

Minutes of the meeting on Wed. 5th April 1998 at 'The Wyndings'
Tony Bayle is the Chair.

- 1) Apologies. Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Richard Meek,
Mike Kinley, Alan Simpson and Maurice Teeple.
- 2) Presentation by Peter Jones of an information package
about the CPRE. This consisted of a series of slides
accompanied by a text about the role of the CPRE with
special reference to Dorset. Following the presentation it was agreed
that with imaginative editing of the script and with additional
visual aids, the package could provide the basis of an interesting
talk for Society members if it were combined with another
feature. It was not thought that it could stand alone and be of
sufficient interest to attract a reasonable number of members.
Peter Jones would speak to the CPRE people about revising
the presentation to meet the Society's needs and if the changes
could be made it would form the basis of a talk in the

Letter part of the year.

3) The minutes of the meeting of 18th Feb 1998 were read, approved and signed.

4) Matters arising.

a) Update on the Sutter Room. The Secretary reported on the series of meetings that had been held with Lois Ray, ~~and~~ Neville Wood (PCE) and Dave Gaddy (Unit.ayne letter) with the intention of converting the Room into a village hall with the lease being granted by the Council. It was agreed that the Society should take the initiative in developing the project that would also help to mark the Millennium. The Secretary was asked to organise a meeting of all the interested parties and to invite Lois Ray to attend to explain the procedures to be followed to set up the necessary management/trustee group to develop and manage the project.

b) Planning. (i) The Barn - Puddledock Lane. The Secretary reported on the latest developments. A revised plan had been submitted by Mr. Seal but the size and design of the building remained unchanged ^{with} the location moved to the site of the existing barn & silos. The Society had maintained its objection to the plans and a large number of individuals had also written to the CPO to register their objections. On 7th April, MP and DB together with a consultant, Mr. Ron Salinger, and Mr. G. L. Wayman representing the residents of the Puddledocks had met Mr. Richard Burgess (CPO) and his assistant Mr. Paul Slatter to discuss the application. The impressions gained were favourable indicating that the Planning Dept would probably be recommending a rejection of the application although the planners were concerned that the case would probably go to appeal.

c) Greenhill Barton. M.M. reported that the application

for development had reverted to the original i.e. to develop the site as a centre for walkers and riders. It was agreed to take no further action.

d) Birtan-in-Bloom. Joyce Litchi had received a letter from Mr Arthur Shepherd (W.S.P.C. B-in-B. Chairman) thanking her for the work in support of B-in-B over a number of years and asking her to pass on his appreciation to the Society. He also hoped that at sometime in the future the Society would re-evaluate the competition. Since receiving this letter, Joyce had been informed that little interest was being shown in B-in-B throughout the Borough and that this year's entry for W.S.P. was likely to be cancelled. In the light of this information it was inappropriate to make a financial donation to the ~~town~~^{borough} effort at this stage (see previous minutes) but should there be a change of heart the Society may be inclined to make a financial contribution.

5) Planning matters.

An application has been made to convert 11, Sutton Rd from a shop to a dwelling. It was agreed that given appropriate safeguards about the design of the conversion that this would be a welcome development as the building at present is in a run-down condition.

6) Social matters.

a) Summer walk. Richard Backwell had agreed to organise the walk starting at 6.30 pm on 4th June at Postle. Refreshments would be available at the Hillside Heights Hotel.

b) Bazaar Team. 1st August. M.M. would re-open negotiations with Mrs. Allen to see if she would be prepared to organise the event again.

c) Barbeque - 13th Sept. Arrangements for this

event were in hand and the landlord of the Springfield had agreed to it taking place on his land. The food would not be at the bottom end of the baroque scale and music and games would be provided. Admission would be by ticket only.

7) Treasurer report.

As at 8/4/88 there was an opening balance of £636-70. Expenditure was £133-80 and there had been no income being bank at bank of £495-86 and cash-in-hand of £7-04 leaving a balance of £502-90.

8) Tombola stall - Victoria St. Yagm.

Pete Jones reported on his plans for running the stall. It would be located outside the pub and based in a tent borrowed from the Scouts. The ticket book would be loaned by R.H.H. Tables & benches would be required and he would speak to the organisers about them. He expected Committee members to collect about 14 prizes each and asked for volunteers to visit local shops to seek their support. The prizes should be deposited with PJ or Mrs. Gudy Bachwell. PJ will be organising a preparatory evening at his home to label the prizes etc. K.K. volunteered to contact the shops in Parkside and DB to visit the Chelvey shops and the Dovecote corner shops. PJ would tackle Porchester.

9) 'Peace on Sunday'. PJ felt that the noise levels of gardening implements, particularly on Sundays, was becoming unacceptable and asked if an appeal could be made in the next Newsletter to request readers to reduce their ^{use of} noisy implements. Whilst members had some sympathy with this view, it was felt that a request for people who worked during the week to desist from mowing their lawn on Sunday would be ~~not~~ resented and cause antagonism towards the Society. It was agreed that a more gentle comment in the Newsletter

about restoring an old tradition of not using machinery post-land in the village would be more appropriate.

10) AOB.

a) Collection of subscriptions. A request from Peter & Barbara that the collection of subscriptions should be delayed so that programmes for the St. Mary and requests for tombola prizes could be done at the same time was considered. The members agreed in principle to the request but felt that it should be left to individual collectors to decide if they wished to do this.

b) Letter from WSPBC about Agenda 21. PJ agreed to look into this as he was already involved with Agenda 21 at the County level.

c) Subscriptions. A note to be included in the next Newsletter only to collectors.

d) Tony Bayle drew the attention of the Committee to an article in the Echo in which Brucellin Ellis had referred to the provision of a village green in Sutton Poyntz and asked if any members had any further information about the proposal. No one had.

e) It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Florence Gates to thank her for her work on behalf of the Society.

11) Date of next meeting, 7-30pm on 28th April at 'The Stable'

12) Thanks were given to Simon & Dorothy Cumber for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-20pm.

Secretary - KK
+ JL

~~Secretary~~
Chairman

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