

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 14 June 1993 at 5 Old Discourse Lane at 7.30pm.  
Terry Burgess in the chair, all members present apart from apology from R. Head.

1. Minutes of meeting on 18 May 1993 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising.

(a) Northdown Farm New Access road. Correspondence with the Chief Planning Officer of WfBC was read. Mr Burgess pointed out that the land where the access occurs is "white" and also enjoys protection as its designation in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; it is outside the local development plan and proposals for development, if made, could be strenuously resisted. The correspondence will be set out in the next newsletter, with Mr Burgess's agreement.

The Chairman said that the Board hopes that the new access way can become a "permissive" footpath, assuming WfBC agree. It will also be seeded with a mix of grasses which the Board is ordering.

(b) Britain-in-Blooms. The following matters have been or will be dealt with before judging:- Brownies clearing the pond area; Scult Hall area will be tidied; Seaton Bebbles will see to a protection for the bin in the duck compound; Ron Birch will liaise with Martin Hallinan (WfBC) about grass cutting, sweeping etc., and dealing with the rubbish in the Springhead small car park.

(c) Village Fair 1994? - The Secretary wrote to Dave Caddy, no reply, on 21 May. A response is awaited.

(d) Mr Harbord's Exhibits. The frame has been taken down and had to be discarded as much of it was rotten. Jim Miller will be dealing with a replacement - the Beaumaris felt it should be made of a hard wood.

(e) Hill House plaque. Mr Bill Phillips will be contacting ex-colleagues at the College; he expects that no problem will arise over students making the plaque, in the autumn (that time suits Mr Mitchell as well)

### 3. Chairman's Report.

E-sawdles dragon. This has within the last week been sited by the duck campstead. Three or four volunteers had cleared it up and prepared a dozen plastic containers for flowers, which Dorothy Eubelen had agreed to purchase and plant. Jim White of the pub has got approval to spend £50 on this project and the committee agreed unanimously to match this sum. Nearly £11 had in fact been spent by the Society on compost for the containers.

### 4. Secretary's report (Ken Knight)

- (i) D.T.N.C. Papers received for the AGM next month, and the usual publications of the Trust and the Wildlife Trusts. It was agreed that membership (£12.50) be renewed.
- (ii) Orsett Natural History + Archaeological Society- papers received, including those for the AGM on 29 June; the Chairman and Secretary will attend.

### 5. Treasurer's Report (Simon Eubelen).

Balance at bank is £250.13, cash in hand £26.04 and N.S. A/c no change at £2067.57. Receipts (subs and cards etc) were £72.70 since the AGM and payments (compost, duck food, + Sec's postage etc) £35.38. The form from Nat West Bank re Simon becoming Treasurer has been completed.

### 6. Planning Matters.

- (a) Northdown Garage yard. The Chairman, Joyce Lipschitz and Vic Farrant have examined the plans for development at the yard. Demolition of old buildings was intended, but it was hoped that the roofs of the barns would be retained. Three garages are proposed. It was agreed to inform WDC that we accept the need for development and welcome this (instead of more) dwellings; we assume that the council will ensure that all work is in character.

- (b) Development at the Waterworks. Plans now submitted to WDC. Decision at last meeting (Minute 6(a)) reaffirmed.

### 1. Social Activities

- (i) The Walk. 25 people took part, most of them eating afterwards at the Glen Inn. Thanks to Richard Bachwell for arranging it.
- (ii) Cream Teas. It was agreed that sevres be again made by Rose Birch's former cook; and cream and jam obtained from Barn and Bang. Mr Jeblott agreed to oversee the serving of teas.
- (iii) Whitcombables. The management were pleased to have a visit from the Society, preferably in a morning when the horses are at exercise etc, and about 25 members. The date 2 Sept seemed very convenient to the Committee. arrangements will be made for members to indicate whether they will attend so that there is control over attendance.
- (iv) Future - (a) a talk by Richard Bachwell who is undertaking a walk over the Pyrenees lasting about 50 days, in aid of River Hospice.  
(b) possibly a visit to the Chany Nose + Museum at Portsmouth under the aegis of B.N.H and A Society.

8. A.O.B. (Butter-in-Bloom). It was agreed that if necessary some members of the Committee should entertain the judge who will visit the village, it being assumed a morning judging.

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9. Thanks to Mrs Jeblott for hospitality.

10. Next Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> July at Mr Jeblott's (other members found the date difficult). This meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Seat by the Barbican. Tony Eves has made a seat 3'6" x 9" for placing by the Barbican bus-stop. Joyce Hibchi has mentioned the matter to Stuart Morris, WPSD - the Secretary will submit details.

A. R. Duffe  
Chairman

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