

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 27 April 1994 at 7.30pm at The Old Stables, 90 Seltun Road. Mr A. Hughes in the chair: apologies from R. Birch & Dee Jebbutt.

1. Minutes of Meeting on 10.3.94 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Elections. The existing officers were re-elected for the current year. It was again decided not to appoint formally a Social Secretary. These members can constitute a sub-committee to consider any urgent plans.

3. Matters arising

(a) Village "name-plate". A draft of the village name plate has been accepted by the Chairman; it should be ready in a few weeks' time, and its location will be further considered.

(b) Village Fayre. The Newsletter will contain a request for the 100+ prizes needed for the tombola (ren. by R. Birch).

(c) Work in the village. A working party under C. Brown cleared the pond edges and tidied the hedges & round the "S.P." ~~stone~~^{name} plate.

(d) Pub of the Year. The Springhead was not in the five "short listed" pubs. (The winner was the Wild Geese at Esher).

(e) Britain-in-Bloom. Mrs Weather (opposite Seltun Hall) had asked whether Seltun Road could be included in the village for B-in-B purposes. The Committee felt that problems would arise if areas other than the actual village were included.

Arrangements for general tidying up were discussed. The Chairman will write a piece for the Newsletter which is due shortly.

(f) D.N.H.A.S. - Society Museum. The reply from DNHAS (to our letter to the L.G. Commission) was noted.

The Emblem stressed the importance of keeping safe custody of artifacts - which did not happen when Weymouth Museum was disbanded; they became the possession of Deemish's, now Greenall's.

4. Chairman's Report.

Mr Hughes referred to a recent visit of Col. J. Pogutz to the

village and the waterworks. He and his wife were entertained by Tony and Pat Bugler.

5. Secretary's Report (K. Knight)

- (a) An invitation to attend the Joseph Bell Hospice memorial service (mentioned at the A.G.M.) will be referred to in the Newsletter.
- (b) Division of the Village for Subs etc.
The 1993 division was accepted, save that Clive Brown will include the Mill in his area.
- (c) The Ancient Association (Chaukete) Fund has acknowledged the proceeds (£22) of the raffle at the talk by John Lander Waite.

6. Treasurer's Report (S. Gubben)

Income since the last meeting is £28.21 and expenditure £13.07. However, several outstanding accounts have to be paid, including £20 for the Scout Hall, so getting subscriptions in is urgent.

7. Planning Matters.

- (i) Caravan enclosures and work at Weymouth Bay Camp - a letter opposing this proposal and recalling WPBC and DCC earlier pronouncements about restricting caravan etc. ^{site} extensions had been sent to the C.P.O. The Chairman said that C.P.R.E., Dorset, was also objecting. (There was discussion about the colour of roofs of caravans - why not green to blend in with natural scenery? - but no decision was formalised).
- (ii) Development at Bowlease. Reference was made to new proposals for a bridge across the river and a building for staff restaurant etc. It was now too late to submit comments.
- (iii) The "Brom route": a letter had been written to Dorset CC, Planning Officer, following discussion at the A.G.M. and requesting a public inquiry into the whole matter of relief roads.

8. Social Activities.

- (a) Whist Drive. It is now announced that the local Police

are holding an "information evening" on 11 May: the date of the individual was therefore put off for a week.

Note: It was later ascertained that 18 May would be inconvenient to the haulage - the date was fixed as 1 June.

(b) Museum walk. It was agreed that this walk, led by N. Backwell, would be more local - to Dringington + back - on 29 June.

(c) Cream Teas. Simon Beablen offered "guidings" for this event - gratefully accepted for 13 August, assuming other local organisations do not "clash". Two members suggested the cost should be raised to £1.50 a head, but £1 was agreed provided there is a good raffle.

The Chairman said that Mrs Saunders of Seltin Road had mentioned her intention to sell cream-teas throughout the season: the Committee felt it is not for the Society to comment; the Fields at Selwyns, Puddledock Lane, already do the same.

9. Car Parking in the Village (reference from A.G.M.). Two members said Tony Boes has made efforts to reduce the number of cars parked in his area: parking in the Waterworks area could not be arranged. Reference was made to the legal position generally - car-parking except illegally or unreasonably may not be actionable. Members undertook to have quiet words with those causing prolonged difficulty.

~~Two~~ ^{Several} members had commented to members of the Committee about the large "gipsy-type" caravan parked outside ^{Apple Tree} Seltin Road. Mrs Libschi said the owner is making efforts by advertising etc to dispose of the caravan, and the owner of the property is also concerned.

10. Proposed Village Christmas Tree. Mr Jebbitt had suggested that the Society consider this. Members expressed views on the cost, availability of sites, ~~the~~ illumination etc. The garden of Mr Mercer at the fork junction was thought to be a likely position. To be further considered.

11. A. O. B.

(i) Mr Libschi had spoken to the Chairman about how far new Monument rules affected Chalbury Camp. It was agreed that

CPRE be asked for views.

(ii) It has been suggested that we again seek to have the electricity wires round the pond area undergrounded. The Secretary referred to earlier correspondence with S. Electric, with additional substantial cost being the difficulty. The matter will be pursued as appropriate - maybe Essex Water might like to contribute as part of their environmental concern?

12. Next meeting: 24 May ^{at 5.0 PM} (venue to be settled)

13. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Knight for hospitality, at short notice.
The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

A. R. Poyles
Chairman
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