

Minutes of the Committee meeting on Tues. 30th Sept. 1897 at Sutter Mill. Richard Meach in the chair.

1) Apologies. Ron Birch, Miss Presley, Richard Buckwell

2) The minutes of the meeting of 26th August were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising

26th 5. Membership. Guyer Litchie ^{reported} that there were now 169 households within Sutter Poyntz signed up as members, with an additional 18 outside the village boundaries. A number of households still needed calling upon but the total represented an impressive ~~percentage~~ membership of the Society of over 86% of households.

26th 10 (ii) Footpaths. The Secretary reported that he had taken to Guyer the Contract about the state of the footpaths in the field behind 'the Old Stable'. Members agreed that improvements had taken place.

26th 5. Membership cards. The cards had been

printed and were available for distribution. It was agreed that the distribution of the cards should take place in accordance with minute 5 of the last meeting.

4) Planning The Chairman reported on the following planning applications -

a) Land adjacent to 55, Sutter Rd. A site meeting had taken place on 17th Sept. and it was attended by Joyce Hitchcock and M.P. who together with Richard Meek had also attended the Planning Committee meeting. Unfortunately the efforts of the Society to have the plan amended were to no avail and permission was granted. It was noted that the local councillor - Scumellor Wainwright - made no attempt to support the Society's case.

b) Land adjacent to the Evangelical Chapel - Sutter Rd. R.M. reported that a letter of concern had been sent to the CAB about the proposal submitted by Miss Pitman to build a house on the site. The proposal was seen as another intrusion into the 'green belt' that helps to maintain the integrity of the valley and a further worsening of the traffic problem on Sutter Rd.

c) Land at the rear of Uxbridge Rd. Proposal to build a stable - plans submitted by Miss Pitman. So far, after the viewing of the plans, no action had been taken. Members expressed concern that a development that was clearly not 'agricultural' should be allowed on a site that was designated for agricultural use.

d) Haydon - Paddleduck Lane. No objections were raised.
e) Alterations to The Cottage - Paddleduck Lane. This application had only recently been re-submitted and would need investigating.

Tommy Hughes suggested that as the local planners had appeared to ignore the traffic implications of a number of planning applications it would be sensible to send letters

of complaint to those responsible for Highways. Proland need
agreed to look into this.

5) Social events.

Maurice Morris reported the following -

- i) 30th Oct. 1987. Public meeting in the Sutter Room.
It was agreed that refreshments would not be provided.
- ii) 12th Dec. 1987. Now that Wilfred Wells was not coming
to speak to the Society on that day it was agreed to arrange
a social event with appropriate seasonal refreshments and
music. Tony Bayle was prepared to speak to the General
Abbey Members about the possibility of their attendance.
He would liaise with M.M. about this.
- iii) 12th Feb. 1988. John Pomeroy will speak about WWII
sites in Dorset. M.M. to book the Sutter Room with Mrs. Allen.
- iv) 12th March. Wilfred Wells would be the speaker and this would
also be the date for the AGM.
- v) Christmas 1988. The only days when the Parterre
Village Hall will be available are Mondays as because
of that both the Cartbridge and Pottery Seiges are unable
to perform. It was suggested that the Phoenix Choir may
be prepared to sing on Mondays and R.M. agreed to investigate.
The Hall had been booked for 12th Dec 1988.

6) Treasurer's report

There was a sum of £2365 in the National Savings Cert.
£673-60 cash at the bank and £129-98 cash in hand. Some
members suggested that he should check with financial
institutions to obtain ^{appropriate} interest bearing account into
which £900 could be transferred from the Society's
current account. The members agreed ^{well} to this suggestion.

7) Sutter Room. Ken Knight reported on a recent meeting
of the Parterre PCC at which it was decided to

invite the Society to consider taking a repairing lease of the SR. at a nominal annual rent. The PCC would continue to use the Room without charge and Sunday Lettings would not be allowed. Two PCC members had been appointed to discuss the matter with the SPS. He also reported that discussions with agents were taking place about a number of plots adjacent to the SR. Once ownership and boundaries were established it was the intention of the PCC to apply for planning permission for one dwelling on the land fronting Merion Hall Lane.

Members agreed that the Society should enter into discussions with the PCC and the Secretary was asked to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. The Society would be represented by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

8 AOB.

i) The Chairman reported that the new owner of Northdown Farm had agreed that the Village Youth Committee could plan to use the field adjacent to the pub and pub for the event next summer.

ii) Peter Jones reported that he and his wife, together with M.M. and J.H., would be representing the Society at the AGM of the CPRE (Dorset) on 9th October.

iii) Simon Embler raised the continuing problem of the traffic on Rhinoceros Lane and mentioned his experience of a very near miss with a large car near his home. This was an obvious issue for discussion with local officials at the meeting planned for 30th October. The Secretary informed members that he had spoken recently to Stuart Morris of WABC about signs being placed to ban vehicles of a certain width using the lane. Stuart Morris had informed (11/9/97) that signs were to be erected warning drivers at the top of the lane and not at the boundary point of WABC with WDC.

v) M.M. reported that Jim White had given seven excellent travel tables to the Society. The Secretary was asked to write and thank him for his generous gesture.

vi) Grass was outside the latter room. Maudie Tupper was unable to continue cutting this ~~as~~ she did not possess a strimmer which was essential for the work.

vii) A suggestion submitted by M.P. that the (red wood) bo-cellos should be invited to a future meeting of the Committee was agreed. December was seen as the appropriate time.

viii) The members gave consideration to a letter from Freddy Lettsch in which he offered to help to set up a Millennium Survey of S.P. that would be available for future generations. It was decided to defer action on this suggestion until more information was available about a similar project being undertaken by the Wymondley Green Society.

ix) The Secretary reported to M.P. advised that the trees near the pond were overgrowing the electric, BT cable lines to Mrs Scuff's cottage and that G (M.P.) intended to trim the offending trees. Simon Embler and Maudie Morris on behalf of her husband volunteered to help.

x) The Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society. Tony Pyle drew the members attention to the concern that was available to SPS members to visit the Dorchester Museum without charge on a limited number of occasions per year because the SPS Society was an affiliated member. The Secretary was asked to obtain further details.

x) Boston or Bloom presentation evening. 7th Nov 1997. Joyce Lettsch invited members to attend if they wished.

9) Date of next meeting - 7-30 pm 4th Nov at Hampton Lodge.

Thanks were given to Maudie & David Morris for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-20 pm
Maudie Morris