

## MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 28 July 1992 at Dell Cottage, Hariton Lane  
at 7.30 pm. Mr A. Bagler in the chair; all present except G. Brown + A. Beckett.

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 29.6.92 were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising:

- (a) possible swimming tank by pass - being investigated
- (b) possible play area for children - the problems of a similar area at Telford Close were discussed; and questions of supervision, maintenance etc have to be borne in mind. The Chairman will discuss the matter generally with the water authorities concerned with the pumping station area.
- (c) footpath to Ossington - Chairman + Mrs Kirschi will walk it to check on problems.
- (d) Name-plates for Puddledock Lane - no news; Secretary to contact Richard Penny of B.E. Department of the Council
- (e) Tall weeds by pond - Mrs Harbon to be informed that there are conflicting views about these weeds - some people think they enhance the scene, and the ~~Society~~ <sup>Committee</sup> doesn't feel able to take any action.

3. Chairman's Report. A letter of sympathy had been sent to Chris Galpin on the death of his mother.

4. Secretary's Report.

Silver Street - Mrs Joy Shires has spoken to the Secretary about (a) car parking in this lane, which she says makes it difficult for some people to get by, and (b) a dispute over the cutting of a laurel bush on the bank opposite the Mill House - the new owner of which (Mr Critchell) had objected. Mrs Shires asked the Society to consider these matters in the long-term interest of the lane. The Committee felt that these are not questions in which we should get involved. Individual contact with those concerned should continue.

5. Treasurer's Report. Mrs Wilkinson said that our cards owe to

the Postmistress and the Craft Shop are being re-sold at 37p. It was decided that we continue to sell them to villagers at 25p each.

The bank balance is £314.83 and cash in hand £17.73.

It was decided that receipts in the form of the earlier membership card should always be issued for subscriptions. The Backwell undertook to produce paper copies of the card after conferring with the Chairman.

## 6. Planning matters

(a) Waterside caravan Park - the Secretary wrote to the Chief Planning Officer expressing the Society's concern at developments at this site.

The Chairman will meet the C.P.O. on the site in a few days' time.

(b) Proposed farmhouse at Ruddleloch Lane. The Seal has appealed to DOE against the refusal of planning permission, and a hearing is likely in November. As the Seal has planted flax and beans on some of the land, the Committee adjourned any representations until the next meeting, when harvesting etc may have taken place.

## 7. Social Activities

(a) Cream Tea. Considerable discussion took place. Ron Birch, <sup>chair</sup> undertook to set things in motion to assist Gordon Perks; and arrangements for securing food, crockery, tables etc were discussed. A small group of Mr Birch, Mr Perks and Mrs Rowbotham will settle details. Mrs Little queried whether any music is necessary but the majority of members were in favour, provided the cost does not exceed £15. Admission would be £1, and a raffle was agreed.

(b) The Social Secretary will consider arranging a talk by a helicopter pilot in November. The Committee expressed a wish for a visit to be arranged to Dackston Museum on 6 October.

(c) It was agreed that an Anniversary Barn Dance be held in Preston Village Hall in March 1993.

(d) Further consideration was given to a function at Neptune's, Broadage Cove, in the light of views expressed by Gordon Perks, who felt that a dinner/dance with live music could be organised pre-Christmas for about £4.50-£5. He was asked to report in more detail at the next meeting - members

generally accepting that this fresh idea is worth trying.  
(c) The visit to the Waterworks Museum in June proved quite popular, with 40 people present for the opening talk; the town of the museum was enjoyable. Thanks have been expressed to Jacqui Summers.

8. A. O. B.

- (i) Ducks on the Road. It was reported that Elizabeth Saunders is endeavouring to dispose of the ducks unless steps can be taken to accommodate them and look after them - their "home" in the farm yard will disappear when the garage area is developed. Mr Perks said the landlord at the Springhead was willing to provide a hut on the pub land, but he could not undertake to feed or clean the ducks. The Chairman will discuss the matter with Miss Saunders and thank her for her care of the birds for very many years.
- (ii) Thanks were expressed to Mr Jack Wilkinson who has again repaired and re-varnished the S.T.S. notice board.
- (iii) Mr Litschli said that Mr Litschli believed that two old "lips" from the ancient chapel are in St Andrew's School, and he hoped they could be returned to the village before the school is demolished or is used for other purposes. The Chairman will discuss this with Mr Litschli (currently in Austria).

9. Next Meeting - 8th September 1992 at The Old Stables, 90 Sultan Rd.

10. Thanks expressed to Mrs Rowbotham for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

A. R. Brown  
Chairman.