

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1996 at The Mill.  
Tony Bayler in the Chair.

- (1) Apologies were received from Richard Buckwell, Ron Birch, Ken Knight and Simon Embler.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July were read, approved and agreed.
- (3) Matters arising:

3(a) Britain in Bloom. The report of the judges was read out by the Chairman and passed to Richard Meek to be used for publicity purposes. There was a general discussion about the competition and whether it was appropriate to enter again for 1997.

It was decided to defer the decision until the next meeting.

6(a) Willows around the pond. The Chairman outlined the report received from Mr. Pain of DCC which proposed three options for the treatment of the trees. After a detailed discussion it was decided that the option to be recommended was for a selective hand pruning to be carried out as soon as possible. The Secretary was asked to contact

Mr. Paynter of WPBC to invite him to visit the site with a view to persuading him to implement the proposal. Mrs. Priday asked that the residents around the pond should be informed of the proposal before any work was carried out.

(8) Tens on the lawn. The Chairman commented on the success of the event and the hard work that had been undertaken by Mrs. Allen and her team in providing the tens. Apparently the only problem noted by the members was a shortage of labour to carry out washing up duties. The Chairman had been unaware of this but promised to check that this should not happen next year. The event raised £167-81 for Society funds.

Rat Ship's bell. Peter Goss agreed to arrange for the bell to be taken down and given to Gordon Smith who had kindly ~~again~~ offered to clean it. The Committee agreed that a picture of HMS Bandit shall be purchased to put alongside the bell once it was re-mounted and re-erected inside the Suttan Room. Ken Knight would be asked on his return to tell the PCC of the proposed action.

9(i) Vandalism in the village. A letter from Supt. Brian Thornley was read out by the Chairman which led to further discussion about the operation and extension of Home Watch schemes within the village. It was accepted that there was confusion about these schemes and it was decided that PC O'Shea should be invited to the next meeting to talk about a more comprehensive application of the schemes throughout the village.

The Chairman reported that the post box had been repaired through the good offices of Vic Farrant and the Secretary was asked to convey the Society's thanks to him.

#### (4) Planning

Two proposals were considered. (i) White Horse Lane - the building of a house and (ii) improvements to the car-park and patio of the Spynhead. The Chairman informed the ~~society~~ members

because of the time factor responses <sup>had</sup> to be made before the meeting. There had consisted of a letter expressing concern that should planning permission be granted for the house, great care should be taken to ensure the continued privacy of the adjacent properties and that the building would be designed to fit in with the requirements of a conservation area. No objections had been raised about the proposed improvements of the Springfield.

#### (5) Chairman's report.

(i) Proposed modifications to the WSP Local Plan. The responses to the Inspector's Report by the WSP Society would appear to allay the fears of the Society about development of agricultural land below the railway and between the village and Peter in the area off Ruddleford Lane. <sup>The Chairman</sup> It was acknowledged that in the future commercial pressures could <sup>again</sup> lead to the Plan being challenged and that there was a need for continual vigilance.

(ii) Draft Structure Plan - Public Examination. Members welcomed the invitation to the Society to take part in these proceedings. The Chairman reported that he would be attending a preliminary briefing meeting ~~at~~ in Bournemouth on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept and later would be giving evidence on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### (6) Secretary's report.

The Society had been invited to send a representative to a meeting at County Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. to discuss the establishment of a forum to implement Agenda 21 an initiative aimed at <sup>reducing</sup> widespread improvements in the quality of life on into the next century. Peter Jones and Mike Presnley agreed to attend and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### (7) Treasurer's report.

In Simon Embler's absence the Secretary presented the current SPS Accounts prepared by Simon before he left for his holiday.

As at 6<sup>th</sup> Sept there was a balance of £441-79 made up of £391-65 cash at Bank and

£50-14 each in total. The Secretary also reported that Simon would be carrying out an 'in/out' transaction on the Savings Account to obtain information on the interest earned on that account.

8/ AOB.

(i) Reminds - Pledge presentations by the Village Youth Committee would take place in the Worsley Water Museum at 7-30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

(ii) A number of members commented on the success of the 'pooop' scheme.

(iii) Maween Morris proposed and the Committee agreed to the co-opting of Maween Tappin to the Committee.

(iv) Goyce Kitchin initiated a discussion on the leadership of the manor. The Secretary was asked to write to the Weld Estate to enquire if the title still resided with the Weld family.

(v) Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Lutter Room. Peter Mead reported that Mr. Goyce would talk as agreed on local archives. In Peter's absence Mr. Goyce would be welcomed and introduced by the Chairman.

(vi) Purbeck Quire. There was a discussion about making a charge for this event. Decision was deferred to a later meeting.

(vii) Shortyler Pope's offer to speak to the Society was considered and it was agreed that a time in Feb or March would be most appropriate.

(viii) Plans for the next AGM. Appropriate speakers etc. were considered. Old film archives, previously discussed, were felt to be of interest but no decision was taken to approach the organisation TALKITH the providers of the films.

9/ Date of next meeting. 7-30 pm Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at Hamplodge

Thanks were expressed to Maween Morris for her hospitality. The meeting closed at 9-35 pm.

A. J. Boyle