

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting at the Mill on 20 October 1992 at 7.30 pm. Mr Bagley in the chair. Apologies from Mrs Rowbottom & Mrs Wilkinson.

Mr D. Caddy present by invitation for item 2(i)

1. Minutes of meeting on 8 Sept 1992 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising.

(i) Ducks on the food. The Chairman & Mr Caddy spoke about recent developments and difficulties. In brief the present position is

- The landlords of the Springhead wish to have the ducks on their land and are having a new house built by Vic Hunt
- Fencing round the house will be required - the Committee agreed to pay.
- Harrison Hospital offered 9 ducks + one drake - accepted gratefully
- Food will cost about £5 per month - Society to offer to pay half
- Storage bin will be required, probably metal - Society to pay.
- Jim Wallis will help with equipment, fencing etc.
- Dave Caddy requires a rota of helpers for the odd occasions he will not be available.

It was agreed that Mr Caddy be co-opted on to the Committee and that up-to-date information be circulated in a Newsletter.

(ii) Footpaths representations to Dorset CC. have been acknowledged.

(iii) Proposed Play Area - letter received from Mrs Wynn-Williams about the possible acquisition of part of the Saunders' farm land (up the hill behind Hunt's); she said a representative of Squoada and Simpson valued the 10 acre field at £15,000. It was decided

- (a) that this particular field, being uphill and with hedges etc, is too large and unsuitable; (b) that steps continue to be taken to discuss other possible sites which might be leased - eg behind the pub and adjacent to waterworks; (c) that it is unlikely that the Society can legally purchase land & property; but (d) the whole matter be reconsidered as circumstances permit.

(iv) Name plates, Huddleduck Lane. Plain name-plates were recently erected. Enquiries will be made of the Borough Engineer

concerning the special name plates requested by the Society, at its expense.

(v) The Saunders Wagon - A few problems arising from the acquisition of this wagon were discussed. Mr. Gribben said he had knowledge of a pair of wheels on sale at £40; he was asked to purchase them if they seem suitable. It appeared that a pair of shafts could be provided, perhaps.

(vi) Traffic-calming Measures. It was agreed that some form of noise deterrents are desirable near Plaister Lane / Sutton Road and by the fork junction. The Borough Engineer will be asked to arrange a site meeting for a general discussion.

3. Membership of the Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. C. Kirk become a member of the Committee for the remainder of the year 1992/3, in place of G. Perks.

4. Secretary's Report.

The current literature from the Asset Trust for Nature Conservation is being circulated among members, along with the letter sent to the Planning Department on "The Way Ahead".

5. Financial Report. The Secretary read Mrs. Wilkinson's statement: - Cash in hand £25.62; cash at bank £284.61.

National Savings - no change.

She wished members to know that she "will not be available to the Committee next year".

6. Planning Matters.

(a) The Mill, ^{House} - The Chairman had agreed to the C.P.O. being informed that we had no objections to plans to do work on the outside of this house, to preserve it.

(b) "The Way Ahead". The sub-committee set up at the last meeting settled the reply to the Council on its consultation document. Our letter has been acknowledged.

(c) Waterside Park - Footpath no 26 is still obstructed and may be unsafe because of it. The Borough Engineer will be asked for views, especially as to its safety.

(d) Touring Caravans. Renewed representations to be made to the Chief Executive about apparent change of policy in permitting these caravans in this area, and for details of the rules, the change was agreed; thereafter, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will seek to discuss the matter with the Chief Executive.

(e) White Horse Cottage. It was noted that this is now for sale; the asking price was reported to have been reduced from £45,000 to £38,000, but its position was thought to present difficulties.

7. Social Activities

(a) Visit to Dosek Museum. The Secretary arranged this for 10 November, and it was referred to in the recent Newsletter.

Members will encourage attendance.

(b) It was decided to invite the Revd Juv Bromham to give a talk (on Welsh folk-lore?) in January.

(c) The Barn Dance. Ron Birch has arranged this for 20/3/93 at Preston Village Hall and booked "Jump to the Sun" for £125. The sub-committee appointed at the last meeting will be asked by the Chairman to get detailed arrangements under way.

(d) It was thought that another talk by Mike Shepherd in April 1993 would be appropriate.

8. A.O.B.

(i) The Pond. Several members referred to its wretched condition. Mr Brown said that no water had come through for a 9-day period until he asked a representative of Wessex Water to visit; since then there has been a slow flow. Mr Brown will be cutting down the reeds shortly; several members offered to assist.

(ii) Britain in Bloom. Simon Simble said that it had been suggested that Sutton Poyntz should form a separate entry next year.

The Committee thought this was reasonable, but wished the matter & representations to be made to Wessex Water (Poole) about the need for constant attention.

to be discussed by a special meeting of villagers.

[Note: since arranged for 25.11.92, when the Deputy Engineer of WBC will attend].

(iii) Open Gardens Day: The Secretary mentioned that representatives of the Gardening Club of St Andrew's and of the Fund-raising Committee for the school were contemplating this event (in Sutton Road and the village) next June.

(iv) Road-willows. Captain is to be asked for views on pollarding, etc.

9. Next Meeting - 24 November at "Weydings".

10. Thanks expressed to Mr + Mrs Brown for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

A. P. Dwyer
Chairman.