

MINUTES

of meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 23 April 1996 at 7.30 pm at "Little Acorns" Tony Bugler in the chair. Apology from Peter Jones.

1. Membership of Committee The two newly elected members were introduced.
2. Officers Those elected were: Chairman: A.R. Bugler; Vice-Chairman: Joyce Litschi; Secretary: D. Brierley; Treasurer: S. Eubler; Membership Secretary: J. Litschi. Maureen Morris undertook to consider becoming Social Secretary.
3. Minutes of meeting on 19.3.96 were read, approved and signed.
4. Matters arising -
 - (a) Traffic calming - the Borough Engineer had been asked for up-to-date information
 - (b) Britain in Bloom - Simon Eubler referred to the provision of street signs

and flowers, and the colour theme of blue/purple and white. Sunflowers and purple bells would be made available free for hanging baskets, such gifts also supporting St Oswald Street Children's Hospital. The usual pre-judging procedures would be put in hand, and a new letter would be circulated shortly.

(c) poop scoop bin - now installed near the pond.

(d) Trees by the pond - Mr + Mrs Shivers had questioned whether the proposed treatment of the willows was the best, and the Chairman was writing to ~~the~~ ^{request} the advice of the County Tree Officers. Members felt that in the fairly long-term willows need special treatment to avoid their dying all together.

(e) Maisters Lane hedge - the Saunders have trimmed their hedge.

(f) Sultan Room redecoration - the blanchardians raised no objection to Robert redecorating the hall, which would probably take place in May. The Chairman checked on the availability of free paint from Dulux but the conditions made this difficult. On the motion of Simon Buxton, it was agreed that the Society pays for the paint, leaving any contributions for discussion later.

5. Chairman's Report (Tony Bugler)

(a) In thanking Christopher Pope for coming to the AGM, we have invited him to consider coming to talk about old Sultan Poyntz.

(b) Jack de Bantrel had been Footpaths Officer at Green Abbas and he was appointed on 7.10. in place of the Chairman.

6. Secretary's Report (Ken Knight)

(i) D.N.H.A.S. Notification has been received that no subs have been paid for at least two years - Simon Buxton confirmed that it is four years - and we would disqualify ourselves for membership if not paid in April; £20 p.a. It was agreed that membership should lapse.

(ii) Division of the Village for Subs etc. - Christine Yates agreed to take over Maureen Morris's patch and Maureen, Clive Brown's.

7. Treasurer's Report (Simon Buxton)

There is virtually no change in the figures presented to the A.G.M.
Simon had had a contretemps with Nat West Bank about charges but any
idea of such charges was dropped.

8. Planning

Correspondence with the CPD from the Society and Mrs Audrey Thomas about
proposed caravan development by White Horse Caravan Park was read. The
CPRE are taking a similar line to the Society's.

9. Social Activities

- (a) The Lawn Dance. Only 60 people attended, which meant an over-supply
of food etc, but profit was £101.11. On the occasion of the Bach, dolly records,
it was agreed to send £25 to the Graham Hill (local man) Fabry Disease Fund.
- (b) It was agreed that the Summer Walk be on 12 June at 7 for 7.15 pm
commencing at the Royal Yeoman pub at Grimstoe. Richard Mackwell will organise.
- (c) A "French" occasion, with lunch and drink, may be arranged at
the Springhead on or around 14 July. Mauran Morris will investigate.
- (d) Tea on the Lawn to be 3 pm on 3 August. Chairman will pursue with Julia
Allen (the Saunders are glad to offer the lawn next to Millstream).
- (e) Richard Mack to pursue possibility of H. Jacques' talk on 26 Sept.
- (f) Future events likely - talk by Brian Seale on Weymouth Shipping
24/10/96 (K-Night to pursue); Christmas Evening early in December
with the Linbeck Cruise (Chairman will pursue)

10. A.O.B.

Reference was made to complaints by members North of the pond about a
renew nuisance caused by the reeds; Simon Caublen and others confirmed
a worrying problem. The Secretary was asked to seek the views of
the Environmental Health Dept of W.P.B.C.

Thanks expressed to Ron and Aivie Birch for hospitality

Next meeting: 21/5/96 at The Old Stables

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

A. R. Taylor
Chairman