

MINUTES

of the A.G.M. held in the Seltton Room on 16 April 1996 at 7.0pm.
Tony Bugler in the chair and 48 members present. Several apologies
announced. [The S.P.S. banner, B-in-B cap and certificates, and S.P.S. scrap books were
displayed]

1. Minutes of the A.G.M. on 4.4.95 were read, approved and signed.

2. Matters arising - taken up under item 3.

3. Chairman's Report.

Mr Bugler referred to the past year having been busy and successful generally, with some notable achievements, among them winning a cup in the Britain-in-Bloom campaign, several tables and social events and two awards by the Weymouth River Society (the waterworks development and Northdown Farm conversions). The Chairman also referred to the festive treatment of the pond inflows, the Seltton Rd. footpath, Christmas coffee and mince pies, the New Dance in March, the vandalism of and repairs to the post-box, consideration of the Green Route (including the ministerial inquiry) and structure plans, the Millennium trail, a car boot sale, highly successful Cream Teas in Old Tricorbe Lane, and possible celebration of Seltton Down by lobster in liaison with St. Andrew's Church, and the post-scoop bin.

In reply to questions, the Chairman mentioned the present position

with regard to the possible development of Greenhill Barton and possible provision of traffic calming measures in Plaistons Lane. After some further discussion, the Chairman's report was received, with thanks for all his work for the Society (moved by Shirley Meach, duly seconded).

4. Treasurer's report.

Mr Eriksen presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31.3.76 and answered a few questions. There was £2120.96 (plus several months' interest) in the Nat. Savings Ac and £475.32 in the bank or petty cash. On the motion of Fredy Litschi, duly seconded, the accounts were approved and subscriptions fixed again at £2 per household, £1 for persons alone.

5. Secretary's report.

Mr Knight said that committee attendance remained high - four members having attended all 11 meetings, which had been held, as in the past, in members' houses. We appreciated their hospitality.

6. Committee Membership.

All existing members, except Blive Brown, were willing to serve again; Blive had other commitments and difficulties, and he was thanked for his services over several years. Nominations for Mrs Christine Gates and Mr Jim Brerley had been received. On the motion of Chris Rich, duly seconded, these members were elected en bloc for the ensuing year.

7. A.O.B.

- (i) There was brief discussion about the current widening of part of Preston Road southwards from Chalbury Corner, traffic flows, and Margaret Brown's loan of some local churches.
- (ii) The Chairman said that Ken Knight would remain on the Committee but wished to relinquish secretaryship after 13 years. He was thanked for his past services and Tony Bragden, on

behalf of the Committee, presented him with a picture of old Weymouth, for which Len Knight gratefully thanked the members.

At 7.45 pm. Mr Christopher Pope, Chairman of Eldridge Pope plc of Dorchester, spoke about wine production and produced samples of 12 wines from various countries which members sampled. The Chairman referred to the Pope family's connection with Salku Popatz, and the Pope mentioned his recent mountain climb with (among others) Richard Backwell. Everyone joined in enthusiastic applause for Mr. Pope.
(Note: the wines cost £138.00 but £41.00 was raised by selling off quantities not drunk). The meeting closed about 9.30 pm.

A. R. Byler
Chairman.