

Minutes of the Committee meeting on Tues. 26th August 1997
at 'The Old Stables'. Mike Pressley in the Chair.

- 1) Apologies - Simon Crompton and Maureen Tepper.
- 2) The Minutes of the meeting of 3rd July were read, approved and signed.
- 3) Matters arising
 - 4 Puddleduck Lane. Ron Bird expressed his dismay that planning permission had been granted for the building of an extension. The Committee agreed with Ron's sentiments but felt that having made a strong objection against the application it had done all that was possible to convince the WPC planners that the proposals should not go ahead. Unfortunately

The block of cottages was not 'listed' and the planners felt that the proposed extension was not an unreasonable change to the character of the property.

4) Broom Tens.

The Secretary reported in Simon Embles' absence that the event had produced an overall profit on teas, produce, & raffle etc. of £261-05. It was agreed that the occasion had been a great success. Letters of thanks had been sent to Miss Sanders and Mrs. Allen and the Chairman undertook to telephone Mr. Willis for a check on him for using his time and vehicle for the transport of the chairs, tables and crockery from and back to the Greater Village Hall. It was agreed that there should be a donation of £110 to the Greater Village Hall for the loan of the equipment.

There followed a discussion introduced by Ken Knight about the possibility of making a donation to charity. It was decided that the Broom Tens event should be a primary source of funding for the Society to enable it to further its aims as set out in its charter.

It was also noted that extra tables and chairs would be needed for next year's event and Peter Jones felt that the sale ^{by auction} of left over produce could have been handled at the time of the raffle draw otherwise it was ~~not~~ agreed that the arrangements had worked well.

5) Membership and Membership Cards.

Joyce Litchie reported on the number of members and agreed to give the Secretary a final list when she had analysed the returns from the collectors. This list would be of 'households' belonging to the Society. The Chairman was anxious to measure the percentage of local residents who belonged to and supported the Society so that this information could be used to strengthen the Society's hand when

double with local officials. The Secretary gave an update on the number of households in Sutton Point (196) and adults (408) but pointed out that a number of members lived in adjacent parts of Porton. Joyce Litchi agreed to draw up a members register to create a more systematic record of membership.

Membership card. It was agreed that ~~a~~ a card should not replace the present system of giving receipts for membership subscriptions but the Secretary was asked to organise the printing of membership cards to give to new members and for the 'collectors' to have sufficient cards to give to existing subscribers who had not been given a card when they joined the Society. One card for new members this was to be a 'one off' allocation.

6/ Planning matters.

a) The Chairman explained that a new sub-committee had been set up to oversee planning applications with Richard Meech acting as co-ordinator. ^{RM can oversee the system whereby} The other members are - J.H. PJ, NM, Tony B. and the Chairman. ^{RM can oversee the system whereby} Each of these members would be given responsibility for a particular application and would follow its progress through the planning process. Richard Meech would keep a record of these on file. It was agreed that the sub-committee should have delegated power to act on behalf of the full committee in matters concerning planning.

b) 55 Sutton Rd. The Chairman reported on the latest developments. He has spoken to the CPO and the officer responsible for this particular application (Mr. Slater); he had also had discussions with Mr. Kelly at an earlier date. Revised plans had been submitted by the developer (G. Cliffe) but these showed only minor variations on the original application for two semi-detached cottages and two substantial detached houses on the hinter site. Richard Meech read out the latest letter of objection that had been sent following the last sub-committee

meeting. The Chairman was pessimistic about the outcome and believed that planning permission was likely to be granted even though the officer responsible felt that a better proposal would include only one and not two detached houses. The application will be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting on 17th Sept. Joyce Hirsch recalled that planning permission for the development of the site had been granted in the 1970's and that it would be difficult for the planning officer to turn down the proposals in the light of this previous decision. The Chairman agreed to both Brancellas Womersley and Lewis ~~to~~ attend a site meeting with Joyce Hirsch should one be ~~put~~ set up by the Planning Committee.

7/ Social events.

Maurice Morris put forward a number of ideas for future events and there followed a long and detailed discussion with the following outcome -

(a) Bartonsbridge Singers - not available for Christmas 1997 should be booked for 1998. The most appropriate venue would be Preston Village Hall and there would be a charge of £2 per ticket to cover drink and food.

(b) Christmas 1997. It was proposed to combine the talk by Wilfred Weld and a social element including refreshments and possibly card making. M.M. would book the Sutter Room and DB would make the arrangements with W.W.

(c) Meeting with Brancellas/Officers. To be held w/s 27th Oct. 1997. M.M. would liaise with DB over the actual date depending on the availability of the Sutter Room.

d) Talk by Brian Pomeroy. Feb. 1998. Peter Green agreed to ~~send~~ arrange with C.P. a convenient date and to inform M.M. to enable her to book the Sutter Room.

e) AGM in April

f) Walk in June.

g) Cream Tea August

- Other possible events. (i) Sept 1998 - Barbary + Gugg had in estate
(ii) Summer 1999 - Open Gardens and Green Teas (2 venues) possibly
run jointly with the Gardening Club.
(iii) Quiz night.

Following further discussion it was agreed that MM would give
back at the next meeting.

8/ Treasurer's report. The accounts as at 26/5/97 had
been prepared by Simon Embler and were presented in his
absence by the Secretary. Cash in hand was £75-98 and
bank at bank 728-60 giving a balance of £804-58. Members
felt that this was a large sum and that ~~it should~~ could be
transferred to a higher earning deposit account. This would
be discussed with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

9/ CPRE. It was agreed that a declaration of support for
the aims of the CPRE should be signed and returned. It was
also agreed that the affiliation fee should be paid by
SO.

10/ AOB.

(i) The Chairman was thanked for mending the damaged
bench adjacent to the pond.

(ii) Footpaths. J.L. asked that Mr. De Bortnet (Footpath
'Watch dog') should be ~~and~~ alerted to the poor state of the
footpath beyond the stile behind the 'Old Stable'. The Secy
agreed to speak to him about this problem.

(iii) Northdown Farm. The Chairman reported that the
property is likely to be bought by Mr. Seel with a completion
date of 29th Sept 1997.

(iv) Change of landlord at the Springhead. Concern was
expressed that the nature of the business would change given
the increased financial pressures that the new landlord would

force of attack could lead to a more numerous and rowdy
clients coming into the village. The chairman invited members
as individuals to write to the owners of the Springfield to
express their concern at ~~these actions in~~ what had been
done and the possible outcome.

11) Date of next meeting 7-30^{pm} Tues 30th Sept at 'The Mill'.

12) Thanks were given to Maria Star Knight for her
hospitality and the meeting closed at 19-20^{pm}.

M. Star Knight
Chairman

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