

## MINUTES

of Committee Meeting on 19 April 1995 at 7.30pm. at The Old Stable. Joey Hughes in the chair; apologies from Richard Welch and Maureen Morris (Simon Bealton absent).

1. Membership. Members of the Committee for 1994/5 were named.

2. Election of Officers. Those in office last year were re-elected. Pete Jones will "shadow" the Chairman on social activities. Joyce Litchie said she would wish to be more involved.

3. Matters arising.

(a) The plaque is in position on the former Court House wall.

(b) Britain-in-Flower. In Simon Bealton's absence, there was a brief discussion on an entry. The sub-ctes should meet soon.

It was agreed that we accept Maureen Bond's suggestion that the S.P.S. competition be extended to the clubs and entries can be in any form (painting, collage etc.). Mrs Mabel Manning and Bill George Shires were suggested as judges, and around £10 agreed as the cost of prizes. The Chairman will pursue this with Mrs Bond.

(c) Water in Sutton Road. Mrs Litchie contacted the Engineer's Office, as a result of which the position was remedied.

(d) Wells, Puddledock Lane/Sutton Road. These had been ~~removed~~ removed by Brian Huddy although old branches etc remained. It is important that the area is cleared before the B-in-B judging and Don Nich undertakes to speak to Mr Huddy to clear up.

(e) Rubbish dumping. The Engineer's Dept. had confirmed to Don Nich that only "adopted roads" can the Council clear rubbish and then only up to a metre from the edge of the road or path.

4. Matters arising from the A.G.M.

(a) Traffic calming. Sutton Rd/Moisters Lane. It was decided

to renew the representation of 1992 to the Borough Council.

John Jones suggested that contact be made with the local police.

(b) Possible footpaths - Sutton Road. Again renewed representations will be made to the Borough Council regarding a footpath on the rise on the East side of Sutton Road. (It was recognised that because of the closure of the old school, use of Sutton Road by schoolchildren was less).

c. Footpaths converted to bridlepaths? The Chairman has discussed this matter with the Dorset County footpaths officer who is unaware of any such conversion anywhere in his area. The member who raised it has been informed accordingly.

#### 5. The Millesium Fund.

The Chairman mentioned the purpose etc of this fund and drew attention to Wessex Archaeology and Dorset Looker about another "dig" in Sutton Leys, following the important finds in 1993/4.

It was also agreed that thought be given to possible development of the Sutton Down to update facilities, and provision of children's and other facilities in adjacent lands; the fund will be asked for their comments. The Church authorities will of course be involved.

#### 6. Chairman's Report.

(a) "The Avon Route": Tony Hughes referred to recent notices in the press regarding compulsory acquisition of much land in and around Littleton Road, Diacombe etc. The Committee decided to inform the Department of Transport of the Society's opposition to this route, with the M.P. and Dorset C.C. being also informed.

(b) Withdrawal of applications. The Chairman reported that recent applications to W.P.S.C. about the car-park behind the Church and the bungalow off Ludledock Lane had been withdrawn.

(c) Support for Functions. Tony Hughes hoped all members of the Committee with their spouses would endeavour to support Society's functions; this was endorsed.

7. Secretary's Report.

- (a) Division of Village for huts etc. Arrangements agreed, subject to Peter Jones and Richard Backwell agreeing division of Blaines Lane.
- (b) Motioner, the Committee agreed to the Secretary purchasing note paper (and a small quantity of matching envelopes) from Jan Jeffers, who recently set up a small business.

8. Social Activities.

- (i) Whist drive. - Only sparsely attended but enjoyable. No further drives will be arranged.
- (ii) "Teas on the Lawn". - Arrangements for 29 July in Old Brincombe Lane were accepted by residents concerned.
- (iii) Summer walks - possible walks for 15 June were discussed - Richard Backwell will decide actual route etc. urgently.
- All these and other relevant items will appear in a Newsletter to be issued as soon as possible, before the subs are collected.
- (iv) Future activities. In addition to those mentioned at the last meeting, a talk by Bryan Cassidy, M.E.P., on "facts and figures about Europe" was agreed.

9. Next Meeting - 30 May 1998. Simon Boulton to be asked if we could meet at Weybridge.

Thanks to Mrs Alus Knight for hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

A. R. Taylor  
Chairman