

MINUTES

Of a Committee Meeting on 4 January 1993 at 1 Old Bincombe Lane
at 7.30 pm. Tony Bayler in the chair. All present except
Mrs Kitchie (in Australia).

1. Minutes of meeting on 24.11.92 were read, agreed and signed.

2. Matters Arising -

(a) Ducks. Nine are now present; they were kept in the
house for about a month and released to the pond on 2.1.93.
Ruth Meech has been approached regarding an item in the Echo.

Just over £101 has been paid out by the Treasurer for equipment, feeding bins etc for the ducks.
Steps will be taken with a view to the water authorities becoming involved, as they suggested.

It is understood that the excellent duck-house cost only £75.
(b) The Saunders' Wagon. Various people are looking for appropriate wheels, and the wagon will be prepared in good time for "Britain-in-Bloom".

3. Chairman's Report Mr Bugler emphasised the need for debts to be collected, not only from the financial aspect but because of the contact with members, which needs to be encouraged.

4. Treasurer's Report (plus Wilkinson)

Bank balance £181.90; petty cash in hand £3.21; N.S.A/c. no change.
(See also under item 5 - Sam Dance)

5. Sam Dance 20.3.93.

The Chairman said that he, Liz Howbetham, Ron Birch and the Secretary had recently discussed detailed arrangements. He read out proposed allocation of duties etc and the format of the programme. The theme would be generally nautical, and decoration basically silver and green. Tickets would be £4.50 (as last year) with children under 17 @ £3.00 when accompanied by adults.

As the Treasurer will be away for several weeks, Len Knight was asked to act as Treasurer for the dance. This was agreed, and he would alone be responsible for payments and receipts. (The Treasurer said there ~~was~~ was some discrepancy in last year's balance-sheet, as between Ron Birch and the acting Treasurer, but this was resolvable).

It was agreed that £100 be taken from the N.S.A/c. to provide more accessible cash in connection with the dance.

6. Social Events

It was reported that the Walk by Stor Brookham was arranged for 3.2.93. Coffee and biscuits will be served.

It was also agreed that another Walk be held in late May/early June; Richard Backwell will formulate ideas for the next meeting. The customary Tea-on-the-lawn will again be in August.

The Secretary had received literature about a visit to Beaulieu - this will be looked at at the next meeting.

7. Britain-in-Bloom

Members had before them a draft letter, for distribution to all households in the Village, prepared by the Secretary. With a few revisions, the draft was approved. Susan Gubler undertook to have the letters prepared.

8. Proposed Village Fair

The Chairman had received a note from Dave Caddy about arranging a fair in the area of the pub and pond. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Society could co-operate in this event but not be responsible for its organisation, certainly in 1993 when we have other important commitments (B-in-B and Open Gardens).

The Chairman will arrange to discuss the matter with Sir Caddy and Jim White. An important consideration must be the disposal of proceeds from any such fair.

9. Planning

An application for erecting a house and double garages behind "Volona", off Selton Road, was submitted to WPC. The Chief Planning Officer had been asked to bear in mind the likely serious effect on traffic at this point - congestion by the ~~town~~ Scott Hall, the Old Vicarage and Verlands Road - and whether vehicular traffic from the Volona site might not use the thorough roads can-park.

10. Other Business. The Group drew attention to (a) various places

along the Sutter Road edge of the pond where edging-stones were collapsing and (b) complaints about excessive mud on the roads around the farm and fork-junction. The Secretary was asked to seek the comments of the Borough Engineer.

11. Next meeting - 8 February at Richard Backwell's.

12. Thanks expressed to Mrs. Mrs. Wilkinson for hospitality (including hot punch).

A. J. Dryden
Chairman