

MINUTES of Committee Meeting on Wednesday 4 September 1991 at 7.30 pm at The Old Coach House. Mrs J. Litch in the chair; all present except E. Saunders.

1. Minutes of meeting on 10 July 1991 read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising.

- (a) Old Mill House - further deterioration of windows, etc. reported. It was decided to raise this matter when the Chief Planning Officer addresses the Society on 24 Sept.
- (b) Seat by Pond - the Secretary has written again to the Borough Sovereign.
- (c) Christmas/queuing card - a photograph of the pond was chosen and the 1000 cards have been received and paid for (£203.³²/₁₀₀)

3. Treasurer's report.

Some of the old black + white packs are being sold by the Craft Shop in the Springfield Pavilion - they charge our price (75p) + 30%.
Cash in hand £33.88, in bank £41.01, in N/S Account no change.

4. Planning Matters

(i) Sutton Farm house - renewal of permission. The Chief Planning Officer wrote seeking views on this application by Mr Seal to renew the permission granted to Peter Vincent in 1988. The Chairman had called a meeting of a few members to consider the matter; they decided that the sale to Mr Seal has created a very different situation and therefore asked for the application to be refused. The Secretary's letter (31/8/91) to the C.P.O. was read and unanimously agreed.

(ii) Sutton Farm - partial demolition, reconstruction and new building.
A ~~new~~ meeting of villagers was held on 14/8/91 to consider this application. As a result, a letter was sent to the C.P.O. giving no particular comments on the proposals but urging that steps be taken (eg by gate & bollards) to prevent Puddledock Lane becoming a short-cut between Sutton Pagetz and Hurton. (The note of the meeting and the letter are filed with the plans).

Mr Birch said that these matters were raised at a recent meeting of

Weymouth Civic Society, who would support any comments on both.

(iii) Cottage in White Horse Lane. Recent press reports indicated that the Council's relevant committee intended to declare this cottage unfit for habitation; several members of the Society hoped it could be preserved and improved, as it has long been a characteristic of the area. The Chairman said a survey by the Health Department 15 years ago found the cottage unsuitable for occupation, and he thought it might be compulsorily acquired. It is owned by Mr R. Meach, who appears to want to rid himself of it. The Committee decided to inform the C.P.O. that, if the Council finds it impossible to do anything but order its demolition, they any replacement dwelling must fuse in with the environment of the area.

(iv) Drug Rehabilitation Centre - Greenhill Barton. Plans have been submitted to W.D.C. to convert this barn into a rehabilitation centre for ex-drug users and alcoholics; two members of the Society asked the Committee to consider the matter. Mrs Wilkinson and others said that the centre would, if approved, be run by Peter Rodenthorst who runs a somewhat similar establishment in Bowleaze Conway; she knew several neighbours of that establishment and none had ever had cause to complain about it. Doubt was expressed as to the suitability of the site from a professional point of view, but the Committee decided to offer no comment at all, leaving it to any individuals to express views.

5. Social Activities

(i) Tea in the Lawn 17.8.81. Grateful thanks were expressed to Ken and Ann Birch and to all who helped. A highly enjoyable afternoon produced a small profit - £7.77.

(ii) Chief Planning Officer's Talk - 24.9.81. A check will be made (by Mrs Beesly) to ensure that the ^{pub} Pavilion is available - ie not reduced in area by the Craft Shop.

(iii) Eastbridge Male Voice Choir. The chosen date is 27 November. Mr Birch hoped the charge could be increased to £2 and that light refreshments be served afterwards in the School. The general view was that, on a late November evening at about 9.15 pm, refreshments were unnecessary, and that the £2 agreed at the last meeting should stand.

Mr Birch said that the Choir would appreciate at least liquid refreshment after their performance, and it was agreed that the Chairman and a few members of the Committee should entertain them accordingly.

It was felt that complimentary tickets should be kept to a minimum.

(iv) Next Year's Sam Dance. This has been arranged for 21/3/92 and the 1990 band (Jump to the Sun) booked.

(v) Other events, 1992. Mr Eublen would contact a WEA speaker on pre-historic Wessex. As Mike Shepherd is talking to one of the local WIs in February, his talk to the Society will be postponed. Preliminary discussion took place on the Summer Walk.

6. Other business.

(a) Footpaths. The Chairman said some footpaths are getting overgrown. She will raise this with the Footpaths Office of W.P.B.C.

(b) The Pond & Streams. The attention of the Borough Surveyor will be drawn to the need for clearance to be undertaken.

(c) Tree - O.B. Lane. Mr Eublen agreed to speak to Mr/Mrs Lewis, owners of land at the junction with Maistons Lane, about replacing a dead tree (at the expense of the Society).

(d) It was agreed that a note of thanks and ~~a~~ bottles of whisky ^{and Martinis} be given at Christmas to Mr & Mrs Eves of the Carshed for all their help with Society activities and "behind the scenes".

7 Thanks to Mr Mrs Bachwell for their hospitality.

8 Next Meeting: 29 October at Dell Cottage, Maistons Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Joyce Litschi
Chairman

29/10/91.