

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 8 September 1993 at 7.30 pm. at
"Wynndings": An Angler in the chair; apologies from R. Backwell.

1. Minutes of meeting on 7.7.93 read, confirmed and signed.
2. Matters arising:
 - (a) Britain in Bloom: The village won the Clean Price Memorial Award for outstanding effort in the small villages section of the West Country region. The sub-committee under Non Birch had discussed the matter soon after the award was announced; briefly the sub-committee -
 - (a) recognised a wonderful co-operative effort in the village
 - (b) thought the distribution of flower tubs (~~20~~ in number) was

overdone and justifiably criticised by a few people.

(c) appreciated that a weak point was no floral display by the S.P. sign at Wuislow Road

(d) ^{liked} the hanging baskets at the Sultan House were good.

(e) had asked the WPBC to provide a flower bed at the (Mesta Rd) Sultan Rd junction (east side).

The Committee accepted these decisions. On (b) fewer must be considered in future; on (c) Simon Ebbelen undertook to hollow out an old tree-trunk for 1994 and on (d) WPBC have no funds for this but would suggest bulb-planting; this was accepted but the Committee would also wish to plant a tree.

It was decided that £20 should be given to David Sales of Overmoque for the hire of the tubs (assuming he doesn't submit a bill for a higher amount).

Thanks were expressed to Tom Birch for all his work.

Mrs Preece, Area Organiser, had been given alternative dates for the presentation of the Award but as she was away from home no reply was received so far. The Committee decided on 13 October, which will also be the evening for Richard Bachwell's talk (see below).

(b) The Harbour's exhibits. Jim Willis provided the wood for the new case and John Harrison made it. Thanks were expressed to them. The Chairman varnished it and treated the supports, and he and the Secretary installed it on 6 September, aided, appropriately, by the Harbour's grandson Paul. The Harbour's donation of £10 towards the cost of glazing etc. was received with gratitude.

(c) tooter works projects - no further developments

(d) Membership. Mr Sheppard further complained that one had said he does not actually live in Sutton Poyntz, whereas he says that historically, geographically etc he does. The Secretary confirmed to him that he lives in an "area".

3. Matters from earlier Minutes -

(1) Flag Pillar. After several months and letters to and fro, the O.S. finally came to the conclusion that the pillar near the White Horse was not up for adoption but will be "retained by O.S. indefinitely"!

- (ii) Sign for Ducks. The Echo reported that a sign had been erected at upwey some weeks ago. The Secretary reminds the Captain of W.P.D.C. of his undertaking some months ago to instal a sign here, and the Captain states (9 August) that this would be done shortly.
- (iii) A "Village Fair" was held on the Waterworks land on Sunday 1 August, apparently organised by Jackie Samuels and Harry Dawson with support by residents close by. £500 was reported to have been raised for four charities. The Society had not been contacted at all and had heard a suggestion that a bigger fair would be arranged next year. The Committee agreed that we should make no comment.
- (iv) Mill House nameplate. Bill Phillips had undertaken to talk to a former colleague at the College about their making this name plate in stone, but as he has been very incapacitated the Chairman will contact the principal, Don Brierly, so that progress can be made.
- (v) Seat by the Barshed. W.P.D.C. raised no objection to this seat; it has been put in position with a slab for feet-rest.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported Cash in hand £~~175.70~~^{16.75} and at bank £178.95 (N.S.H.C. no change). He gave details of income & expenditure including £32.43 for plants for B-in-B and £54.25 for lunch for the judging, and £45.39 for duck food. ^{note} Considerable was given to use of some of the profit from the Ban Dance (see Minutes of 19.4.93), and it was unanimously agreed that £25 be paid to Richard Bacthwell as "sponsorship" for his Pyrenees track.

5. Chairman's Report.

The present duck house is too small for the number of ducks (not a surprise to some members) and Dave Eaddy and others will be extending it. Vic Hunt has promised to supply the wood and the Committee agree we should pay for it.

6. Secretary's Report.

A large volume of statistics etc has been received from D.N.H.A.S. (the Museum authority): part relating to fairs etc while the new water main was being installed from Crayke.

to Preston have been placed on file.

Papers have only just been received about cuttings, lichens, etc. These are being studied by the Chairman & Secretary.

7. Manning Matters

(i) Northdown area footpaths. The Chairman mentioned a recent discussion with the Board, the Chief Manning Officer, the Footpaths Officer and others about the possibility of more adequate and permanent signs being provided, on the lines of the helpful ones recently erected by the Board. Funds could be provided via the local authority, with contributions from the parish and the Society. The Committee agreed that, in principle, we support this.

(ii) Waterside Caravan Park. Further representations have been made, in response to the CPO's communication, about work designed to improve the situation with regard to the footpath and eight caravans. The Committee reiterated the view that development generally on this site has been permitted to take place with apparent lax control by WADC, and that caravans generally have been allowed to proliferate in S. Dorset.

(iii) "The Nest", Silver St. - no comment on an application to erect ~~on~~ a 9 ft high stone wall on part of the boundary (mostly invisible from the road).

8. Social Activities. Richard Barchwell's slide presentation to be held on 13 October in the Scillon Room (with B-in-B award if possible). Consideration of 1994 Barn Dance at next meeting, together with some appropriate event early in the New Year.

9. A.O.B.

Joyce Libicki said that a Mr Lealy of Wimfrith now manages the faralows at Huddelock, previously managed by Mr Parker of Chideock, for the Seale.

10. Next Meeting - 6 October 1993 at Sutton Lodge.

11. Thanks expressed to Mrs Miss Easden for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

A. P. Bayless
Chairman 6/10/93