

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> March 1997  
at 'The Bar', Tony Beyer in the Chair.

1) Apologies. Richard Backwell and Sevin Embler.

2) Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1997 were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising

(i) Ship's bell. The Chairman reported that the bracket had been put in place in the Latten Room. It was agreed that there would be an unveiling ceremony at the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

(ii) Letter from SEB. The Secretary reported that the SEB had replied to the Society about the possibility of replacing overhead cables with underground ones. The letter referred to the extra costs involved and the relative ease of repair in rural areas when the cables broke down. The reply was noted with a sense of déjà vu.

(iii) Britain in Bloom. Joyce Kitchin reported on her enquiry about the sponsorship of hanging baskets for the Weymouth entry into the National competition. She had been told by Maxine Galvant (WPBC Office) that all hanging baskets were to be provided by local horticulturists and traders but it would be possible for the Society to sponsor a flowerbed on

Greenhill. Following a long discussion it was decided that this level of sponsorship was beyond the means of the Society and it was agreed to take no further action.

(iv) Sutter Room and adjacent cottages. Ken Knight confirmed that the PCC had agreed to put up <sup>with</sup> the land at the rear of the Sutter Room and the cottages for sale. A valuation of the land was being sought. He had also spoken to the PCC about a possible joint meeting with the Society to discuss the longer term future of the Sutter Room and the PCC had welcomed this. A meeting would be convened when more details about the sale of the property and costs of refurbishment of the SR became available.

(v) Agenda 21. Peter Jones had spoken to the DCC official responsible for Agenda 21 and had been told that approximately a hundred people had volunteered to serve on the various committees and that progress was being made. It was not known if anyone from Sutter Point had agreed to serve.

#### 4) Social events.

i) The Chairman commented on the excellent talk given by Roy Spring about Salisbury Cathedral which had been arranged by the St. Andrew's Wives Club.

ii) Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> March. PC O'Shea on Community Policing at Neighbourhood Watch etc. The Secretary had received verbal confirmation from PC O'Shea via his colleague PC Jones that he would give the talk on that date in spite of being on sick leave. Members felt that the NWS was very patchy in the village and that efforts should be made to encourage all the kind people to attend the meeting to be given an update on the operation of the scheme. It was hoped that the advertising of the event would help to do this.

iii) Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April AGM and talk by Horatio Pope. It was agreed that the AGM should start at 7.30 pm and Ken Briel confirmed that Horatio Pope would

arrive at approximately 8-0 pm. Richard Buckwell would meet him and bring him to the meeting. There was a discussion about the raffle arrangements for this meeting and it was agreed to go ahead with the suggestion of Peter Jones to run a 'thinner raffle' with the 'start' prize being a bottle of vintage port previously donated to the Society by Philip Snook.

iv) Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> May - A.D. of the girls were telephoned during the course of the meeting and agreed to speak to the Society about their expedition from Dakar to the Gambia. Mavis Morris agreed to book the Sutter Room.

v) Summer work. The Chairman had spoken to Richard Buckwell who had offered three possible dates 22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May or 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Committee felt that the best of these dates would be the most suitable.

Other suggestions referred to in the previous minutes would be appropriate for the Autumn series of meetings.

## 5) Planning

i) Fox bottles. A letter had been sent to the CPO in which no objections in principle had been made but a reminder that any changes should be in keeping with that part of the village. Mavis Tepper said that there were no objections from the immediate neighbours.

ii) 'The Willows' - Sutter Rd. An application to build two dormer windows on the rear of the roof was noted without objection.

## 6) Chairman's report.

i) The Pond. The recent cleaning out of the pond was commented on and this led to a discussion about the efficiency of the cleaning processes. Some damage to the retaining wall had occurred during the work and there was a need to keep a watch on this in case the W.P.B.C. did not carry out

repairs. If no action was taken by the Council it was agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent. It was also agreed that funds should be made available by the Society to replace plants (iris) that had been removed and that the Council should be informed of this should a letter of complaint become necessary.

ii) Managers on the Sutter Room. There was general support that there should continue to be cultivated cooperation of the decision not to enter the B in B competition. The Chairman would liaise with the WI to seek their continued support.

iii) Loddmoor Tip. Reference was made to rumours about the possible closure of the tip. It was agreed that should these rumours prove to be true a letter of protest should be sent from the Society pointing out the tremendous contribution made by the facility to the environmental well-being of the area.

iv) Waterside brown site. With a sense of sadness the Chairman told the members that the owners of the site were again contravening the planning conditions by parking cars during the winter period. It would appear that the enforcement officers are not particularly effective or may be not very interested in supporting the regulations on the site.

v) The Chairman confirmed his intention to stand down after the AGM. There followed a long discussion about a possible successor and the constitutional position of the post of Chairman. It was agreed that the normal period of office should be for 3 years and this could be included as a resolution for the AGM in April. A decision on the appointment of a new Chairman was deferred to the next meeting and members were requested to give their nominations to the Secretary before that meeting.

vi) Arrangements for the AGM. The Chairman asked for a notice and agenda to be sent out to all Society members

which would also include a request for any nominations for membership of the Committee to be submitted to the Secretary.

7) Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.  
There was nothing specific to report

8) AOB.

i) Traffic calming. Peter Jones ~~raised~~ asked for more information about 'Green Line' regulations - ref. correspondence from Councillor Weaver. The Secretary agreed to write to Councillor Weaver to obtain the information. Maurice Tepper raised the issue of Minnie Hall Lane which was becoming increasingly dangerous. It was agreed that any further discussions with Councillors and Council officers should include MTH as well as Plaistow Lane and Sutton Road.

ii) The Chairman asked the Committee to approve his decision to allow Simon Grant-Gomes who had kindly donated the wall-bracket for the Ship's Bell to display some of his work at the AGM. Approval was given.

9) Date of next meeting.

7-30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1997 to be held at 'The Mill'

10) Thanks were given to Kathy and Mike Pearsley for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-30pm.

A. P. Bayles