

## MINUTES

of Committee meeting on 8 September 1992 at 7.30 pm at the Old Stables, Seltan Road. Mr Tony Snyler, in the chair: all vacancies present except the Treasurer (apologised)

1. The minutes of the meeting on 28 July 1992 were read, approved + signed.

2. Mr G. Parks. The Chairman received a letter from Gordon Parks regarding his inability to undertake the jobs he would like, because of family and business difficulties; he said that "if it was felt that he should be replaced, he would fully understand." This was regarded as a resignation and accepted.

3. Matters arising from Minutes.

(a) Prunington by-pass. Liaison with Mr Derek Dodge is maintained.

(b) Proposed play-area. The Chairman had spoken to Mr Parkhouse (elder of the Chapel and owner of land adjacent), Miss Saunders and representatives of Essex Water, about possible sites, although each presented a problem. The Chairman is pursuing the matter.

(c) Dracington footpath. The Chairman + Vice Chairman, having walked the path, considered signposting satisfactory but there is a difficult gate to negotiate. Representations will be made to Dover CC.

(c) Ducks on the Pond. The Chairman has spoken to Elizabeth Saunders, Jim White of the pub, Dave Baddy and Phil Suock. It is most likely that (a) the Saunders will let us have the ducks' old shed, which needs some repair, (b) the field by the pub or a piece of pub land could be used for the shed (although in the case of the field, the new owners <sup>would</sup> have to approve), and (c) Dave Baddy could devote 80% of his time to care for the ducks when he retires, provided there is a rota to cover the balance.

It was agreed (i) that the Society will contribute a reasonable sum towards the upkeep of the ducks and (ii) the matter of buying the ducks etc to be considered again in the Spring.

Simon Snyler mentioned a raffle type competition at the springhead

which has already varied £32 towards the upkeep of the ducts.  
(d) Muddloch Lane name-plates. A letter has been sent to the Borough Engineer (8.8.92) and a reply awaited.

4. Chairman's Report. Tony Bugler referred to the sale of North Down Farm equipment and animals that day. An old wagon with "E.A. Saunders, Sutton Pogutz" painted on it had been bought by Mrs White of the Springhead for £110, plus VAT. It will be displayed outside the pub after refurbishment. The Committee decided to make a contribution of £55 towards the cost, on the understanding that the wagon is not removed from the village.

5. Secretary's Report. Another newsletter is due. The Chairman agreed to write an introduction about the number of significant changes in the village during recent weeks.

6. Financial Report. Mrs Wilkison's statement was read.  
Bank balance - £367.58; petty cash in hand £18.12; N.S. A/c £2,000.70.

There are 280 packets of the labels and 461 greetings cards in hand, so the Committee did not think another Christmas card is necessary, as Eve enquired; in any event, it is too late in the year to be considering such a card, even if production is feasible.

7. Planning Matters.

(a) WPBC Planning pre-deposit Consultation Paper. This was supposed to have been delivered to all houses in the borough but it appeared that Plaisten Lane had been omitted; the secretary will endeavour to get copies for all committee members. The document sets views on various aspects (environment, economy, housing, transport, tourism, minerals etc) to be dealt with for the period to 2001. A sub-committee of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary will meet on 21.9.92, with any other members free to attend or submit comments to the Chairman.

(b) Puddledock Farm-house. Appeal. Further consideration was given to this matter. The beans have recently been gathered but the flax remains apparently unharvested - but perhaps weather conditions are relevant. It has been suggested by one or two people that Mr Seal has tried to persuade the farmer from Blideock who is using the land that he should occupy the farmhouse, as Mr Seal does not wish to.

It was decided to inform the DOE that the Society stands by its previous views, as expressed to WPBC on 31.8.91 and that even if some crops are grown on part of the land that is insufficient justification for a new farmhouse.

(c) Waterside Caravan Park. The Chairman and others met WPBC Chief Planning Officer on the site. A mound of earth going up the hill is to be removed, and planning consent will be needed for other earthworks. Eight "temporary" caravans are being investigated and 34 caravans in the S.E. of the area are to be removed by the end of October.

It was agreed that, if action as envisaged is not taken, the matter will be publicised in the local press, especially in view of the Dorset Co. paper "Caring for Dorset" and the CPRE's stance on the control of caravans in this area. It was also decided to enquire of WPBC whether (and if so, when) their previously understood policy of prohibiting touring caravans in this part of the borough was abandoned; if so, why?

(d) St. Andrews School - house + buildings. The Justices have applied for consent to convert an existing building into a private dwelling, with a double garage; and to construct five houses with garages on part of the open space where the "temporary" classrooms are. The Committee recognised why these developments are proposed; the Council will be informed of the need for "sympathetic" construction.

## 8. Social Activities.

(a) Cream Teas. Unfortunately atrocious weather caused the cancellation. In view of sales of supplies and a few people having

Teas, however, the afternoon produced a profit of 39 p.

(8) Future events.

- (i) Talk in helicopters - no further action.
- (ii) Function at "Nephews" - in the absence of Gordon Leeks from the Committee, no further action to be taken.
- (iii) Visit to Devonshire Museum - Secretary to endeavour to arrange.
- (iv) Barn Dance, March 1993. It was agreed that the 25th anniversary function should be another barn dance. Ron Birch repeated his inability to organise it - for reasons we all understand, but he would assist as much as possible. It was agreed that a committee of Liz Howbotham, Richard Bachwell and Charles Kirk (who is willing to sewe and will be formally invited by the Chairman) deals with the arrangements. Ron Birch undertook to book the hall and band.
- (v) ? Christmas gathering. The Chairman wondered whether a function for villagers, with children performing something, might be arranged. It was pointed out, however, that "Preston Panto Kids" undertake do's at Christmas. The idea was not pursued.

9. Other Business.

Speeding in Plaistons Lane, Sutton Road appears to be increasing, some of it bordering on dangerous. Some parking at the fork junction was said to make matters worse occasionally. Question of methods of restraining speed were discussed briefly; this will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

10. Uses Meeting - 20th October at the Mill.

11. Thanks expressed to Mrs. Ann Knight for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

A. P. Dwyer  
Chairman.