

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Tues. 4th Feb 1997 at
Sutton Lodge. Tony Bugler in the Chair.

- (1) Apologies were received from Richard Backwell and Martine Gates.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting of 3rd Dec 1996 were read, approved and signed.
- (3) Matters arising:
 - (i) Ship's bell. Peter Jones reported that the refurbished bell and bracket would be mounted in time for the AGM to be held on 17th April in the Sutton Room.
 - (ii) Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The Secretary passed on the apologies of PC Rick O'Shea for not supplying

the necessary information leaflets for Maureen Morris and Ru Birch to distribute to their neighbours. PC O'Shea had promised to deliver these in the near future.

(13) Social events.

(a) The Secretary reported that PC O'Shea and Christopher Pope had confirmed that they would speak to the Society on 2nd March and 17th April respectively. It was agreed that there would not be a raffle at the PC O'Shea meeting and that there would be a specialist 'business' raffle at the Christopher Pope meeting which would be organised by Peter Jones. The AGM proceedings CP's talk would start at 7.0 pm.

(b) Future meetings. The following possibilities were discussed but no dates agreed: (i) Colin Pomeroy on military sites in Dorset (ii) Terry Herring on the Mary Rose (iii) Welfed Weldon on family connections with Sutter Point and (iv) the DSE girls sponsored by the Society to speak about the experience of their expedition.

(v) Bleaching of the pond. The Secretary reported that Mr. Gornall of W PBC had confirmed in a telephone conversation that the pond would be cleared out before the Spring. Maureen Morris had also spoken with W PBC officers and had been assured that action will be taken.

(vi) The Secretary reported that he had written to the SGB about overhead power cables but had not received a reply.

(4) Planning.

(i) Applications for permission to reposition three cottages off Sutter Rd and to erect an extension at the Dining House, Puddledock Lane were noted and no objections were raised.

(ii) The Chairman outlined the objections that had been lodged against a retrospective application for permission to provide a vehicular access to a field at the junction of Sutter Rd and Parter Rd. Peter Mead confirmed that a number of objections had been made and would be in

considered by the Planning Site on the day following this meeting.
(iii) Erection of a horse shelter off Victoria Rd. This application had been refused by WPBC but the Chairman reported that an alternative site was under consideration in the field behind Winslow Rd and it was felt that the Society should not object to the proposal. This view was supported by the Committee.

(5) Chairman's report.

(i) Sutter Room and adjacent cottages. The PCC had recommended that the cottages and land at the rear should be sold and that the ~~the~~ Sutter Room should be ~~redeveloped~~ refurbished. Rather than planning permission was to be sought for the development of the land at the rear. Following further discussion it was agreed that Ken Knight should seek to set up a joint meeting with the PCC and representatives of the SPS Committee to examine the long-term use and future of the Sutter Room. K.K. would report back at the next meeting.

(ii) Joyce Litchi was asked to report on a meeting about Britain in Bloom held in Weymouth which had decided to back Weymouth's entry into the National Competition. It was likely that sponsorship would be sought and asked whether the Society would be prepared to ~~assist~~ do this. Following a lengthy discussion it was decided not to take any action until more information about costs and maintenance was available.

(6) Secretary's report.

(i) Correspondence.

(a) Britain in Bloom. A letter seeking support in terms of membership of 'Friends of B in B' was read out. Membership for the Society would be £250 and for individuals £25. It was agreed not to support this appeal.

(b) Letters of thanks from the two D of E gals for the Society's sponsorship were noted.

(c) Bored claim - 2nd April. Details were read out.
(d) Bored and the Community. Letter of 6th Jan 1997 asking if the Society was interested in joining in open discussion with Bored Members and Officers was discussed. It was agreed that the Society would support such an initiative.

(2) Traffic calming. In response to an enquiry from Peter Jones, the Secretary explained that the exchange of letters with Councillor Weaver was on-going but real progress was not being made because of financial considerations and split responsibilities between District and County Councils. It was agreed that the matter should not be allowed to lapse and that the next Newsletter should encourage residents to keep pressurizing the local Councillors about the various dangers on Plainers Lane and Sutter Rd.

(7) Treasurer report

The closing balance as at 30th Feb 1997 was £489.09 made up of £434.20 cash at bank and £54.89 cash in hand. ~~Details~~ ^{Details} of the accounts were deposited with the Secretary.

(8) AOB

(i) Peter Jones showed a picture of HMS Boreas which would be placed alongside the bell when it is mounted in the Sutter Room.

(ii) Agenda 21. Following a query from Mike Pansly Peter Jones said that he would enquire about any developments.

(iii) Maureen Morris and her team were congratulated for their splendid efforts in organizing the hospitality for the evening when the Jubilee Quire entertained the Society on 9th December.

(iv) Tony Bayler announced his intention to stand down as Chairman after the next AGM. At the request of the Committee he agreed to recommend their decision.

Date of next meeting. 10th March at Mike Parry's house.

Thanks were expressed to Pat and Tony Bayler for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-0 pm.

A. R. Bayler