

MINUTES

of meeting of Committee on 8 February 1994 at 7.30 pm at Little Acorns, Puddlock Lane. Mr A. Bugler in the chair.
Apologies from Mr R. Welch.

1. Minutes of meeting on 12.1.94 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising

(a) Name-plates, The Mill House. Mrs Litschi wished it to be recorded that she and Dredy were not happy with the decision at the last meeting because the Hardy Society rejected the views expressed in the book referred to. Members of the Committee noted

this but felt that the wording decided on would avoid any criticism from any source.

(b) Village Fayre. Richard Bachmell gave an account of arrangements so far made by the Fayre Committee. It was ~~confirmed~~^{confirmed} that the Society should be responsible for the Yombola, and Don Birch would seek helpers.

(c) A.G.M. The Play. Simon Buckler explained a difficulty about casting as the Chairman was doubtful about participating. There would be a reading on 11 February when a decision would be taken as to whether it can go ahead.

(d) Sawyers' Wagon. A wheel and new shafts have been fixed, temporarily.

(e) Willow Trees. This will be followed up.

[Note: On 10 Feb. a letter was received from the Borough Engineer saying it was not necessary to carry out work immediately; "general thinning of willows often results in a proliferation of weak, spindly shoots". One self-set willow would, in the B.E.'s opinion, interrupt the flow of water and carpenter with the planted willows. The Chairman agreed with a recommendation that this tree is removed.]

(f) Flooding. The letter noted arrangements for the Council to supply flood-boards and sandbags to owners of property affected by the recent flooding or liable to be flooded.

(g) Post cards (helping out). Thinning will be undertaken - to be arranged by Elvie Brown.

3. Chairman's report

It was decided to take no action on a letter about a Greenpeace Quiz later this month.

4. Secretary's report

(a) A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs Allen following John's death.

(b) Footpaths - the Chief Planning Officer expected to be able to make some progress in this matter very shortly.

(c) "Great Beach Clean-up" Notification received - details to be published in the Newsletter.

(d) "Blunch Brawl". The local W.I. have invited the Society to participate

once again in a town of churches on 14 May, with a lecture. Details will be included in the Newsletter.

(c) Post cards. Noel Jatt have solicited custom for another "special issue" of post cards. It was decided to consider this in the light of ^{appropriate} photographs of the Village Fayre.

5. Treasurer's report.

Mr Stubben reported: income £226.72, expenditure £205.00 (including £200 loan to Village Fayre Committee) and balances £21.72.

Nat. West bank had indicated there would be no charge for servicing our a/c.

6. Planning Matters.

(a) No action was considered necessary on (i) development at 2 Mill Lane, Preston, or (ii) development at Chalbury Lodge.

(b) The Chairman said he understood that a planning application would shortly be submitted for the "Brown Route" for the new highway. He gave background information about the Council's original preference for the Orange route but, ^{later} acceptance (by authorities concerned) of the Brown route; he reminded of the view that that route would not be in the best interests of Preston residents or indeed of traffic wanting to get from Dorchester to Portland. The Committee concurred.

7. Social Activities.

(a) The talk by Mr R. Waite was now arranged for 15 March, with the title "Target Tzipitz" and "War-time Flying".

(b) Whist Drive. Mrs Titcher will discuss possible arrangements for a drive in May with Mr Gilbert Randall.

8. A.O.B.

(a) Mr Jebbitt mentioned our representations about traffic calming and the Chairman explained the Council's decision. This will be borne in mind in due course.

(b) The Chairman mentioned that an organisation called ACRE (Action Committee for Rural England) might be

interested in offering advice about village halls should the
Sutton Hoow cease to exist or be available for use.

9. Next meeting: 10 March at Wyndings, Plawton Lane.
10. Thanks expressed to Mr & Mrs Birch for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

A. J. Bayley
Chairman / 10/3/94