

Minutes of the Committee meeting on Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1997 at Hampton Lodge. Mike Presley in the Chair.

- 1) Apologies. Ken Knight, Maureen Tepper and Blanche Gates.
- 2) The minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1997 were read, approved and signed.
- 3) Matters arising.
  - i) Memberships. J.H. reported that two new members had joined the Society.
  - ii) Sutter Room. Meeting with representatives of the PCC now arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Chairman asked for the Committee's views on whether the exploratory discussions with the PCC should be widened to include the land adjacent to the Sutter Room with its possible use as a village open space or area for a children's playground. He reported that he had spoken to Richard Burgess (CPO) about the use of this land and other plots adjacent to it and that RB had agreed to join in discussion with members of the PCC and the SPS to explore the scope of possible development. Some Committee members expressed concern that the development of the land as a children's playground could be fraught with difficulties and costly. It was agreed that the PCC representatives should be asked to consider these issues in addition to the leasing of the Sutter Room when the exploratory meeting takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

CPRE AGM 9<sup>th</sup> October. PJ reported on his attendance at the meeting praising the presentation <sup>perhaps</sup> that had been given on the work of the CPRE. He also commented on the lack of support of the CPRE in the areas of Dorset south of the ASS. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a recent appeal sent out by the CPRE for funds to fight the closure and disempowerment of rural lanes. The

Committee agreed that a director of R.O. should be made and the Treasurer was asked to send off the appropriate documentation to CCPCRC. Membership of CC West Norfolk History and Archaeological Society. Members voted not to take out a membership subscription.

#### 4) Planning matters.

Rick & Meed had not been able to attend the last meeting of the WNBC Planning Committee and had nothing to report. Tony Bayle raised the issue of the Bacon Crofton Co. application to convert the use of a field currently a touring caravan site into a permanent one for static vans. The Committee agreed that urgent action was needed and Tony was asked to respond to the CPC. Other members asked about CC applications for a dwelling adjacent to the Evangelical Chapel (Miss Petman), the development of stables behind Verulva Rd (Miss Petman) and a dwelling on Mission Hall Lane (St. Andrews). The Chairman agreed that the CC Planning sub-committee of the Society should meet to deal with these applications and this was fixed for 13<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 5) Social events

12<sup>th</sup> December. MM reported that she had put in place the arrangements which would include an early punch, mince pies and appropriate decoration of the Saltham Room. Tony B. confirmed that the Symondsbery Mummer would attend and that a Mr. Ron Burke would play his electronic keyboard. Following discussion it was agreed to limit the attendance to 60 and that tickets should be printed with charges of £1. There would be no raffle. PJ would arrange for the difference to print the tickets and RM would produce the posters. Tickets would be available from Committee members.

6) Treasurer's report

SE reported that there had been an opening balance of £803.58 with expenditure of £74.65 and income of £6 being £704.50 cash at bank and £31.03 cash in hand. There followed a discussion about the transfer of funds into an interest bearing account and SE reported that he had already investigated a number of possible accounts such as Tesco but these were not available for organisations like the Society. It was agreed that he should continue to seek an appropriate account for the funds and report back at the next meeting.

7) Correspondence.

i) Weymouth Civic Society. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the forthcoming AGM of the WCS. Ron Beck and Tony Bayler would attend on behalf of the SPS.

ii) Letter from Yvonne Litchie. The Secretary read out a letter in which FL <sup>sought</sup> suggested that the SPS should support a Millennium Project which would prepare a record of the present population of the village using past maps combined with new research. This letter was a follow up to one he had sent to the Chairman before the last meeting. The matter had been discussed at that meeting when it was thought that the WCS was undertaking a similar exercise. The Secretary had ascertained that the WCS paper was a photographic one and did not conflict with FL suggestion. Members were not entirely sure of what would be involved in carrying out the survey and the Secretary was asked to speak to FL to ask him to set out clearly the objectives of the survey and the methods to be used to compile it.

8) AOB.

Traffic problems. i) PJ had photographed the problem areas and drawn up proposals for passing places and 'sumble strips' in Ph or SRs. He wanted to make a presentation to a next meeting of the Committee.

ii) Reporting accidents to the Police. Following the public meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. the Chairman had been approached by Mr. Gwyn-Williams who claimed that the Police would not record accidents even though there were no injuries. This received a sceptical response from the members and the Chairman agreed to contact Chief Inspector Mery (Traffic supervisor for District) to check whether this was correct. He also felt that the Society should invite an expert on traffic calming to come to speak about the best solutions. It was agreed that the Chairman should seek out an appropriately qualified person to come along for a discussion into which PJ's presentation could be fitted. The Committee also felt that a report incorporating suggestions for traffic calming backed by expert opinion and using PJ's presentation as illustration would be a useful tool to put pressure on those who could take action.

iii) Bus parking adjacent to the bus shed garage. There was general agreement that the Society should not become embroiled in individual arguments about this issue and that no formal action or approval should be made to the owner of the garage. The Chairman's suggestion that Jh, a personal friend of the owner, should have 'a quiet word' about the complaints with the owner was accepted as the most appropriate response by the Society.

iv) Other issues raised at the Public meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October. The Chairman asked that any other issues that members wanted to raise should be deferred to the next meeting.

- v) Piano in Satter Room. The Chairman asked if the Society should provide a replacement. It was agreed not to take any action until the future of the SR was known.
- vi) Next Newsletter. MM. asked the Secretary to include an announcement of an Open meeting, on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1988 for the SP Victoria Street Fayre.

9) Date of next meeting. 7-30 pm Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 'Little Rooms'

Thanks were given to Sue and Peter Jones for their hospitality and the meeting ended at 9-44 pm.

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