

MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING on 25 FEBRUARY 1991 at 18ld Beicoube Lane.
Mr. R. Birch, Vice-Chairman in the chair, and seven members. Apologies
from the Chairman (in Australia) and Mr. Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 9.1.91 read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising - Postwatch. Mrs. Mersly said that those papers
had been passed to Jacqui ~~Phillips~~ for the Brownies.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Wilkinson reported: Cash in Bank £173.96; cash in hand £16.14;
N.S. Account £1763.63 (includes £176.10 interest).

She said she would be going abroad shortly and would not be at the AGM.
Her suggestion that the annual accounts be made up to 28 February (rather
than the end of March) and audited if was agreed to.

Steps would be taken to accept any donations at the AGM.

It was reported that Simon Eublen had apparently not collected any annual
subscriptions, and it was doubtful whether newsletters had been distributed
by him. The Vice-Chairman said he would discuss this with Mr. Eublen, but

the Committee felt that uncollected subs for 1990/91 could not now be collected.

4. Social Best Kept Village Competition 1991

The Society has been invited to enter this competition again. Members commented on some adverse comments by last year's judges on matters outside our (and the local W.I.) control - e.g. Council's seat and bus harbour's exhibition; and on petty ~~and~~ items like dropped matchsticks. There was also the question of Silver Street being initially counted for the judging, and the disadvantage - compared to many similar villages - of our having no parish council to assist. It was decided, therefore, not to enter this year's competition and to ~~no~~ inform the W.I. Nevertheless, a working party is contemplated to keep an eye on the general condition of the village. Members agreed that "country-fied" road edges etc are desirable in our situation.

Mr Wilkison said that a member had spoken about the ^{allegedly} ragged and untidy condition of the pond willow trees. The Secretary was asked to liaise with the Borough Engineer's Department as necessary.

5. Army Presentation. A note about this (on 12.3.91 in the Pavilion) was received; many local organisations have been invited.

6. Social Activities. (8/2/91)

(a) Mike Shepherd's Walk - had been cancelled because for 4 or 5 days beforehand the weather had been bitterly cold and wet. (Generally the most severe weather for four years).

(b) Visit to Exbury Gardens. Mr Birch's suggestions were generally agreed - Sat. 11 May, leave S.P. about 10am, lunch at Exbury at about noon (own arrangements), tea at 3.30 approx, then back to S.P. Committee members asked to encourage members and/or friends to attend. Cost likely to be around £6.50.

(c) Bara Dance, ^(22/6/91) broadly similar arrangements to last year, with 30 minutes or so entertainment instead of the plays (Mr Birch and others suggested possible entertainers). The "flavour" would be European and a raffle (not rambola) would be organised, with a main prize

or two brought from farms if need be. Charge to be further considered.
(2) Dorset Cream Teas - arranged for 17 August, from 2-45 pm, at Little Acorns, with thanks to Mr + Mrs Bicks. Catering for up to 100 people and cost £1 per head.

7. Planning matters.

- (i) The Stables - The Secretary had passed details of DFW (obtained from 5. Scarswell DC) to the Chief Planning Officer of WPC who had also been informed that a 'Building Land for Sale' notice had recently been put up.
- (ii) The Olvestead Land - It is understood that Ian Clark is renting some of the land off Bourne Valley.
- (iii) 64 Sutton Road - proposal just announced to "convert first floor to self-contained flat". No observations called for, unless the plans reveal extensive changes to the frontage.
- (iv) "Baring for Dorset": a paper from Dorset CC, describing the LA's ideas for various environmental, planning and other aspects for preserving the county's heritage, had been considered by members of the Committee over the past months; and their comments were collated by the Secretary. He referred to the contents of his reply to the County, dated 14.2.91.

8. Membership of the Society. It was felt that new members should receive ^{the} recent newsletter and the membership card which used to be green, but prints of which are virtually exhausted. Mr Rowling's kindly agreed to produce some copies, with space for the area representative's name, etc. (not the Secretary's).

9. Thanks expressed to Mrs Wilkinson for hospitality.

10. Next meeting (ie. first for new Committee) - 22nd April at 'The Rest'.

Joyce Gilchrist
Chairman 22-4-91