

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Mon. 7th April 1997
at 'The Mill'. Tony Bayler in the Chair.

- 1) Apologies. Richard Badwell, Ron Birch, Barbara Gates, Peter Goss & Maureen Tepper.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting of 15th March 1997 were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising.

1) Appointment of a Chairman.

Nominations had been received from M. Porsley, Ron Birch & Peter Goss for Richard Need. No other nominations had been received. Richard expressed his thanks but was unable to accept the nomination. Following further discussion it was agreed to postpone a decision until the meeting following the AGM.

2) Nomination of Committee members.

The Secretary reported that no nominations had been received and in response to a question from Joyce L. confirmed that he assumed that present members would wish to continue unless they informed him of their desire to stand down. A list of ^{nominations} would be presented to the full membership of the Society at the AGM.

4) Planning.

(1) Proposed extension to No. 4 Puddledock Cottages.

The Chairman was concerned that the extension may not be in keeping with the overall appearance and historical importance of the cottages. Older members felt that there could be a detrimental effect on the perspective from the western approach to Puddledock Lane. However the general view was that the Society should not become involved in a ~~particular~~ ^{responsible} dispute about the proposal. It was agreed

that the Chairman & Secretary should check the plans and then write to the CPO to emphasize the historical entity of the ~~first~~ row of cottages and to ask that any extension should be in keeping with the proportions and existing building materials of the cottages.

ii) 'Old Orchard' Plaister Lane. It was agreed that there were no objections in principle to the proposals and that a letter should be sent to the CPO confirming this view but stressing the need to limit development to the two buildings proposed. It was also felt that mention should be made about the difficulties of access to Plaister Lane.

iii) 3, Stroudley Crescent, Periton. The Chairman reported that he had written to the CPO about the proposal to erect a house on the site of the above address. In response he had received a letter from WPBC only for his views as 'the Occupier' of Sutter Lodge. Apparently Derek Dodge in his capacity as a representative of CPRE had also received a similar response. ^{to his letter of concern.} Members were confused by the action of WPBC officials in sending out letters normally sent to occupiers in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. It was agreed that enquiries should be made to Mr. Slatter (the Officer dealing with the application) to ascertain the mailing list for the letters and also to give the Society's response which was one of opposition to the proposals. The Chairman and Secretary were asked to act before the deadline for a formal response which would be before the next meeting.

4) Social events and AGM.

(i) AGM arrangements.

- a) Banner to be provided by Freddy L.
- b) Photographs by Richard Meads.
- c) The Ship's bell would be unveiled.
- d) List of forthcoming events to be displayed.
- e) A table to be provided for the collection of

subscriptions which would be managed by Joyce L. if S.E. was not able to attend.

i) At M.M.'s suggestion - it was agreed that wine and light refreshment should be provided. The wine to be purchased from Sledge's Place.

ii) 22nd May. Talk by D & E girls sponsored by the Society.

iii) 5th June. Walk to be organised by Richard Buckwell.

iv) 2nd August. Proposal to hold the 'Green Term'. M.M. agreed to liaise with Julie Allen and Elizabeth Sanders to see if arrangements similar to those of last year could be repeated.

v) The Chairman mentioned that the WI had organised a visit to Tiverton and that it was intended to extend an invitation to Society members to join in. The details would be announced by the Chairman at the AGM.

6/ Chairman's report.

i) G.P.R.E. Annual G.M. at Leam. The Chairwoman would be attending and told members of the general invitation to attend, at a cost of £6, which had been received by the Society.

ii) Lodnon tip. This was to continue with enhanced facilities and the rumours of closure made at the last meeting were unfounded.

iii) Sutter Room. The setting up of a Village Fund to provide the finance to improve the Sutter Room was worthy of consideration. Following a discussion of the Chairman's suggestion it was agreed that a meeting with the PCC to discuss the future of the Room was essential before any firm proposals about the establishment

of a fund would be taken.
IV) Sewerage issue. The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to a series of letters he had received in response to complaints made about the detritus including huge concrete pipes that disfigured the area around the Neptune Leisure complex. It appeared that once again the WPBC had failed in its duty to enforce its own planning regulations. Members expressed support for the Chairman's attempt to encourage positive action by WPBC to improve the environment in this area.

7) Secretary's report.

- i) Local Plan. A letter from the CPO (dated 14th March) confirming the adoption of the plan was read out.
- ii) Community meetings. A letter from WPBC confirmed that a meeting would be convened in due course.
- iii) Green Lane scheme. A letter from Braxell Weaver was circulated to the members. This letter had been received in response to a request for information sent to Braxell Weaver on 11th March.
- iv) Reminder about the Great Bend then planned for Sunday 2nd April.

8) AOB.

- i) Simon Emble raised the issue of car parking on the Silver St. section adjacent to the pond. Although agreeing that this was unsightly and sometimes a problem it was felt that the Society was not able to do anything about it.
- ii) Floral decoration of the cart at the Springhead. St. would not be able to look after the cart this summer because of the pressure of work. M.M. agreed to take over the job and received the thanks of the Committee.

11) Use of Sutter Room for elections. Richard Reed introduced a discussion about the inadequacy of the Room for elections and it was agreed to raise these issues with the Polling Office but to await the passing of 1st May when there would be more up to date evidence to ~~substantiate~~ support the need for an alternative venue for major elections.

10) J.L. expressed her concern that ^{some} up-dated membership lists had not been returned to her and consequently the full membership list may be inaccurate. She asked members to let her have the lists following the collection of subscriptions which should be completed before the end of June.

Date of next meeting.

7-30 p.m. 6th May at 3, Sutter House.

Thanks were given to Mavis & David Morris for their kind hospitality and the meeting ended at 9-30 p.m.

Shirley
~~Secretary~~