

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on Tuesday 27 February 1990 at Seltton Lodge,  
Public Road Lane. Mrs Litchie in the chair.

1. Minutes of meeting on 23.2.90 were read and signed as correct, subject to a slight amendment regarding the document (Minute 7).

2. Matters arising:

(i) (a) Hardy 1990. The birds referred to the "evening" on 14 July. The usual callin would be on holiday; a five-piece band could be booked at a cost of £110. Refreshments and a raffle could be arranged; the cost might be of the order of £3 per head. The Preston Village Hall had been booked but confirmation was awaited.

The Committee agreed these arrangements.

(b) It was agreed that the usual summer walk be held on 22 June and in the form of a circular walk from the bridge at Lower Bockhampton (a favourite of Hardy's), with cars to take people from the Springhead and back.

(c) Tea on the Lawn would be on 18th August at Seltton Lodge (or Cliffe, Haisters Lane).

(d) The Organiser of Hardy 1990 had arranged for someone else to take on the selling of tickets for the balloon ascent, but would oversee any assistance for the event on 2 and 3 June at Rocklands + Kingston Moorland respectively. Several members indicated their willingness to help.

(ii) Litter and Litter Mrs Litchie had spoken to three officers of WPHC, all of whom were "looking into the matter raised" - so far with no positive outcome. She would pursue them.

(iii) A.G.M. 4th April The presenter of the slide show on Kingfishers had indicated that his fee is £40, plus cost of travel. As this was considered inappropriate, arrangements had been made for Mr Alan Stevens of Austerly to give a presentation on birds, animals etc of the Falklands, for a fee of £16. This was accepted with pleasure.

3. Secretary's Report. Mr Knight said that a Newsletter would be

available in good time before the A.G.M.

4. Treasurer's Report. There was no change in the figures reported to the last meeting.

5. Social Events. Unfortunately the talk by Mr Shepherd had to be cancelled at short notice due to his admission to hospital. He will be contacted, when recovered, about a presentation next winter. (Other social matters - Minute no. 2).

6. Planning Matters.

(a) The Dinour's plans. Mr Biss said that the plans for the farmhouse had been accepted by D.O.E. as originally submitted. In reply to questions, he said he thought that, as regards most of the land, no alternative use to farming seemed likely. Ownership was, however, in several hands. The Dinour's proposals as regards the Broad Valley site were understood to have been agreed by West Dorset D.C.

(b) The Hiding Stables. Mr Biss said he understood the site has now been sold; a fresh planning application might be pending. The Committee agreed that this must be carefully monitored.

7. Other Matters.

(a) Dorset Best Kept Village Competition. This <sup>matter</sup> was referred to the Society by the Village W.I. The aims of the competition (basically how the community works to care for the environment etc, rather than best kept gardens and the like) were discussed, and the Committee agreed that the Society should enter. Everyone will be encouraged to assist in all ways possible.

(b) Illuminated Advertising Units on the Esplanade. Planning applications (by the Council) for 11 such units were discussed. Strong representations against them will be made, bearing in mind amenity and <sup>tourist</sup> attraction considerations.

(c) Next year's Committee. Mrs Stephen wished not to seek re-election, because of many other commitments, but would continue to assist

at social functions, etc. She was thanked for all she has done for several years. Other members present expressed willingness to serve again (Mr Saunders, Mr Eublen + Mrs Swords were not present).

8. Next Meeting: 24th April at The Nest, Silver Street.

9. Thanks expressed to Mr + Mrs Bayler for hospitality.

Joyce Litschi  
Chairman