

MINUTES

of Council Meeting on 31 August 1994 at Setton Lodge at 7.30 pm.
Tony Beagler, in the chair. Apologies from Dee Zebbert.

1. Minutes of meetings on 6 July and 1 August 1994 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising

- (a) Village name-plate. The owner of the wall was not unwilling to have the plaque placed on the wall but had thought it "not necessarily the best site". The developer of Northdown Farm buildings was considering whether the plaque could be put on the old courthouse wall.
- (b) ~~Caravan~~ ^{wagon} next to Camelot: In reply to questions, the Chairman explained why he had asked the Secretary to delay writing to the local authority. The vehicle was removed after about three weeks. Mrs. Lebsch regretted that the views of the Chief Planning Officer had not been obtained.
- (c) The Seat. It was formally reported that Messrs Water had installed the seat on Telegraph Hill and been thanked for their generosity.
- (d) Christmas/Greeting Card. The Chairman produced samples of a card he had drawn, with associations with Mrs. Hardy. This was accepted with pleasure and thanks and he was authorised to have copies reproduced for sale, possibly in packs of five or six, at up to 20p. each.
- (e) Britain-in-Bloom. It was formally reported that the Village, after second judging, was awarded a Preece Special Certificate for general outstanding effort in our class (under 800 population) in the West Country region.
The ^{second} judge, Mr Stuart Woodfield, subsequently wrote an "unofficial" letter congratulating the village on its "splendid effort which has given so much pleasure". A few suggestions for the future were made. Linda Coulter submitted a report on Cabcott, the village near Bridgwater, which won the class cup and goes forward to the national competition next year.

(A) Stream from the ponds. The mill owners exercised control over the water discharged through the stream depending on feeding requirements of the fish in the millrace.

(B) Traffic Mirror. Jack Sisson had estimated that the mirror would cost about £70. The matter will be discussed with the Borough Engineer.

3. Chairman's report.

(i) Condition of Hainster's Lane. The Society had supported ^{P. Jones's} representatives to the Council about the condition of part of this road. He had discussed the matter with an officer of the Borough's Department who promised that work would be carried out in a few weeks time.

(ii) New Monument Holes. The County Council had supplied a copy of the Ancient Monument Holes 1994 (S.I. 1381) and indicated that the Alberry Camp would in no way be affected. (Mrs Litchi took the papers for study to examine, as he raised the matter).

(iii) The S.I.S. Tree at Linton/Sutton Road. The local authority were aware of the condition of this tree, which unfortunately was recently vandalised. The Council are expected to replace it at the appropriate time.

(iv) Footpath 12. The Chairman would be submitting a report on the condition of this footpath, at the top of Winslow Road.

4. Secretary's report. (Ken Knight)

A letter was received in July from the L.G. Commission, enclosing a detailed report on proposals for reform in the county, and inviting the Society to submit comments. (The papers were being circulated among all committee members). It was decided to inform the Commission that (a) we could not formulate a Society view as opinions vary and (b) we have urged all villages to submit their own comments either on the Commission's post-card or more fully.

5. Treasurer's report. (Ainsie Bumble)

Profit from the Cream Teas was £96.79 (£5 had been donated to the each of Preston Hall and Sutton Woods for their assistance).

Income since last report was £409.40 (including £200 repayment by Jayne

Committee) and expenditure £311.75 (including £200 replaced in N.S. Account).
Cash at bank was £79.48 and petty cash £18.17.

Thanks were expressed to Simon for his work recently.

6. Planning Matters

(i) Caravan at Humphries' Garden Centre. The C.P.O. had intimated that the planning authority refused permission for this use but the firm has appealed and the decision of D.O.E. is awaited.

(ii) Footpaths off Middlewich and to Orvington - reports on the condition of parts of these paths have been submitted.

(iii) Footpath 96, Wakeham. We have been informed of proposals to divert a section of this footpath.

(iv) Roads at Waterside Camp. This matter will be kept in mind after the end of September.

(v) Additions to 99 Seltan Road. No particular comments; some disquiet expressed at the provision of two dormer windows.

7. Social Activities

(i) Breakfast Teas: This was a very enjoyable occasion: thanks have already been expressed to Simon + Dorothy Coulson. The provision of stalls, exceptionally, ~~has~~ was successful.

(ii) The Chairman said that Mr David Kingston would be willing to give a talk on U.F.O.s and Corn-circles: a fee of £25 would be payable. The committee agreed that arrangements be made.

[Note - subsequently fixed for 8 December in the Seltan Room].

(iii) Coffee and Mince Pies. Approval was given in principle to a coffee morning. (Dor Tebbutt had promised to see to the provision of mince-pies).

(iv) Dave Baddy had suggested a barn dance. The Committee felt they could not organise another one but would assist; Richard Bachwell will discuss the matter with Dave Baddy.

8. A.O.B.

(a) The Brown Route: The Chairman referred to a "protest" meeting in Littlemore on 5 September.

(b) 'shots' in the corpse by the workmen: Joyce Lirschi refused to two occasions when shots (? from air pistols) had been heard in this corpse.

9 Next Meeting: arranged for Tuesday 4 October at The Old Stable.

Thanks to Mr + Mrs Hughes for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

A. P. Hughes
Chairman ——— 4/10/94