

Minutes of the AGM 12<sup>th</sup> March 1998 held in the Sutter Room at 7:30pm with Michael Prenchy in the chair and 41 members in attendance

1) Apologies Mr, Mrs R. Birch, Mr. Bewley, Mr, Mrs Wayhorn, Mr. J. De Cortvet, Ms Christine Gates, Mr & Mrs Tebbitt, Mrs Tamplin, Mr & Mrs Wyne-Williams, Mr. G. Brown and Mr. Grah. Wilks.

2) The minutes of the AGM of 17<sup>th</sup> April 1997 were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising. These were dealt with under items 4, 5 and 6.

4) Chairman's report. The Chairman gave a summary of the Society's activities over the past year ~~into~~ pointing out that many of the issues such as traffic calming were on-going and that vigorous action was taken ~~where~~ necessary in responding to unwelcome planning applications. The Newsletter included details of these responses from the Committee but he drew the meeting's attention to two planning applications in particular, the development adjacent to 55 Sutter and the proposal to build a large agricultural building off Puddleduck Lane. The Society in spite of an intensive lobbying of councillors and officials had failed in its attempt to restrict the number of houses to be built on the site next to No 55 but its battle to stop the building of the large agricultural barn was still being fought.

Members were informed of the negotiations that had and were taking place with the PCC over the future of the Sutter Room and of the possibilities of receiving grant aid to refurbish the Room should the PCC relinquish or transfer the lease to enable the Society to bring together all interested parties to establish a committee for the management of the Room. He assured members that every effort would be made to safeguard the use of the Room for village activities.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking the Committee members for their support during his first year in office.

5) Secretary's report. The Secretary reiterated the Chairman's comments about Planning and Traffic calming issues as the main ~~issues~~ areas ~~expanding the scope~~ of activity during the past year. Members were reminded that the Society was affiliated to the Weymouth Civic Society, the CPRE and the Wildlife Trust and they were invited to contact him if they would like to obtain more information about these organizations. Members were also asked to send in items of interest for future Newsletters.

The Secretary concluded his report by thanking Kim Knight and Richard Meek for their special support in providing word-processing skills that he so sadly lacked.

6) Treasurer's report. Simon Embler presented the audited accounts for 1997/1998 which showed that the Society had enjoyed a successful year. He drew attention particularly to the reduction in expenses during the period and the sound state of the Society's finances. Balances at the Bank and in petty cash as at 12/3/98 were 636-70 and the Nat. Savings A/c stood at 2365-13. He recommended that subscriptions should remain at the same level as the current year i.e. £2 per household, £1 for people living on their own. On a motion proposed by Fredy Litcher and seconded by Kim Knight the accounts were approved and accepted. The Treasurer's recommendation on the level of subscriptions was accepted on a motion proposed by Joyce Litcher and seconded by Dorothy Embler.

7) Election of Committee. The Secretary reported that of the present Committee only Mrs. Barbara Gates would be standing down although she had kindly agreed to carry on as a subscription collector and Newsletter distributor for the Old Biscuits Lane area. There had been one new

nomination for committee membership made by Joyce Litcher on behalf of Mr. Alan Simpson. On the proposal of Richard Meek seconded by John Backford, the existing committee with the addition of Alan Simpson was re-elected en bloc.

8) Any other business.

(i) 'Teas on the lawn'. Shirley Meek asked if the organisers of the event could re-institute the system of waiter's service instead of the self-service arrangements of last year's event. The Treasurer suggested that it would be appropriate to have a waiter's service to fit in with modern concepts of equality. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with the ladies who had kindly organised the event in past years.

(ii) Marking the Millennium. The Chairman asked members if they had any suggestions that could be considered. Mrs. Susan Jones suggested that the Society should set about the refurbishment of the Lutter Room but the Chairman pointed out that as the Church still owned the premises it would be necessary to spend money on the Room ~~when its future was~~ before any arrangements for the Church to transfer control had been put in place. Dave Sadley warned members that ~~there was a danger~~ that a number of groups within the village were already considering doing something to mark the Millennium and that there was a danger of competition reducing the overall success of a 'village' celebration of the event. The Chairman agreed that he would try to speak to ~~with~~ the people who were involved in promoting events to see if a joint plan could be organised.

(iii) Mr. Pat Bayler asked if the Society would provide an adequate water supply for the Lutter Room. The Treasurer agreed that funds were available should the Society decide to support the ~~proposal~~ <sup>request</sup>. No formal proposal was put to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8-00 p.m.

Following the AGM Mr. Wilfred Weld gave an interesting talk, well-illustrated with slides, of the history of the Salverwell estate and the part played in its development by the Weld family; this included a number of references to the ownership of Saltham Lodge which the family had sold-off to help pay their debt duties in the 1920's. Mr. Weld passed round the original auction book giving details of the sale of properties in the village which greatly interested members. The Chairman thanked Mr. Weld. The evening's activities came to an end at 9-30 p.m.

Proposed: Ken Knight  
Seconded: Kathy Kenly.

Chairman:  
~~W. D. Kenly~~