

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Monday 14th October 1996
at Hampton Lodge. Tony Bayle in the Chair.

(1) Apologies were received from Richard Buckwell, Joyce Litchin
and Neil Presley.

(2) The minutes of the meeting of Mon. 16th Sept. were signed correct
by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

(3) The Chairman welcomed Maureen Toffe as a new member and
P.C. R. O'Shea who had been invited to attend to speak about
Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Sutton Point.

(4) Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

P.C. O'Shea outlined the current arrangements in place
and identified the areas still not covered by the scheme, namely
Sutton Close, the area near the Pond, areas of Sutton Rd between
the Springfield and the junction with Plaster's Lane and Puddledock
Lane. Following an interesting discussion, it was agreed that
the Society would hold a meeting in the late winter/early spring at
which P.C. O'Shea would outline crime prevention measures and
answer questions on policing measures. In addition Ann Laird,
Maureen Morris, Maureen Toffe and Don Crowley agreed to become
Neighbourhood Watch contacts for the areas mentioned above. P.C.
O'Shea promised to make arrangements for the delivery of
handbooks explaining the scheme's operation to be distributed to
interested neighbours. Publicity would also be given in the
next Society Newsletter.

P.C. O'Shea was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

5) Matters arising from the minutes of 16th Sept.

60m Willows around the pond. The Chairman reported on
the meeting with Mr. Paynter (WSPBC) and confirmed
that there was a need to remove some of the trees

over a long period. Members were concerned that the treatment would prove disastrous in the eyes of local residents but accepted that the W.P.B.C. were within their rights to accept the advice of the experts and there was little point in objecting ~~other than~~ ^{and then} to ~~ask~~ ^{consult} Mr. Paynter to carry out the work with sensitivity. Members who knew him said that he could be trusted to do this.

The Chairman also reported that it was intended to clear out the pond and Maurice Morris asked for reassurance that the fish would be safeguarded and that rubbish would not be flushed through the millrace. The Chairman agreed to raise these matters with Mr. Paynter.

3(v) Britain in Bloom.

It was agreed that the Society would not enter for the 1997 competition. Improvements such as the flower boxes should be maintained and kept in use throughout the year to ensure that the village looks at its best at all times and not only in preparation for a one-off competition. Simon Embler would provide the necessary range of plants for the boxes at cost price.

9(v) Ship's Bell.

Peter Jones reported that work on the refurbishment was nearly complete and he was authorised to meet the costs out of Society funds. Ken Knight confirmed that the PCC had no objection to the re-location of the bell within the Salthouse Room. The Chairman asked the Secretary to include the thanks of the Society to Graham Smith in the next Newsletter for the work that he had done to clean up the bell.

8(vi) Lordship of the Manor.

The Secretary confirmed that this title still resided with the Weld family. Members agreed that it would be appropriate to invite Mr. Wilfred Weld to speak to a future meeting of the Society about the Weld connection with Salthouse Poynt.

6) Dorset Agenda 21.

Peter Jones reported on the meeting he had attended

with Neil Hardy at County Hall. It was agreed to include a copy of his report as an appendix in the next Newsletter.

7) Planning - 15 major issues to discuss.

8) Chairman's report.

Dorset Structure Plan - examination in progress. The Chairman gave a brief account of the preliminary meeting held in Bournemouth on 24th September and confirmed that he would be representing the Society at the full examination on 31st October.

9) Secretary's report.

A number of complaints raised by Society members about dog mess and unsuitable garden bonfires were reported. It was agreed to include an item in the next Newsletter asking people to co-operate in reducing the incidence of these nuisances.

10) Treasurer's report.

There had been a profit of £21.50 from the raffle held at the last talk on 26th September and an expenditure of £15.00 as a donation to Dorset Archives. The closing balance as at 14/10/96 was £488.29 made up of £376.65 at the Bank and £111.64 cash in hand.

11) Social programme.

It was confirmed that Mr. Brian Sewell would be the speaker on the evening of 24th October. Publicity material for this event would be prepared by the Chairman - and Richard Meach.

12) Date of next meeting - ⁷⁻³⁰ Tuesday 3rd Dec at Little Acorns.

Peter & Sue Jones were thanked for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-20 pm.

A. R. Douglas