

MINUTES

of committee meeting on 28 November 1994 at Little Acorns, Puddledock Lane at 7.30 pm. Tony Hughes in the chair; apologies from Richard Backwell, Olive Horn + Richard Welch.

1. Minutes of meeting on 4.10.94 read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising

(a) Village plaque - installation delayed due to delay in work at Southdown Farm bars etc.

(b) Post card - Ordered; delivery in December.

(c) Britain-in- Bloom. The certificate for 1994 has been received. The Secretary was asked to buy frames for that certificate and the 1993 one. It was decided to participate next year.

As regards Weymouth's entry, correspondence with Arthur Sheppard, Weymouth B-in-B chairman was read. The garden at the Statue is being improved, and traders will be encouraged to support. Mr Sheppard will be asked if he can do something about the reported necessity for traders to obtain planning permission, costing £70, to instal flower brackets.

(d) Traffic Mirror. Residents of Puddledock Lane have installed the mirror on Mr. Saunders' land. Thanks expressed to all concerned.

(e) S. P. S. Tree - re-planting is still being pursued with W.P.B.C.

(f) Bulbs. These have been planted in various places.

(g) Footpaths. Diversion of W 96 on Portland has been confirmed.

Members said that the condition of W 3, off Puddledock, was now improved; action will be taken in the Spring if necessary.

(h) Weymouth Civic Society. Representatives had attended the A.G.M.

on 21 November, when it was announced that the "Purdlocks" have been awarded a letter of commendation. W.C.S. are planting a copse in Maynooth to celebrate the 50th anniversary, each tree costing a donation of £2. The Committee decided to send £6.

(i) Register of Books. Joyce Litchi and Dore Tobbutt reported on the list maintained at the library. Joyce was appointed as liaison officer.

3 Chairman's Report

(a) Information Panels. Tony Hughes reported on a recent discussion with the C.P.O. and R. Mottin, when a little progress was revealed. There will be a further meeting shortly.

(b) The Waterworks Museum. It is generally accepted that this excellent Museum may close or at least be open only infrequently, on application to Messrs Water HQ. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Chief Executive of the company be asked to meet our representatives (if necessary at Bristol, but ideally on the site) to talk about the position. It was agreed that the Society should do everything reasonable to ensure continuation of the museum and meeting rooms.

(c) Going West. CPRE has sought assistance in support of its views on the need for a co-ordinated transport policy for the South West, with particular reference to reduced and unnecessary road building. The Committee agreed to support, by writing to the Department of Environment.

4 Secretary's Report. (Ken Knight)

The customary letter from the Mayor about the Christmas Appeal was read; no action to be taken.

5 Treasurer's Report. (Simon Coulton)

Income since last report - £27.00, expenditure £87.50 including £60 for the village plaque. Current balance (bank + p.c.) - £37.25. The Treasurer was authorised to obtain £150 from the N.S. Investment Account.

During discussion of expenses generally, it was unanimously agreed that at the AGM a recommendation be made to increase subscriptions to £2 per household, with £1 for people living alone.

6. Planning Matters.

- (a) Flinters Lane/Boorabe Valley Road. Representations were made to the Borough Council about proposals by the Borough Engineer to make these roads one-way. However, the proposals were rejected by the appropriate committee.
- (b) Hampden's Garden Centre, Caravan. The D.O.E. Inspector had ruled that the use of land at the Centre for caravans did not amount to a change of use, quoting previous cases in the courts as precedents. The CPO and Chief Executive of W.B.C. felt that it would be pointless to challenge the decision. The Committee agreed but decided to ask the Weymouth Civic Society to consider how far the Centre should be required to screen the caravans so as to make the site less like a caravan camp (which the authorities are always endeavouring to discourage).
- (c) W. & P. Local Plans. Representations have been made to the CPO about proposals by four individuals or companies to vary the local plan to make it easier for them to apply for housing development consents. The Council were anxious to have support in rejecting these proposals; further representations in detail will be made.
- (d) Dorset C.C. - Draft Structure Plan. A leaflet about this plan has been received. It was left to the Chairman and Secretary to consider what representations to make (last date 13.1.95), but the general outlines were acceptable.
- (e) Boulders at Waterside Camp - matter to be pursued with CPO.

7. Social Activities.

- (a) Tea on Prof. Ciclos. 8.12.94. Details discussed and settled. (It was agreed there would be no charge for admission, and refreshments).
- (b) Coffee Morning 13.12.94. Details settled.
- (c) Future events to be considered at next meeting.
- It was agreed that (i) a bottle of wine be given to the local 'Motters' Union in recognition of their loaning us their table cloths, and (ii) a roll of cloth be purchased so that our own Table cloths can be made.

The proposed concert locally (organised - Margaret Brown) is in abeyance in view of poor facilities.

The A.G.M. was provisionally arranged for 4 or 5 April and that Eldridge hope be asked (by Ron Birch) whether a talk on wine can be given.

The Chairman referred to a possible event in Old Wincombe Lane to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE Day in 1945.

Thanks expressed to Mr + Mrs Birch for hospitality.

next Meeting - Monday 16 January 1995 at Sutton Lodge.

A. J. Dwyer
Chairman