

MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 24 May 1994 at Little Acres, Riddlestock Lane, at 7.30 pm. Tony Bagler in the chair. Apologies from Dee Leffett.

1. Minutes of meeting on 27.4.94 were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising:

(a) Village name plate. The Chairman will talk to the new owners of the Mill, which is the preferred site for the name plate.

(b) Village Faire. Richard Meach updated members on arrangements. The programmes will shortly be available, price 50p; members agreed to co-operate in selling them. Distribution of posters will be arranged. "Faire" colours will be yellow, blue and white. Fares are still to be decided.

Ton Bach said that he, Tony Bagler, Olive Brown, Alan Robertson and Ken Knight would run the Tombola on behalf of the Society.

(c) Britain-in-Bloom.

Mrs Joyce Harding had indicated that she would be judging again; the date is 15 July and it was unlikely there would be an unannounced

preliminary judging this year. It was agreed that she and her husband would be provided with coffee and lunch, as last year.

The Secretary will contact the Engineers about pre-judging tidy up etc., again as last year. The Scouts and Guides will be contacted.

Another letter will be distributed throughout the village.

Joyce Litschle and Ron Birch agreed to get in touch with owners of property in Setton Road outside the actual village area.

As regards the Setton Road, provision of hanging baskets was left to Simon and Dorothy Brubben, bearing in mind costs.

(d) Possible Village Christmas Tree. - The Secretary reported that Mr Bill Mercer, while not objecting to a tree being installed at the corner of his garden, was concerned about possible vandalism. It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until next year.

(e) Caravan in Setton Road. - Joyce Litschle said the caravan had been sold and would very shortly be removed.

(f) New Monument Rules - The local CPRE had no details and the Chairman said the County Council were being approached.

(g) Electricity Wires. It was thought that Wessex Water were not particularly interested, in view of the cost, in undergrounding.

3. Chairman's Report

The Bagler said that he and the Site Engineer of Wessex Water had decided on the site of the seat. W.W. will provide on the Knoll above the footpath. Richard Backwell said the seat would be provided within a month or two and would be secured to prevent removal.

A new map of the country, giving geological and other features, had been purchased at a cost of £4.95.

4. Treasurer's Report

Some subscriptions had been received. (More were handed in at the meeting).

5. Secretary's Report

Mrs Wilkinson has only 84 greeting cards left; she asked whether

more could be reduced. The Secretary said that Noel Watt produced only 1,000 copies of each card - re-orders were not possible under their reduced cost arrangements.

This will be considered at the next meeting. Simon Coulton will talk to Michael Anders who has good long-lets of the village.

6. Social Welfare activities.

- (i) Quiz Drive 1/6/94 - Joyce Lethbridge had got two prizes for ladies and men, and would obtain two small trophy prizes.
Tony Bigler volunteered to be in charge of the raffle - a prize of £20 could be purchased from funds.
- (ii) The Walk 29/6/94 - It was agreed that the stop at Dunnington would be around 20-30 minutes, with main refreshments at the Springfield on return from the walk.

7. Planning Matters.

- (i) Footpath 26 (Waterside Camp) - The Chairman reported on the Inspector's report on the inquiry last year. It was critical of the Council's lack of enforcement, although accepting the developer's proposals.
- (ii) Footpath 125 - No objection had been raised to a temporary diversion to enable works to be carried out on the Undebarn Walk.
- (iii) Sowing and Seeding Area, Waterside Park. Application 4/94/0354 sought to extend the season from 22 May - 30 Sept to 15 March - 31 Oct annually. The Committee accepted earlier opening because of holidays but opposed later ending of the season; earlier the Council had decided that the site should be treated properly as of great landscape value and the Committee emphasised this aspect.
- (iv) Footpath 13, off Pendleback. Several members referred to this footpath being unusable in parts. The Chairman, as Footpath Co-ordinator, will report the matter to the local authority.
- (v) Caravans at Humphrey's Garden Centre. Reference was made to the number of caravans being sold at this centre and to their conspicuous siting. The Chairman said that Mr. Ian Bruce was investigating.

s A.O.B.

Difference was made to damage to trees, plants or caused to sources of property in Pleasants Lane by the use of chemicals by the farmer owning adjacent land or the person renting the land.

It was decided to defer any action until the result of civil proceedings is known.

9. Next Meeting - Weds 6th July, venue to be settled.

10. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Birch for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

A. J. Dryden
Chairman. 4/7/97