

MINUTES OF 1992 A.G.M. held on 24 March 1992 at 7.30 pm.
in the Springhead Pavilion.

Mr J. Kitzsch, in the chair, and 30 members present. Apologies for
absence from Mr B. Wilkison and Mrs Ann Birch.

1. Minutes of the 1991 AGM were read, approved and signed.

2. Chairman's Report.

Mr Kitzsch paid tribute to the long service given to the Society
by Mr Ernest Saunders - a founder member and for many years Treasurer -
whose love of the village was constantly evident. Members paused
for a few moments in his memory. The Society had sent £25
to his nominated charity, following his death on 6th February 1992.

(a) On planning, Mr Kitzsch referred to discussions with the
Planning Department on the revised Structure plan (on which comments
were submitted), on development off Puddletock Lane and the use
of the lane itself (the Department agreeing that its rural character
would be preserved as far as possible), and on the future of
the Mill House and White Horse Cottage. The Chief Planning Officer
hoped that Mill House would be preserved, with grants available;
and despite other promises that the Cottage could survive with
renovations. There had also been a very useful meeting with
the Burgess and other officers about possible developments in the
centre of the village should North Dean Farm and land used cottages
be on the market. When the late Mr Bailey's land was to be
disposed of, the Society accepted an outline planning ~~application~~^{application} for
two houses; however, consent has recently been given for three dwellings -
one large and two smaller.

(b) Representations to the Engineer's Department that the name-plate
for Puddletock Lane should delete the reference to "access to Sunnyfields"
were successful; this was hopefully ~~ensuring~~^{ensuring} use of this roadway.

(c) The Society had not objected to what was considered to be
a minor re-routing of part of the footpath by the old stables, especially
as the developer had vastly improved its condition. However, an advertisement

about the actual diversion of the few metres of footpath had appeared in the Echo on 20th March.

- (d) Mrs Libschi urged all concerned to endeavour to keep the village tidy; there seemed to be a growing tendency for old cars, etc to be thrown down in some parts. Renewed representations to the Council for more litter bins had been unsuccessful.
- (e) She said she would be giving up the chairmanship of the Society after six years; and she thanked the Committee members and officers for all their help, mentioning particularly Mrs Pessley (who was not seeking re-election) and the Treasurer, Social Secretary and Secretary.

On the motion of Mr Sucklen, the report was adopted.

- (f) Mr Sucklen, referring to White Horse Cottage, said grant was linked with possible grant in respect of Upmery Hill, owned by the same family. Mr Pessley expressed the view that the Stable's footpath had in fact been diverted and, because of the danger of a precedent being created, the Society ought to have objected at an earlier stage. The Chairman referred to the background and the apparent close scrutiny kept by Council officials during the building work on the site.

3. Financial Report.

- (a) In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented the ^{audited} accounts for the period ending 26.2.92, which showed a bank balance of £117.91, petty cash in hand £3.79 and N.S. Account balance of £1860.70. There was a shortfall of £168.40 in receipts compared to expenses (£1233.45 - £1401.55) due to support to charities, etc. (including £495 to St Andrew's School Building Fund, although this was as a result of the Cambridge Dale Voice Choir concert especially arranged to help that Fund).
- On the motion of Mr Libschi, seconded by Mr Dymou, the accounts were approved, with thanks to the Treasurer. It was also agreed that the subscriptions remain the same.
- (b) In relation to donations, the Chairman expressed the view that the Society should not make donations, unless to bodies connected with conservation (eg. the donation re Kingcombe Meadows some years ago)

and that our 'Fighting Fund' should be increased for any future use; no-one could say what might be needed in perhaps 10-15 years' time. Mr Birch hoped that the Society would continue to support good causes from time to time. Mr Libschi suggested that this might be considered when the fighting fund had reached £2,000. The Chairman asked the new Committee to bear this in mind.

4. Secretary's Report.

Mr Knight mentioned the availability of the coloured greetings cards and the packs of Motels. Because of the cost of coloured cards and the large quantities (5000+) which most printers specified for ordering, future production could be difficult; we need only 1000 cards. Notification had been received from 'Dorset Heritage Coast' of another Beach Clean-up on Sunday 10th May; details will be put in the notice-board.

5. Committee Membership.

With the exception of Mrs Prossley, the present members had been re-nominated, together with Mr Gordon Peck. On the motion of Mrs Sandler, these people were appointed to be the Committee for 1992/3.

6. Social Secretary's Report

Mr Birch referred to four main events during the year - 38 people on a most enjoyable outing to Coburn Gardens in May; a fully attended Farm Dance in June, as a result of which half the proceeds (£65) were donated to the School Building Fund; excellent Cream Tea in August; and the Exeterbridge Choir concert in St Andrew's Church in the autumn. The talk by the Chief Planning Officer in September was also extremely good and well attended.

He said how delightful the village is and hoped the community would continue to support our events.

Mr Birch's report was received with acclamation.

At the conclusion of the business at 8.20 pm, Mr D. P. Snoch of Penzance gave a fascinating talk on the recent history of pot management, design etc; and the effect on buildings of

more stringent health and fire regulations. The "categories"
of customers were important considerations in the viability
of pubs and beer-producers.
a vote of thanks by the Chairman was heartily endorsed.

A. P. Baylis
Chairman