

MINUTES of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 1991 at
Wardings, Pilgrims Lane. Mrs Litschi in the chair 9 members present.
Apologies from Mr French and Mr Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 30.10.90 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising:

- (a) Rodwatch: literature was received from the Wildfowl Trust. It is comprehensive and intended to deal with a fairly substantial examination of ponds and their wildlife, fauna etc. The Committee felt that perhaps local Brownies or Scouts might be interested and Mrs Penny said she would discuss this with Glynn Derek Kelly (she took the literature accordingly).
- (b) Springhead litter - situation resolved.
- (c) AGM of the Society - rearranged for 10 April to suit the convenience of the Piers of the Archaeological Society.

3. Chairman's Report

Mrs Litschi said that a card and a bottle of brandy had been sent to PC O'Shea whose two arms had been broken when he was attacked while going to an incident in Plymouth in December.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Wilkinson reported little variation from the last report - bank balance £187.96 and cash in hand £15.64. Receipts were £⁶²62.82 and expenses £410.06.

There are still some 400 packets of the website for sale.

5. Planning Matters.

- (a) The Stables: The Secretary read the letter sent to the Chief Planning Officer and Mr Burgess's reply, which acknowledged that there had been contraventions of the planning consent in relation to some aspects of the building work. The WBC Planning Committee has authorised the officers "to secure substantial improvements and

compliance with the approved plans" and if necessary the service of appropriate enforcement notices.

Building work on the site stopped completely some weeks ago and the scaffolding was later taken away. Mr Bulben said he understood that the officers concerned had failed to make contact with the developer, thought to be DFW Properties (Mr A Dye) & that the Secretary was asked to ascertain whether South Somerset District Council has any particulars about that company, to be passed on to WSPC.

(b) The landsted. Permission, on a personal basis, was given by the Council for 5 years. It is understood that only Miss Shuman registered an objection.

(c) The derelict Land. No apparent new development. Some of the land sold off is understood to have been leased to Peter Bottom, who has needed it.

(d) Fence at "Reuthall," Plasters Lane. An appeal has been lodged with D.O.E. The Secretary wrote confirming the Society's objection to the fence.

(e) Internal reconstruction at 113 Sutton Road and erection of small porch - no objection had been ^{indicated} made by the Chairman and Secretary. The Council officers concerned were satisfied as to parking when the building is effectively divided into two dwellings, one for holiday lets.

(f) Coastguard Cottages, Bowcombe. The Committee felt that we should not comment on plans to demolish these and re-develop the site.

6 Social activities

It was agreed that a barn dance, possibly with a European flavour, be held in late May/June, and cream teas in August. An outing was suggested, and enquiries will be made through the next Newsletter and the AGM as to likely support for a visit to Exbury Gardens when the azaleas are in bloom.

The talk by Derek Dodge was excellent, with 36 people present.

The next talk is by Mike Shepherd on 8 February.

A newsletter will be issued before that talk.

7. 1991 Committee

There was a general discussion, after which Mr Litschel said she would be willing to serve as chairman for one more year, and Mr Bugler would consider being Vice-Chairman. Mr Bird said he had always assumed that he did not wish to become chairman. Some names were suggested as possible committee members (Moses Bachwell, Brown (Will) and Moore).

8. Next meeting: 25 February at 'Hatchens', Old Binccombe Lane.

9. Thanks expressed to Mr + Mrs Grubben for their hospitality.

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RP Chairman 25/2/91