

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on Wednesday 4th October 1989 at 7.30 pm
at 1 Old Suncombe Lane.

Mrs Litchin in the chair. Apologies from Messrs Taylor, Kiss, Eubler
and Welch, and Mrs Stephens. (Mr Saunders & Mrs Lomas absent).

1. Minutes of meeting held on 31 August 1989 were read and signed.

2. Matters arising

(i) Footpath signs. Mrs Litchin has spoken to the Footpaths Office
of W.A.P.C., who said a great many signs are in need of replacement.
It is intended to use a more pleasing one and there would be
no reason for the Society to contribute to the cost.

(ii) Cable "Undergrounding" - reply awaited to representations.

(iii) The Hardy Celebrations. Mrs Litchin reported that the County
Committee plan a number of events, but none in this area. Christine
Handley would co-operate in providing players if we did a play.
The Chairman will liaise with Simon Eubler.

3. Chairman's report. An odd post and wire fence has been
erected along about 30 yards of Sutton Road nearly opposite the chapel.
It is not certain who owns the land behind the fence and the
Planning Department is looking into it.

4. Treasurer's report - The financial situation is: £606.67 in the
bank, £10.53 petty cash and N.S.A.C. unchanged. (See also item 6.)

5. Secretary's Report.

- (a) Rats. At the request of Mr Ewen of Fox Cottage, who is in contact with the EHO about rats in his property and nearby, a letter had been sent to the Chief EHO in support of steps to eradicate them.
- (b) University of Bristol Courses. Pamphlets about various courses in and around Weymouth have been displayed in the notice frames.

6. Social Events.

- (a) The Barbeque. Mr Birch produced a financial statement showing expenditure of £228.03, takings of £448.50 and net profit of £220.47. Thanks were expressed to him and all who had helped in any way, especially with cooking the hot dogs, etc. Mr Birch said many people and firms in Weymouth + Dorchester had donated raffle prizes, and the attendance was estimated at about 300.

Discussion took place on the disposal of the proceeds. It was agreed that £150 be given to charities - £100 to the W.D. Hospice (Marion Wilkin Service), £25 to Mrs Austin's PAWS, and £25 to a newly-formed organisation "Triman" which is promoted by the Weymouth Ladies' Circle and hopes to provide a hospice for the terminally-ill.

- (b) Future Events. The secretary said Mr Shepherd would be pleased to give another slide/talk show on 21 February but Mr ? Hearing's health is such that he is restricting activities this winter. Mr Birch undertook to enquire about a possible show on Kingfishers by someone whose show he has seen, & Mrs Wilkinson was asked to pursue the possibility of a film on the Coastguards being shown, possibly in conjunction with a mulled wine and mincepies in December or early January.

7. Planning Matters.

The Stables. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary read recent correspondence with the Chief Executive of the Council and Mr Ian Bruce, M.P. The attitude of the Council officials generally in ignoring much of what the Society said, including comments based on Mr Footwell's report, was regretted and considered unbecoming.

but suggestions that we refer the matter to C.P.R.E. or write to the local press were held in abeyance. Copies of the correspondence will, however, be sent to local councillors for their information.

8. A.O.B.

Amenities - It was decided to ask the Manning Dept of W.P.D.C. to include the tidying up of the grounds of the old chapel in Sutton Road and the Roman bridge near the Bridge Inn in work to be done by B.T.C.V. (see last minutes).

Charitable donations. Mrs Wickham said she had been approached by Mrs Jeehan about our making a donation (perhaps £200) towards a "Provision of wells in Africa" scheme promoted by David Bellamy. The Committee thought this is outside the Society's remit but in any case should be decided only at the AGM if it is raised then.

Committee 1990/91. This was briefly discussed in the light of views expressed by the Chairman, Treasurer and others.

9. Next meeting - Monday 27 November at Little Acorns

10. Thanks expressed to Mrs Roden-Wickham for hospitality.

Joyce Hetchi
Chairman

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