

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 3rd Sept 1988 at 'Little Acorns'. Mike Bently in the chair.

(1) Apologies. Richard Backwell & Simon Embler.

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

(3) Matters arising.

(a) Footpaths. The Secretary reported that he had spoken to Mr. Flitche (WPBC) about landowners' responsibility for the maintenance of footpaths and it had been confirmed that there had not been a recent change in the law. Landowners were required to move overhanging obstructions and artificial barriers e.g. crops but were not responsible for naturally growing ground cover which had to be kept down by usage.

(b) Village Hall. The Chairman confirmed that some progress was being made towards the development of a business plan and that the next meeting of the management shadow committee was to take place on 7th September.

(c) Broom Teas. The Chairman thanked Maureen Morris and others who were involved for helping to run the very successful event. The Secretary had written to non-committee members who were involved to thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Society. A donation of £10 had been sent to the Diabetes Association (see previous minutes). J.L. said that some people had commented about the price of the teas (£1.50) which they considered excessive. It was pointed out that the cost of the teas was only just covered and that the profit was made entirely from the successful raffle run by Peter Jones. The Chairman had received a letter from Mrs. Allen saying that she would not be able to organise the event next year as the Saunders barn would not be available. It was agreed that further

Thought should be given to where it would be appropriate to hold the event in 1999. There was general support for the view that every effort should be made to ensure that the event ~~should~~^{will} be held annually.

(d) New house - Puddingstone house. Questions had been raised about whether the house could be sold, given that planning permission had only been granted on appeal on the grounds that it was intended for the use of a stockman to manage the farm. The Chairman had consulted the CPO about his interpretation of the Inspector's Report of 1993 and it was Mr. Boyer's view that the house could be sold to a farmer or retired farmer. MP had a copy of the report and he would circulate it to members.

(e) Bins near the pond. A letter had been sent to the acting Borough Engineer asking for the bins to be upgraded.

(f) Village Plan. The Chairman felt that slow progress was being made and recommended that the approach should be to draw up a village appraisal along the lines used by Milton Abbas. A copy of this appraisal would be circulated to members to be returned to MP by the time of the next meeting. Soft-ware was available and details were distributed to members. It was agreed that MP and R.M. should continue their research into providing a village appraisal for Sutter Point.

(g) Ideas for the Millennium. Tony Boyler circulated a paper listing a number of suggestions that he and Alan Simpson had drawn up. It was agreed that they should develop their ideas further with the emphasis on those events that would bring people together and using the Wrenn White facilities, and which by the way should be at Village Hall.

4) Social events, on 13th September - Barbecue. Maureen Morris outlined the plans for this event. It was agreed that MP & she would abide on the location of the barbecue. A working party of committee members would assemble at 5-0pm on 12th Sept to put furniture in place

and transport tables and chairs. M.P. would make a presentation to Peter
buddy (see last minutes) and entertainment would be provided by
D.C. and John Harrison. It was hoped that the pub. band would
also play. M.M. asked for three applications (MT and Kent Knight agreed
to provide them) and reminded members that volunteers would
be needed for washing ^{clearing} up. Tickets were allocated to members and M.M.
asked for returns & money by 9th September.

(b) Talking Newspapers. The Secretary read out a letter from
the organisation responsible for producing the Newspaper in which an
offer had been made to come to a Society meeting to explain
about the work. It was felt that such work was very laudable
and deserved support but it was not felt to be an appropriate subject
for a Society meeting. The Secretary was asked to write to the
organisation to explain this and to say that publicity would be
given to the work being done in the next SPS Newsletter.

6) Planning. R.M. reported as follows:

(a) Valley Cottage - Stable Block. This application had been
approved.

(b) Stroudley Cottage - re-application had again been
rejected.

(c) Erection of shed - Hampton Lodge, Planets line. New
application. Members did not wish to object to this application.

(d) Weymouth & Poole Environmental Partnership meeting 5th August.
Peter Jones had attended on behalf of the Society and found that the
meeting had not made much progress going over old ground. He
would continue to attend ~~on behalf~~ represent the Society in
the hope that more progress could be made in the future.

7) Treasurer's report.

An opening balance of £286-69 with income of
£214-36 and an expenditure of £98-63 leaving a closing balance

of 4402-42 (1190-86 of land and 1211-56 east-hand).

8) Telephone box opposite the bus shed. PJ was concerned about the state of maintenance and it was agreed that the Secretary should raise the matter with BT.

9) CPRE - (Mid-Dorset Group) AGM. 8th Oct. Anyone interested in attending should contact Peter Jones.

10) AOB.

a) KK asked if anyone knew ~~of~~ of the owner of a large refuse sack (not disposable) that had turned up on his land. He would continue to keep it in case someone wished to reclaim it.

b) AS drew the members attention to the increased parking of cars opposite the building site on South Rd. The Chairman felt that little could be done but asked the Secretary to have a word with the Community Association.

c) Footpaths. The general decline in standards was noted by JH, and she was particularly concerned about the paths from Puddleduck Lane through the fields to the rear of Pleistone Lane which were not signed, parked and were now being played over and the path in the field behind Hunt's Workshop. It was agreed that contact should be made with ³⁹WPPC about the footpaths and she and Alan Simpson would organise a working party to clear the path in the road.

d) Offer of land for sale - boundary rationalisation. Ron Birch raised this point because of a number of comments made to him by local residents. He wondered whether anything could be done about it and if the Society had a role to play. The Chairman confirmed that he had already spoken to Richard Burgess (CPO) about the letter that had been sent by Mr. Seal's agent to the local residents and that the CPO had written to Braden, the agent, about what was on offer. Apparently strips of land

35 ft deep were available for purchase. R. Burgess had informed Mr. [unclear] of a household bought a strip of this agricultural land it could not stably, yielding to use as a domestic garden. It was decided that the Society did have a legitimate interest in this matter because it had a bearing on the boundaries of the conservation area. At a planning meeting R.M. was asked to write to Richard Burgess expressing concern should there be any changes to existing boundaries.

a) Just outside the Greenhead. The poor condition was described by Tony B. who felt that something should be done to improve it. It was agreed that a sub-committee would examine the land in more detail and report back to the next meeting.

f) Garden - Autumn. Tony B. at the meeting, was asked to make out an approximate year for late Oct/Nov.

11) Date of next meeting. Thursday 15th Oct. at 'The Red'

Thanks were given to Ron & Vivie Bell for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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