

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on Saturday 23 January 1990  
at Wellman Cottage. Mrs J. Frick in the chair  
Apologies from Mr Biss and Mrs Wilkinson.

1. Minutes of meeting on 27 Nov 1989 read and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

(a) Cable "undergrounding" - nothing to report.

(b) Hardy Celebrations.

The Secretary of the 1990 Group had asked whether the Society would "be willing to assist in organising a raffle for hot air balloon rides at the Country Fair on 3 June at Kingston Maunwood". She had been asked for more details (eg. about how prizes are won and what procedures should be followed) but had replied that this information would be available at a meeting shortly. It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Chairman, Ron Birch, Tony Hughes, Betty Presley and the Secretary consider this matter.

As regards the S.P.S. activities, it was decided after some discussion that we organise a Barn Dance & Hardy Evening, ideally at the Preston Village Hall on Sat. 14 July, when two presentations concerning Thomas Hardy would be given; Simon Gubben was asked to

organise this entertainment. The barn dance could be run by a caller and tapes, not a live orchestra.

(c) The Waterworks. Wenee Water had written to confirm their care for the environs of the work at the local station, and Mr Hughes and others confirmed that the works are being undertaken satisfactorily.

(d) Annual General Meeting. This was arranged for Weds 4 April at the Museum Hall, if available; and a talk/slide presentation on Kingfishers be arranged for that evening if possible.

### 3. Chairman's report.

(i) Litter bins. Mrs Litschli had received another letter from the Engineer of W.P.H.C. intimating that there seemed no justification for more bins in the village; evidence was that Sutton Poputz was litter-free generally. The Committee considered this to be very questionable and pointed out that members themselves frequently clear litter.

Reference was made to various items of litter often left for some long time after the stream by Billaway Cottage has been cleared and to boxes and carpet etc by the small car park. Mrs Litschli said she would speak to the Environmental Health Dept.

4. Financial report. (Statement from Treasurer): Bank balance £130.20; cash in hand £4.39; N.S. Account £1135.67. The 'Coastguard Evening' had cost £37.06, plus £5 to the Coastguard funds, against £50 agreed at the last meeting.

### 5. Secretary's report.

(a) A <sup>circular</sup> ~~note~~ about workshops at Yeovilton and Yeathampton by West Country Tourist Board was noted.

(b) Mrs Wilkinson received information about a candlelighting ceremony by the U.K. Federation of Business Women on 27 Feb. She might consider attending, and Mrs Plessey and Mrs Stephen expressed interest.

(c) Details of local classes run by the University of Bristol had been put in our notice frame.

(d) The Annual Report of Beegmouth Civic Society had been received.

6. Social Events. Apart from the talk by Mike Shepherd on 23 February and the presentation at the AGM, it was decided to consider summer events at the next meeting.

7. Planning (a) Extensive at, and new dwelling linked to, 96 Sutton Road. Outline plans were available. The committee decided that no adverse comments be made to the WBC Planning Dept.

(b) Dissect Land. Mr Birch said he had been informed by Mr Biss that Peter Dissect's appeal to the DoE had been successful. Members expressed some surprise that the Society, who commented on the proposals, had not been informed about the appeal or the result. The Chairman said that Mr Dissect's application concerning the building and land off Krome Valley had not, according to Mr Dissect, been considered yet by West Dorset DC, due to "unforeseen hold-ups". Several members referred to the fact that Peter Dissect had reportedly ~~been~~ <sup>considerably buying</sup> a farm outside Dorset and would be moving. The implications of this were briefly discussed, but no decisions are called for at this stage.

8. Other Matters.

Mr Hoyle wished to resign from the Committee as soon work will take him away from the village for considerable periods. He was thanked for all his help, including assistance at social events, over several years.

9. Next meeting: 27th February at Sutton Lodge.

10. Thanks to Mrs Knight for hospitality.

John H. Birch

Chairman