

MINUTES

of Committee meeting on 29 May 1991 at Little Acorns.

Mr Litchi in the chair + 9 members. Apologies from Mr Handings and Mr Saunders (ill).

1. Minutes of meeting on 22.4.91 read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

(a) Membership cards - awaiting Mr Handings.

(b) Old Will House - The Chairman spoke to the Planning Department and the Secretary later wrote. The Planning Officer is seeking authority for repairs to be undertaken by the Council if the owner fails to do so; accelerating deterioration is causing concern.

(c) Seat by the Pond - response to two letters to the Parks and Open Spaces Officer still awaited.

(d) Works in Maiden Lane - letter to County Surveyor passed to Area Office at Bridport, who passed it to W.D.C. Engineer - reply awaited.

(e) Mills - both reported to be repaired.

(f) Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation - agreed that the Society joins for one year at normal subscription of £10.

3. Chairman's Report:

Mr Litchi referred to a meeting, at his request, with Councillor Brian Ellis. Note of discussion (read by the Secretary) appended.

It was agreed that the discussion was useful.

4. Secretary's Report.

W.P.C. had sought payment of £40 to cover the cost of supply of the weekly lists of planning applications. The Secretary pointed out that hitherto no payment has been asked for, and the Planning Department accepted that the request was made in error.

5. Financial Report.

- i) Mrs Wilkinson reported - bank balance £120.12, cash in hand £14.65 and N.S. A/c £1763.63.
- ii) The bank statement just received showed a debit charge of £9.84. On enquiry, the Treasurer was given a likely answer as to why the charge was made (e.g. account in the red, uncleared cheques etc), but the bank would investigate. If the charge persists, the Treasurer was authorized to open an account elsewhere.
- iii) The visit to Exbury "split even" financially.

6. Planning Matters

- a) The Barnstead - referred to in the note appended.
- b) Caravan site off Blunch Road (waterside). Letter (13/5/91) from Chief Planning Officer confirming that the temporary permission granted this year will be the last, that the footpath division will be dealt with and that further extension of camping and caravanning will be resisted, in line with the County policies.
- c) The Stable. - Development has recently been resumed by a builder from Swanage. Mr Hunt has complained several times to members about his view that the building close to his house is, in fact, being constructed too close and not as per the approved plan. The Chairman said, however, that inspection by the Planning and Enforcement Officers revealed no infringement.
- a) Dissent Land - Reference was made to the unkempt appearance of the area around the old house, following demolition of the barn. It was agreed that developments here to be watched.

7. Social Activities.

- (a) Visit to Exbury. The Birch said it was disappointing that only 26 villagers went on the trip - friends from the Poshes club and others made up the coach party; without them and a raffle the event would have incurred a loss of up to £25.
- (b) Sam Sence. The organizational arrangements for 22.6.91 were detailed by the Social Secretary. (Band - "English Mustard"; the result is have a "cashmere" flavour; a genuine spot of entertainment).
- (c) Teas on the Lawn in August - no problems envisaged.
- (d) Winter Programme. It was provisionally decided -
- (i) a talk by the Chief Manning Officer of W.P.B.C.
 - (ii) the outstanding talk by Mike Shepherd
 - (iii) a concert by the Bostwick Singers, perhaps in the Church.
- (e) It was decided to take no action on a suggested visit to Jenny Steele's show in Southampton, especially as the Springhead club may be going.

8. Other business

- i) Subscriptions. Mrs Presley and Mr Brown said several cottagers have declined to pay their subs for this year, some to show disapproval of the topping of two of the willow trees by the pond. (Note: other of the trees had been pollarded - all by society members - and this was accepted).
- ii) Boats. Mr Brown received a suggestion that the Society assist in setting up an area for playing bowls, either in the small car park (to which, it was reported, the snook of Severist's did not object) or behind the Springhead. The Committee felt that this is not a matter in which the Society should become involved.

7. Next meeting - Councillor Russell. Reference was made to this councillor's prolonged absence from meetings (he lives now in Southampton). It was decided to call the attention of the local authority to the unsatisfactory state of the law which permits this to continue.

9. Next meeting - on 10 July at 1 Old Sincrope Lane.

10. Thanks expressed to the village for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Joyce H.B. Litschi
Chairman.

Appendix

DISCUSSION WITH CLLR BRIAN ELLIS on 17 MAY 1991

(Joyce Litschi, Ron Birch, Simon Emblen and Ken Knight)

- 1 Brian Ellis had suggested a working relationship between himself and Cllr Nightingale and the Society on planning and conservation matters. The Society agreed and were pleased that at last a councillor (Brian) will be a member of the WPEC Planning Committee.
- 2 Preservation of the rural character of the village (hedgerows, etc) is most important, as is retention of the open space between Preston and S.P. (Brian is also concerned about the open space between Preston and Littlemoor). The situation at the end of Old Bincombe Lane, and possible development in due course in Plaisters Lane (Mrs Bailey's and Joan Harrison's land) must be carefully watched.
- 3 Brian promised to look at the question of ownership and tidiness of the footpath between the Stables and no 96 Sutton Road.
- 4 It was agreed that the Society would let Brian have a copy of main letters sent to the Planning Officer, so that he may keep himself informed. He will let the Society have a copy of planning permissions imposing conditions so that we may be aware of such matters.
- 5 Arising from the discussion some time ago with the then Planning Officer about amendment of the development plan covering the Stables and land off Plaisters Lane, it has come to light that the plan has not in fact been amended. Brian will endeavour to look into this.
- 6 There are some local difficulties concerning the user of the Cartshed, involving allegations of parking, spraying etc. The SPS representatives all spoke of the great improvement made by the owners to the building and surrounding area, and of the use made by local people of the services offered. An application has been made for release from one of the planning conditions, which the Society hoped would be approved. Brian said he had no adverse vibes about the Cartshed and would bear in mind the views of the Society at the Planning meeting.
- 7 There is a change in some administrative procedures at the Municipal Offices, making it more difficult for councillors to inform themselves on planning applications etc. Brian and other councillors are unhappy with this and hope to get amendments.
- 8 Cllr Nightingale would have been at this meeting but was away. It was agreed that the meeting had been very useful and others might be arranged if and when necessary.