

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 9th July 1998 at Hampton Lodge. Mike Piersley in the Chair.

(1) Apologies Ron Birch and Maureen Tappin.

(2) Minutes of the meeting of 9th June 1998 were read, approved and signed.

(3) Matters arising.

(a) Footpaths. The Secretary reported on his meeting with Mr. Jack de Bortet and telephone conversation with Mr. Fletcher of WPC. (1) The footpath across the fields to the stile below the White Horse had been cleared by the farmer at Jack de Bortet's request. (2) Mr. Fletcher had confirmed that it was not the farmer's/landowner's responsibility to cut the ground cover obstructions such as weeds from the footpaths but overhead or artificial barriers were the responsibility of the farmer/landowner. Members felt that this was a new interpretation of the law and the Secretary was asked to check with Mr. Fletcher whether the law had changed in recent years.

(b) Provision of water tanks - Sutter Room. It was agreed that Society funds should not be committed at this stage whilst discussions on the future of the Room were still a clearly by stage. A suggestion from Tony Bayler that contributions should be sought from other sources such as the Village Fayre Committee was noted but no action was proposed.

(c) Open Gardens and Garden-in-Blow. There was little enthusiasm for these projects and it was agreed that the Society should not become involved. As an alternative Alan Simpson suggested that a 'Waters Festival' could be held and Tony Bayler felt that an exhibition of old photographs and other memorabilia using the Wessex Water museum as a base would be especially appropriate to mark the Millennium. Both suggestions were well-received and the Chairman asked Tony and Alan to work together to draw up a scheme for consideration at the next meeting. He

stressed that any proposal should not be in conflict with the aims of the Victorian Street Fayre Committee.

(d) Tombola Stall - Victorian Street Fayre. Peter Jones confirmed that a donation of £10 had been made to the Scouts for their help in training and erecting the stall. No donation had been made to the RNLI for their loan of the ticket drum.

(e) Springhead over-flow car-park. The Chairman confirmed that the scheme to build and stock a grass-fed around the notice board was still in hand and Simon Embler made suggestions about the most appropriate plants. It was agreed that he should speak to the landlord about the final plant selection. The Committee gave its support to the enterprise.

(4) Management of the Sutton Farm/Mission Hall.

The Chairman gave a report of the meeting of the 'shadow management' committee that had been arranged following the general meeting held on 27th May. Checks on the history and ownership of the Hall including covenants concerning its use had been made which confirmed that the freehold of the property was held by St. Andrew's Church since it took over the building in 1925. The covenants did not restrict the right to make changes for the use of the Hall. The accounts supplied by Neville Wood of the PCC were considered too lacking in detail to form the basis of a business plan. G.P. Allen had been invited to join the group to provide financial expertise as he had agreed to accept the invitation. A business plan would be prepared for consideration at the next meeting planned for 18th August. Ken Knight brought the Committee up to date on the developments with the PCC. He was pleased to report that the PCC had agreed to lease the Hall for 30 years at a rent of £100 p.a. renewable at 5 year intervals. In response to a question from Richard Mead he confirmed that the PCC had not considered the possibility of selling the Hall.

(5) Planning.

(a) Bridge Inn. The proposal to construct a bridge over the garden, which the outside barbecue facilities and children's play area and the carpark had been studied by Rick & Maud as the Chairman. A letter expressing concern about the inadequacy of the tree screening areas, the possibility of noise from the barbecue and children's play area, the impact on other properties of the carpark extension and the increased risk of flooding caused by the bridging work if it narrowed the river, had been sent to the CPO. A copy of the letter would be sent to the Heyworth Civic Society.

(b) Stable ad stone - Valley, Leighton. Plaster house. Members were concerned about the location being inappropriate for a stable with its accompanying smells, waste and flies. Access was also a problem. Richard M. agreed to write to the CPO about this proposal with a copy to Derek Dodge.

(c) Heaven Brown Park. Tony B. confirmed that the application to convert touring caravan parking spaces to permanent structures had been turned down.

(6) Social events.

(a) Brown Tea. Julia Allen had agreed to organise the event and Miss Sanders had made her land available again. It was agreed that the Society would make a donation of £10 to a charity chosen by Miss Sanders and to offer Miss Sanders the opportunity to set up a charity stall at the event.

M.M. was experiencing difficulties in obtaining cups and plates and it was suggested that she should approach Mrs. Tomblin and the Scout Hall people to see if they would lend the Society their crockery. She also requested members to loan their parties sets on the day.

It was confirmed that the event would take place on 1st August with a 2-30pm start and that the charge should be £1-50. R.M. agreed to produce the poster. The tables

ad chairs would be put in place on the Saturday morning with M.P., K.K., T.B. and P.J. offering to help. It was also suggested that Jim Willis should be asked to provide his van to help with the transport of the equipment. R.M. and Dave both would be prepared to take the money on the gate and P.J. would organise the raffle. Raffle prizes should be sent to P.J. in advance. R.M. would need these intentions to serve and then to wash up. J.L. volunteered to help with this work.

(b) Barbecue - 10pm 13th Sept. The landlord of the Springfield had agreed to organise the cooking and M.M. will do the desserts. The charge will be £5 and entrance by ticket only. Members will need to sell the tickets. The presentation of cheques to the various charities supported by the Village Fayre Committee will take place at this event.

(c) Tombola stall - Village Fayre. P.J. reported that the stall run by the Society had raised £597. A detailed analysis would be prepared by him for record purposes should the Society be asked to organise a similar event in the future. The Chairman and members thanked P.J. for the work he had done in organising the stall. A letter of thanks had also been received from Gudy Buckwell on behalf of the Village Fayre Committee.

(7) Treasurer's report.

As at 30th July 1998 there was an opening balance of £188-34 with an income of ~~£127-00~~ £127-00 and expenditures of £28-65 leaving a balance of £286-69.

(8) AOB.

(a) Development of a Village Plan. J.L. enquired about the progress made on the project. The Chairman explained that he had held a meeting on 16th June which was attended by R.M., Jim Williams (WPBC) and Chris Avanti (Community Action Gp.) at which the idea of a village appraisal was discussed.

Chris Avanti had supplied a copy of an exercise done by Melto Abbas including a sample questionnaire. Simon Williams had agreed to send an assessment by WPBC Planning Dept of the place of Satter Point, in their scheme of planning together with a summary of the planning decisions taken in recent years. The Chairman felt that progress was being made and that he would have more information to report at the next meeting.

- (f) New house - Mr. Sed. Favourable comments were made by TB. about the use of Clotel on the building.
- (g) Richard Bachwell circulated a summer wine promotion that had been sent to him by Christopher Pope. Members who wished to take advantage of the special discounts could order through R.S.
- (d) Richard Bachwell proposed and members agreed that the Society should present Dave Gaddy with a bottle of malt whisky in recognition of his work on behalf of charity in organising the Victorian Street Fairs. The presentation would take place at the barbecue on 13th September.
- (2) Waste bins adjacent to the pond. The Chairman would contact WPBC to ask for bins with lids.

(9) Date of next meeting. 7-30 pm 3rd ^{Capt} August at Little Acorns.

Thanks were given to Peter & Sue Jones for their hospitality and the meeting ended at 9-45 pm.

Proposed / Seconded
P.S. R.M.

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