received. However, after the local M.P.,
Mr. Ian Bruce had received his copy he contacted the Chief Executive,
who had ^{provided by reply} ~~replied at length~~ ^{to the M.P.} on the points ~~are raised~~ - some
of the comments being considered very categorical. It was
decided that this matter, including our letter to the C.Ex., be
brought to the notice of the next Borough Council and members
of the W.P.B.C. Planning Committee.

8. Social Events.

(i) The Barbeque. Ron Rich referred to difficulties arising over
the start of the barbeque, despite earlier discussions with Mr. Watts
at the Springhead; there was considerable discussion on this, although
it was accepted that food would not be served until 1 pm.
An allocation of duties connected with preparations for the barbeque
and the event itself was agreed. Mrs. Swords produced several
posters prepared by children, and these will be exhibited in the
bustard windows if possible. Other posters are also available.

(ii) Winter Events. The Committee thought that a continuing winter
course of some kind would not be feasible; but enquiries will
be made about possible talks by Jerry Hearing (historian) and
Mike Shepherd, and films about the lifeboat and Coastguard services.

9. Next meeting fixed for 4th October at 1 Old Nicolson Lane.

10. Thanks to An & Mrs Biss for arranging cocktail biscuits, etc
for the presentation to Ernest Saunders.

Joyce Hetchi
Chairman.