

MINUTES

of the 1994 A.G.M. held on 12 April 1994 at 7.30 pm. in the Scott Hall, Sutton Road. Mr Percy Bugler in the chair and 53 members present. Several apologies were received.

1. Minutes of 1993 A.G.M. were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising - nil, apart from those mentioned by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's report.

Mr Bugler said we had had a successful and enjoyable year, with ample co-operation among villagers, the Society and organisations. Among the matters referred to were :-

- (a) Kitain-in-Brown. Success in 1993 and hopefully good colour this year. Daffodils had been planted, along with a tree at the Sutton de/Heaton Rd junction. The jet and sanders wagon were attractive. Photos have been taken of the village in winter and spring in readiness for the 1994 entry.
- (b) The Mill House and White Horse Cottage renovations
- (c) Development at Nuthdown Farm and negotiations over footpaths.
- (d) Action taken over the winter flooding.
- (e) "Open Day" at the Waterside excavations and possible talk in due course in conjunction with the W.I.
- (f) The Village Fête, with which we are co-operating.
- (g) Replacement of Don Harbour's show case
- (h) Support for the Dorset County Museum in any l.g. reorganisation
- (i) The ducks, and duck-house extension
- (j) Support for the Civic Society's exhibition etc
- (k) On planning -
 - (i) Meeting convened by W.P.B.C. in November to discuss the revised local plan, including the "Brown Route"
 - (ii) Representation about illegal caravans in the Jordan valley
 - (iii) Representation about Footpath 26 diversion - inspector's report awaited.

- (iv) On the "brown route" (relief road proposals) - reference to the latest proposals and the effect on the Littleton area; a four-lane highway costing £25 million seemed unnecessary and would cause damage to the environment, including Ludlow SS1 and the Ridgeway. The Committee had consistently been against this route.
- (c) Social activities, including the walk by Langton Herring, cream teas, talks by Richard Backwell and Louise White. A whist drive will take place in May.

On the motion of Mrs Kirschi, duly seconded, it was resolved (a) that Mr Bugler be thanked for his report and (b) that this A.G.M. supports the Committee's representations against the brown route and considers the whole question of the relief roads should be referred to a public inquiry.

4. Secretary's report.

Mr Knight referred to a thanksgiving service organised by the Joseph Wild Hospice committee on 31.5.94 at St Mary's Church, Dorchester, to which all were invited; and to the usual beach clean-up on 24.4.94.

5. Treasurer's report.

Mr Gable presented the audited accounts for 1993-4. He said that the Committee had purposefully spent more money than normal, including on Britain-in-Bloom, the kiln and duck house and duck food. £200 was loaned to the Village Fairs Committee and will of course be repaid.

On the motion of Mr ^{Tyson} ~~Edwards~~, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was accepted and it was agreed that subscriptions for the ensuing year remain unchanged.

6. Committee Membership

The Secretary said that the recent newsletter invited nominations but none had been received. The existing members were willing

to serve again. On the motion of Mrs Stephen, duly seconded,
it was agreed that the present members be re-elected for this year.

7. Other business

- (i) The Pond. Mrs Litschli mentioned that the pond was often dirty. It was agreed that the attention of Essex Water be drawn to this; one reason might be an abundance of chalk etc due to more ploughing of local land.
- (ii) The seat at Telegraph Hill. Replying to a question, the chairman said that Essex Water still have provision in mind, possibly when the building work for the new plant is completed.
- (iii) Cars in the Village. Several members mentioned the problem of parked cars in the area of the fork junction and Old Bincombe Lane. Some suggested that cars awaiting attention at the bus stop caused difficulty; others mentioned growing private parking. Mr Presley said that unless cars are parked illegally it might be difficult to take action, and the chairman thought that individuals could when necessary contact the local authority or the police. It was agreed that the committee consider the matter.
- (iv) Mr Hayler's Cottage. Reference was made to the thatch on Springfield Cottage being replaced by tiles. Mr Gubben said that the cottage is not "listed" and the local authority could not insist on replacement by thatch. The Secretary said that Mr. Hayler had gone into the matter carefully with authority concerned.
- (v) Floer planting. Mr Birch hoped some snowdrops might be planted in suitable places by the Society.

After coffee + biscuits had been served, the Sutton Rugby Players presented a mystery thriller (set in the 1790's) called The Black Ring, produced by Simon Gubben. It was received with acclamation.

A small raffle which was held raised £

A. P. Bayler
Chairman.