

### MINUTES

of the 1995 A.G.M. on 4 April 1995 at 7.30 pm. in the Sutton Room.  
Mr Tony Hughes in the chair and 39 members present. Apologies  
for absence received from seven members.

1. Minutes of the 1994 AGM read, approved and signed.
2. Matters arising - dealt with under item 3.

#### 3. Chairman's report.

Mr Hughes thought we had had another very successful year and that  
the Society had some considerable achievements. Among the  
matters he mentioned (some in detail) were the "Broom Route"  
(not yet sanctioned by the Government); the Village Fayre, for which  
we raised £590+ on the tombola; the award for work on the Mill  
House and recent renovations at Hothdown Farm Barns; the seat  
provided by Loeser Loutin and discussions with them about the Louthwold  
Museum; the architectural dig; the Millennium Fund and  
the Committee's ideas for <sup>raising</sup> funds; Britain in Bloom - a further success

last year and plans for this year; the varied social activities of 1994/5 and those planned for 1995; our interest in and attendance at the inquiry into variations of the Weymouth plan and our comments on the Dorset Structure plan; representations, continuing, about caravan and camping sites; the structure of local government in Dorset; suggestions regarding Dorset Architectural Heritage works - including the Museum and possibly Wellesley Lewis houses; the removal of trees and provision of a mirror at Pudlodeck Lane/Sutton Rd. junction; the notes & postcards available; and the recent influx of sheep and cows at Northdown Farm.

On the motion of Ken Knight, the Chairman's report was received, with great thanks for all his work for the Society and village.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report.

(a) The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31.3.95. showing a credit balance of £33.40, along with the money in the National Savings Account, which was regarded as sacrosanct. The Treasurer briefly referred to his attendance at a B-in-B seminar in March and ideas for our entry this year. On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mrs Litchin, the accounts were approved.

(b) Subscriptions 1995/6. The Treasurer explained the Committee's recommendation that, after some 20 years, subscriptions be increased from £1 to £2 p.a. (with £1 for members living alone). The Treasurer proposed, Mrs Litchin seconded and it was agreed, *nem con*, that the increases be approved.

#### 5. Secretary's Report.

Mr Knight referred to the satisfactory attendance of members of the Committee at meetings (some 80%) and to the beach clean-up on 23 April.

6. Committee Memberships. All <sup>current</sup> members were willing to serve

again, except Dee Zebbutt who had other commitments. She was thanked for her past services and she said she would still be willing to assist in any reasonable way.

Ron Birch moved, duly seconded, that Peter Jones be elected to the Committee, and Ken Knight moved, duly seconded, that Maureen Morris be so elected.

Upon the motion of the Chairman it was agreed that the Committee be constituted as above, and with thanks for their work last year.

#### 7. A. O. B.

- (a) Traffic calming - Ravens Lane. Reference was made by Mrs Hopewell-Williams and two other members to the problems of cars speeding in Ravens Lane. The Chairman referred to the Committee's earlier representations and promised that the matter would be further considered.
- (b) A suggestion that further consideration be given to a footpath in Sutton Road, especially at the Preston Road end, was accepted.
- (c) A member stated that he was informed that some footpaths in the area have been upgraded to bridle ways. The Secretary said that the Society had heard nothing at all about this and that public notices would seem to be necessary. Again, the Chairman said the Committee would consider the subject.

At 8.20, Mr Jack de Carbert, M.W. (formerly of Eldridge Popes) spoke about wines, their production and characteristics etc., and produced samples of six varieties which members tasted.

(The Society paid for the wines but not for Mr de C's attendance).

The meeting unanimously and with acclamation agreed to thank Ron Birch's thanks to Mr. de Carbert.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 pm. A raffle raised £23.50.

A. J. Bayley  
Chairman