

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 8th February 1993 at 7.30pm at
1 Old Brimcombe Lane. Mr Bugler in the chair; all present
except Mrs Litschi (in Australia) and Mr Gubler.

1. Minutes of meeting on 4.1.93 read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

(a) Britain in Bloom. An application form for entry has been
acknowledged. The Area Organiser (at Exeter) offered to address
the Society, and it was agreed she be invited to the AGM.
16 forms have been returned by villagers. It was agreed
that for B-i-B purposes the village should include all
Plaistons Lane and up to Sunnyfields from Puddledock.

A "co-ordinator" may be appointed nearer the summer to
watch over the necessary arrangements.

(b) Village Fair? A meeting with Dave Eaddy and Jim White
will be arranged, depending on the outcome, this idea may
be "rounded" at the A.G.M.

3. Treasurer's Report

The £100 has been received from the N.S. Account, which now stands at £2,067, including £166.87 annual interest. Cash in hand is £33.46 and the bank balance £147.90.

4. Secretary's Report

(1) Litter. Mrs Trenching had asked that a bin be provided up Salt's Road, as much litter finishes up in her garden. The Secretary reminded members of discussions on this matter in 1989-90, and there was some agreement with the Engineer's view that more bins are uncalled for and are sometimes self-defeating. But representations will be made for a bin by the bus stop at Winslow Road.

(2) Post-card of the village. Noel Tall Ltd have notified arrangements for photographs to be reproduced as cards at £75 or £90 per 1000 + VAT. It was agreed that steps be taken to obtain a good photo (of the pond area, preferably) for printing in this way. A suggestion that this might be done at the AGM was rejected, as problems might arise; the Committee will decide.

(3) Margaret Brown has organised a ^{guided} tour of a number of churches in Dorset on 1 May: some 30 people are interested via the WI. The Committee decided to help her in any way possible to fill a 40-seater coach for this day out, at a cost of about £4 per head.

5. Social Activities

(i) Horn Dance. Arrangements are said to be proceeding satisfactorily. There might have been a problem as the caller will be recovering from an operation, but the leader of "Jump at the Sun" has found an alternative. Richard Murch's excellent poster was approved with slight amendment.

(ii) Walk. This will be in the Abbotsbury area, possibly during the first week of May. Richard ~~Smith~~^{Stanton} will be walking the lady route.

(iii) It was decided that consideration be given later to (a) another walk by Eric Nicholls and (b) a tour of the New Forest and possibly visit to Beaulieu in the autumn.

6. Planning.

- (i) Appeal by P. Seal - Suttin Farm new dwelling-house. This appeal has been approved by a DOE Inspector, subject to conditions. (The Society has a copy of the inspector's letter). It was decided to ask the Chief Planning Officer to bear in mind the undesirability of this decision being taken by the seal as an indication that further development would be approved.
- (ii) "Cork Hill", Plaistons Lane. No objection to enlargement at rear and new hall etc in the front.
- (iii) Northdown Farmhouse. Plans for substantial internal alterations considered and not objected to. The storage house at the North end will be re-roofed; the Committee expressed disappointment that this will not be in thatch, as proposed in an earlier application by the landowner, but recognised that it would not be feasible to insist on thatch.
- (iv) New entry to Northdown Farm, Prestin Road. No objection, especially as this may reduce the use of roads in the village. (This is the reason for consideration of this application).
- (v). Sign for "Springhead" at Suttin Road/Prestin Road junction. Several members felt this sign (about 6' x 4', above the footpath), would make for "clutter" and could cause traffic difficulties at this obscured junction.

7. Chairman's report (deferred to end at his request).

- (a) Membership Cards. The Chairman thanked Richard Backwell for producing these cards - which were large for ease of production.
- (b) The Rev. Brounham. - His death 10 days before he was due to speak to the Society caused the cancellation of the meeting. The Chairman raised the question of sending cards and/or other tokens; the members reiterated the views expressed at the meeting on 18/6/90. - i.e. normally a card, with discretion to the Chairman to do more, depending on the individual's service to the Society/village.
- (c) "Crouched Close", Huddledock Lane. Two or three residents of the new properties were concerned at the change of name from "The Huddledocks".

In view of the meaning (sepulchral, stones in circles, etc.) the Committee felt the name was inappropriate and ideally there should be no change at all. The W.F.C. will be so informed.

(1) Telephone box. The Chairman asked whether the Committee felt we should ask S.T. to paint the box green, as in ^{some} other villages. In view of past history and a difficult case in Yorkshire, no action was taken.

(2) Trigpoint at White Horse Hill. - Ordnance Survey no longer maintains the trigpoint posts. The Chairman was authorised to consult with Osnington about the acquisition of this one.

8. Next meeting - Monday 15 March at Sutter Lodge.

9. Thanks expressed to Mr + Mrs Backwell for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

A. J. Bayly
Chairman.