

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Mon. 15th July, 1996 at 3, Sutton Place.
Tony Bayler in the Chair.

- (1) Apologies were received from Richard Buckwell and Peter Jones.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting of 18th June were read, approved and agreed.
- (3) Matters arising.

3(a) Traffic calming. A letter sent to Councillor Meade was read out and his reply was considered. It is hoped there was noted with a degree of scepticism.

3(c) Britain in Bloom. Since Embler reported that he was pleased with the general efforts made to improve the village in preparation for the judging due to take place on Weds. 17th July.

6(a) Wilbors wood & pond. The Chairman reported on a visit by Mr D. Pain, the DEC Trees at Woodlands Office. A report was expected shortly and would contain the options, namely, pollarding, removal of selected branches or removal of older trees. It was agreed that more discussion should take place after the receipt of the written report.

7(a) Development of the Lutter Room. Mr Knight reported on a recent meeting of the PCC at which there had been some discussion about the Lutter Room. No decisions had been taken and a further report for the PCC was expected.

9(a) Ship's Bell at the Sutter Room. The Secretary reported a his conversation with Mrs Lenton and Mr. Radall about the origins of the bell. It was agreed that Ken Knight should approach Bill Thomas to try to find out more about the ownership of the bell. In the absence of Richard Backwell and Peter Jones it was decided that they should be responsible for the project to restore the bell once its ownership had been resolved.

9(b) The state of the pond. The Secretary reported that the Environment Agency had sent a biologist to test the water and the water courses running into the pond and that they had been found to be clear of any contamination. The officer responsible was Mr. Grate of the Water Quality Dept. and he had ~~to~~ asked to be informed immediately should any of the fish die. His verbal report also mentioned that the ducks may be responsible for dredging out any small plants and that the willow bushes could have a detrimental effect (a point also made by Mr. Paine and reported by Simon Embler).

4/ Planning matters.

(a) Bluffe Plaisters Lane. New access point on to the road. It was agreed that the Society had no objection in principle to the proposal but it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the CPO raising the problem of road visibility from the access point and the safety aspect of this.

(b) Sutter Farm, Puddleduck Lane. A proposal to build a new farmhouse.

It was agreed that the CPO should be informed of our objection to this proposal on the grounds that building in this area of the village had ~~the~~ previously been questioned by the Society and therefore to be consistent this new development must be opposed. It was also considered an inaccurate description to call the development a 'farmhouse' ~~when~~ ^{when} it was patently not one.

5/ Chairman's report.

The proceeds from the Tombola stall at the Village Fayre were £740 and £25 had been raised from the sale of articles. Richard Mead thanked the Chairman for his work etc in the United Run Bitch who likewise wished to thank the Chairman and had helped to run the stall. It was decided that a lab donation of £10 from Greenalls should be paid into the Society's funds.

6/ Secretary's report.

Dorset Structure Plan. The Society had been invited to attend the public examination of the Plan in good evidence. It was agreed that the invitation should be formally accepted.

7/ Treasurer's report.

As at 15th July there was a balance of £442-91 made up of £311-18 (cash at bank) and £131-23 (cash in hand). Simon Embler reported that 194 plants had been distributed for the B in B. event at a cost of £135-80. It was agreed that this account should be paid.

8/ Arrangements for Tens on the lawn - 3rd August.

A list of requirements for Mrs. Allen was considered at some length. The following were agreed - (i) the charge would be £1-25 (ii) Maween Mores would look after the tables/chairs etc (iii) Richard Mead and Mrs. Bitch would take the money (iv) Jim Willis would be asked for the loan of his van to transport the tables. (v) Ron Bitch and the Chairman would organise a working party for 8-40am on the day of the event.

9/ AOB

(i) Vandals in the village. Joyce Kitchin raised the issue of increasing vandalism and petty thieving in the village. It was agreed that the Secretary should

wrote to the Police to request a greater presence in the village particularly after dark.

The meeting closed at 9-20pm.

Date of next meeting - 7-30pm Monday 16th Sept. at the Mill.

Thanks were expressed to Gene and An Swire for their hospitality.

A. P. Taylor
Chairman. →