

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Tues. 6th May 1997 at 3, Sutter House.
Mike Povey in the Chair.

1) Apologies from Peter Jones and Joyce Leitch.

2) Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

a) It was the Committee's unanimous decision that Mike Povey having agreed to do so shall become Chairman. Agreed by Richard March seconded by Ken Knight.

b) Vice-Chairman.

In the absence of Joyce L. the current Vice-Chairman, it was decided to defer a decision to the next meeting.

3) The minutes of the meeting of 7th April 1997 were read, approved and signed.

4) Matters arising.

i) Planning. The Secretary reported that letters had been sent to the CPO about (i) 4 Paddisford Lane - extension expressing concern as per previous minutes.

(ii) 'Old Orchard' Plaster Lane - no objection in principle - see previous minutes.

(iii) 3, Strandley Crescent - objection to the proposal.

Tony Bayler reported that a further revised plan for (iii) had been deposited with the CPO but felt that our original objections were still valid. It was agreed that this should be confirmed with the CPO.

5) AOB - Use of Sutter Room for elections. Richard March commented that on 1st May there had been few problems of access because most people walked to the polling station, the weather being very fine. Following further discussion it was decided that the Secretary should speak to Mr. Townbridge at the Council Office about the possibility of finding a better alternative station.

5) Social events.

i) 22nd May - Talk by DQE students. It was agreed that a short notice should be posted to household and notices displayed. DB agreed to write the notice and Simon Embler to print it for distribution by 15th May. Richard Meall agreed to produce the posters.

ii) Walk. Richard Backwell confirmed that the walk would start at 7-0pm. Details would be given to the Secretary for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

iii) Brown Town. ^{2nd day} M.M reported that Mr. Allen was prepared to organize the event as last year. T.B. to speak to Mrs. Sanders about the venue.

6) Chairman's report.

Mike Pringle being new to the Chairmanship had little to report but commented on the success of the AGM. A vote of thanks was proposed and agreed for Pete Jones for his work in connection with the ship's bell and for Maureen Morris for her catering arrangements. There followed a discussion of the contents of the guest speaker's talk.

7) Secretary's report.

(i) Invitation to attend the 'Mayo making' on 22nd May had been received. Simon Embler agreed to attend on behalf of the Society.

(ii) Printing. It was reported that Mr. Windbank was no longer prepared to undertake the printing work but Mr. Jeffries, a local printer, was prepared to take it on. It was agreed that Mr. Jeffries should be asked to do the printing work of the Society.

(iii) Division of the area for the collection of subscriptions. Ken Knight read out a list of the current arrangements which was agreed with slight amendments. Christine Gates would take over the collection from Brookmead from Richard Backwell. It was agreed that a list of collectors should be published in the next Newsletter. Maureen Morris proposed that new residents should be welcomed by the collectors by means

of a notice and the aims and organisation leaflet of the Society. The proposal was accepted.

Collectors were asked to give to Joyce Litchi their completed lists to enable ^{her to prepare} an up to date membership list. Ken Knight agreed to inform the collectors of the names of members who had paid their subscriptions at the AGM. All subscriptions shall be in by the end of June.

8) Treasurer's report. Samir Embler had nothing to ~~report~~ add to the report that he had given at the AGM.

9) Planning.

Tony Bayle raised the issue of the continuing saga of the cavalier attitude of Watford Council towards the planning regulations and restrictions laid upon them. As an individual he had written to the CPO to complain about recent developments on the hillside overlooking the main caravan park. The Society had also received a copy of a letter sent by Mrs. Audrey Thomas complaining about excavation work being undertaken by the same company. Members agreed with Tony Bayle that the action of the Watford Council was unacceptable and that the Secretary should write to the CPO making similar objections as those in TB's and Mrs AT's letters.

Tony Bayle also reported that a certain amount of tidying up work had now been carried out at Borelange Road leisure site but there still remained the eyesore of the two large concrete pipes.

10) AOB.

(1) Traffic calming. Tony B. reported on a recent conversation he had had with Brantley Weaver about the introduction of 'Advisory Speed Limits' of 20 mph. Brantley Weaver had promised to write giving more details. The Secretary was asked to contact Brantley Weaver to ensure a

quick reply. Mervyn Tepper asked that any measures of traffic volume that may be introduced should also include Mission Hall Lane.

ii) Victorian railings at the Sutt Room. Tony Bayle asked members to keep an eye on these as they may be 'dumped' if any developments take place. Simon Embler was keeping a close watch on them too!

iii) Grass verge and flower mangers - Suttin Room. Tony B. agreed to ask the WI to undertake the care of the mangers and Mervyn Tepper agreed to look after the grass verges.

iv) Seat at Telegraph Hill. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to take no action in applying preservative oil and other materials at this stage.

v) Damaged lamp post on Mission Hall Lane. The Secretary was asked to write to the appropriate people to ask for its removal now that a new one had been installed.

vi) Members were informed about proposals to build a Sports center at Westfield School.

vii) Seat by the pond. Vandals had damaged the seat and Mike Porsley kindly agreed to carry out repairs.

viii) 'Do not feed the ducks' signs. The signs were in need of renovation and Ron Bevil kindly agreed to arrange this.

ix) Ron Bevil thanked Mike Porsley for agreeing to take over the Chairmanship and asked if he could be allowed to submit a nomination for V-C to the Secretary. After some discussion it was agreed that R.B. should contact Joyce Hitchcock to inquire if she would be content as V-C. If she did not then Ron B. would make a nomination ^{to the Secretary} about only if the person to be nominated was prepared to take on the role. There was a general feeling that the V-C ship should be held, if possible, by someone who would in time be prepared to go on to become Chairman.

x) Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Both M.M. and Ron B. expressed disappointment at the desultory way in which

The Dover Police had responded to their requests for NW information packs. Both were prepared to try again to stimulate PC Bill O'Shea into action.

x1) A letter from Tony Bayler thanking the members of the Committee for the gift he had received when he relinquished the chair after the AGM was read out by the Secretary.

xii) Mike P. reported that he had received information that the 'church warden' was short of funds. The Treasurer assured him that he had only recently spoken to Dave Geddy and he was aware that he could ask for support at any time. At present D.C. was not in need of additional contributions to support the church who were maintaining a satisfactory standard of living and life-style based on their own ~~self-help~~ ^{self-help} efforts of egg-laying for which they should be commended.

xiii) M.P. asked for a list of Committee members and telephone numbers and it was agreed that the Secretary should circulate the list to all Committee members.

11) Date of next meeting - 7-30pm 3rd July - Mavis Tepper's house.

Thanks were given to Dad & Bowley for their hospitality & the meeting closed at 9-30pm.

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Chairman.