

Minutes of the meeting on Weds. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1998 at 3, Sutter Close.  
Mick Preshy in the Chair

1) Apologies. Richard Baskwell, Martin Gales, Richard Mead and  
Maurice Tappin.

2) The minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January were read, approved and  
signed.

3) Matters arising.

(i) Footpaths. The Secretary reported on his meeting  
with Grahame de Bontant. The problem of the footpath from the  
end of White Horse Lane to the ~~the~~ stile below the White Horse  
was being investigated by Grahame de Bontant. The Chairman agreed to  
telephone him to give details of the address of Mr. P. Sed to  
ensure that action was taken to restore the path.

(ii) Tables donated by Jim White. It was agreed that  
Maurice Morris, Ken Knight and Tony Bayler should meet to sort  
out any difficulties about the transfer of the tables to the Sutter Lane

(iii) Sutter Room. M.P. and S.E. meeting with Lois Ray  
to discuss funding should the Society take over the lease from  
the PCC. The Chairman reported that the meeting was encouraging  
in that funds were available of up to £5000 for the hall to  
be spent on improvements. However for this to happen there  
would have to be a specific committee set up representing  
all the interested parties in the village and that a lease of  
30 years minimum for a church would be required. The  
Secretary was asked to contact Neville Wood (PCC) to  
ask about any developments.

(iv) Walkway surrounding the pond. Following discussion  
it was agreed that the Chairman & Tony Bayler should meet  
on site and examine the state of the retaining wall and in  
addition check on the state of the surrounding walkways.

v) Millennium project proposed by Yashy Litschi. The Society reported that he had received a letter from Yashy expressing thanks for the offer of help made by the Society but also pointing out that his involvement was conditional on the project being a Society one. As the Society had not adopted the project as its own he would not be carrying out the survey independently.

vi) Street Works. At an open meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January it had been agreed that no funds would be allocated for village work.

#### 4) Planning

In the absence of Richard Mead the Society reported that there had been two applications to WPC for extensions to existing properties in S.P.

a) 1, Sully Close. Two storey extension at the front of the house to the left of the main house.

It was agreed that the Society would not object to these proposals although Yashy Litschi felt that there could be a problem with the application for 1, Sully Close as the house had already had a number of extensions built on one side and was very prone to subsidence in that area.

The Chairman brought members up to date with two previous applications.

a) Greenhill Barton. The original application to convert the derelict site into hotel accommodation for drug addicts had been abandoned and a new application to convert the site into a riding and walking centre with camping, tables and two flats and accommodation for a wonder had been made. It was agreed that MM would examine the plans at W.D.C. and report back.

a) Barn - Ruddleduck Lane. This application would not be considered at the March meeting of the Planning Committee. Serious doubts <sup>about the value</sup> had been expressed by the officer responsible and a critical report had been made by the County Council.

Department. In addition there had been an overwhelming number of objections to the proposal and the Planner had agreed to talk to the Society before a final decision was taken.

5) Finance. Treasurer's report. The closing balance as at 18/1/48 was £712-53. Since the last report there had been an income of £21-00 and an expenditure of £81-36 leaving a closing balance of £652-17 (£626-20 cash at bank and £25-97 cash in hand).

There was some difficulty about the accounts for the December Social evening. The Chairman asked SE and MM to sort out the problem and in addition asked SE to ensure that the prompt payment of bills was made following a complaint from ~~the~~ Mrs. Allen ~~of the~~ about the charges for the South Room.

6) Social events.

1) Mavis Morris had booked the South Room for 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. for the Christmas Social. Mrs. Mrs. Galpin had agreed to arrange the entertainment and members felt that if cards were to be included they should be led by Mrs Galpin's troupe. Mince pies and mulled wine would be provided.

ii) The idea of a barbecue in September was discussed and it was agreed that MM should investigate the possibility of this being arranged at the rear of the Springfield. There would be entertainment and games and admission would be by ticket.

iii) A.G.M. 12<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed that a free glass of wine would be provided. MM to arrange.

iv) It was hoped that Richd. Bachelard would arrange the annual walk for some time in June.

v) Green Tea. 1<sup>st</sup> August was the agreed date and MM would begin the negotiations with those who had volunteered to organise the event.

## 7) AOB

i) Barton in Bloom. JK felt that it could no longer represent the Society on the WSP Committee now that the Society was not participating in the competition. Following discussion it was agreed that the Society may make a financial contribution to the Town entry and if so to nominate representatives on the Committee. A decision was deferred to the next meeting.

ii) Peter Jones raised other issues:

a) Tombola stall - Street Fairs. He sought volunteers for the collection of prizes and assistance in manning the stall. MM & SE would not be available but the other Committee members present volunteered for service.

b) CPRE. A promotional package had been prepared and it was agreed that PJ would obtain this for the CPRE and show it to the Committee at the next meeting.

c) WOPBC Consultation evening on the Strategic Plan held at the Pavilion on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. PJ report on the proceedings which had consisted of discussion groups and a 'feedback' session. A copy of a report of the meeting will be made available to the Society.

iii) Ron Boyd asked for more information about the discussion with the PCC about the Sutter Room. The Chairman asked RB to discuss this with the Secretary. RB reminded the members that 'occasional licences' for the sale of drink at private social events were available at a small charge.

iv) Tony Bayle. Reminded members that a substantial proportion of the income at the Street Fairs had been provided by the Society and the WI. He also suggested that an interesting project for the Millennium would be a collection of photographs, memorabilia etc covering the period centring around the year of interest. The suggestion was welcomed by the Chairman who asked members to bring forward any other ideas.

v) Simon Embler. Sought approval to approach the publishers of 'Dorset' to purchase a copy of a photograph of the valley which had appeared in a recent edition. This was agreed.

vi) 'Millennium Quilt'. It was agreed not to support the effort which had been passed on by WPBC because of the lack of information contained in the effort letter.

vii) Representation on the Weymouth Senior Society. It was agreed that Ann Lord should continue to represent the Society.

viii) Village Plan / WPBC Structure Plan.

The Chairman had continued his investigations and had met Mrs. Avanti who had given useful advice on the type of documentation that should be produced. He showed the Committee some impressive examples that other villages had prepared and he now felt that he had a better understanding of what was required. Financial help for organizations like the Greenwayside Commission was available to produce the report. Once he had decided upon the 'lookings' for the report he would hold further discussions with Simon Williams of WPBC.

viii) At the Chairman's suggestion details of the planned Greenwayside March on 1<sup>st</sup> March would be posted on the Society's notice board.

8) Date of next meeting.

8<sup>th</sup> April at 'Wynolds'. The meeting will start at 7.0pm.

9) Tickets for hospital were given to D.I.A. and the meeting started at 9.30pm.

Acting Chairman A.P. Ryle  
8/4/98.