

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 15th October 1982
at 3, Sutton Close, Richard Mead in the chair.

- (1) Apologies - Tony Doyle, Samir Embler, Ken Knight, Maura Morris, Mike Bentley, Alan Simpson, Maura Taylor.
- (2) The minutes of the meeting of 3rd Sept. were read, approved and signed.
- (3) Matters arising -

(a) Cream teas. J.K. asked if an item could be included in the next Newsletter explaining that the charge for the teas only just covered the costs and that the profit made was attributable to the coffee. Members did not support this suggestion.

(b) Waste bins. R.M. reported that M.C. had received a telephone call in response to his request for 'tidy' waste bins. The acting Borough Engineer's response was unhelpful in that he indicated that he was satisfied that the present provision was adequate on the grounds that the bins were emptied regularly and that the design was appropriate for the area and finally that the Council did not have funds available to replace them. It was decided that it would be pointless to take further action at this stage especially as the current season was at an end. If the problem became worse next season the Council would be approached again to do something about the failure of the bins to accommodate the rubbish in an effective way.

(c) Telephone bank. The Secretary had contacted BT about the state of the bank and the interview of the bank had been pleasant and better conditions explained. BT had asked her if the work was satisfactory and the response was 'so far so good' but the bank needed repairing. The BT official had agreed to look into this but had not been able to

confirm a date for the work to be commissioned. BT had promised to come back with a date as soon as possible.

(d) Overflow culvert - Springhead. RM. confirmed that it was still the intention of MP to construct a stone-walled surround for the sign and to plant shrubs in it.

(e) (i) Footpaths. Jh. had been unable to organise a working party to clear the thistles along the path in the field behind Humbly but she had contacted Bob Beare (DCC member) and he had put her in touch with Tom Waine the officer at County Hall responsible for footpaths. She was hoping that he would take action.

(ii) Paths behind Plaster house. The Secretary had reported the problem of over-flouping to Graham De Bontet and WDDC.

(iii) Diagonal path to White Horse. The Secretary had noted that the newly erected signpost had been ^{blown} away and this was reported to Graham De Bontet who had been responsible for arranging its erection in the first place. Subsequently, it was replaced, only to be knocked down again and thrown into the ditch. The Secretary had re-erected it.

(iv) RM. commented that his son-in-law, John Hayes who is a County-side Warden, had received a very nasty response from Mr. Seal's agents when he had requested permission to improve some of the signposting on the land to the east of the village.

(f) Boundary rationalization. Sale of plots. A letter had been sent to the CPO expressing concern should there be increased fragmentation of the boundaries and the possible adverse effect on the 'gaps' that were an integral part of the structure plan. A reply from the CPO had been received together with a copy of his letter to Mr. Seal's agents in which he expressed reservations about the extension of garden areas. The letter indicated that any land purchased would not be incorporated into the existing outlay of the dwellings and would not be used for other than

agricultural ^{purposes} ~~uses~~. R.B. informed the members of a meeting of
landholders who had received the offer of sale that had been held
in the Sutter Room. Four options had been discussed - (a) the status
quo; (b) buying by individuals; (c) a co-operative purchase and (d)
the fear of M. Seal applying for building permission again. R.B.
said that the status quo was the likely outcome on
the grounds that the agents had said that all the residents had
to buy or the sales would not go ahead. Whilst many were prepared
to buy the plots, others were not interested.

(f) Speaker for Oct/Nov. Terry Healey had agreed to speak
on the subject of Victorian Donorship on 29th October.

(4) Planning. (a) Sam Appeal. RM. confirmed that a letter
had been sent ~~confirming~~ ^{outlining} the Society's continued opposition
to the project. M.P. had also contacted those who had written
individual letters at the time of the original application to write
again. It was also noted that Mr. Jacobs of the Waterside Caravan
Park had also joined in the protest because he was afraid
of the possibility of flooding should the project be allowed.

(b) Harver Caravan Park. A re-submission had been
made for permission to convert a touring caravan parking area into
a static caravan area. The Society had opposed the original
application. It was agreed to write again opposing the re-application.

(c) Window in the Mill. A letter from Maurice and
David Morris was read out by RM. An application to obtain
planning permission had been made, retroactively, by the Morris
and there had been complaints from a neighbour about the replacement
of a door by a window. The letter explained that the window
had been commissioned with other alterations overseen by Mr. Suttell
of Hocking & Partners and he had assured them that planning
permission was not necessary as it had been granted some
time ago. This had proved to be bad advice from the
architect and it had subsequently become clear that

planning permission should have been sought. M.M. acknowledged that his position on the Planning sub-committee could be a cause of embarrassment to the Committee, given that planning regulations had not been observed, although this had not been done deliberately and ~~was~~ was the responsibility of the architect. In the light of this difficulty, he offered to resign. Members felt that a genuine error had occurred through no fault of Mr. & Mrs. Morris and that his offer to resign was unnecessary and should not be accepted. The Secretary was asked to inform M.M. of this decision. R.M. went on to explain the nature of the alteration and he reported on his visit to WPBC office where he had received the plans and taken to two planning officers. It was agreed that he should write to the CPO explaining that it was difficult for the Society to take a strong view on this application on the grounds that the alteration to the Mill had little or no overall impact and that the dispute was a localized one between neighbours that had arisen through incorrect advice being given by the architect employed by Mr. & Mrs. Morris.

(d) Erection of stone plinth - White Horse Lane. Members questioned the need for a small stone plinth that was being constructed by Mr. Gray to carry a sign saying the roadway was not for ^{general} vehicular use and was restricted to farm vehicles. It was decided to defer any action until ~~more~~ further investigation could take place.

(5) Social activities. (a) Thurs. 29th Oct. at 7-30pm in the Sutter Room - Terry Hearing will talk on 'Life in Victorian Dorchester'. The talk will be illustrated.

(b) Christmas Party. Nothing to report.

(6) Treasurer's report. In S. E. absence there was nothing to report.

(7) Correspondence. The Secretary had received information about the AGM of the Dorset Branch of the CPRE to

- (10) Millennium celebrations. In the absence of Tony Bayle and Alan Simpson it was reported by ~~the Chairman~~ ^{R.M.} that M.P. had been approached by the WI and had subsequently spoken to representatives of the Street Fairs Committee to suggest that there should be a joint ~~with~~ celebration by the three groups. This approach was welcomed by the members and Ron Birch proposed and Leslie Buckwell seconded, a suggestion that T.B. and A.S. if they were willing, should join a working party including representatives from the other two organisations to plan a Sutton Poyntz celebration for the Millennium.
- (11) Future speakers. P.J. suggested that the female Governor of HM401 or Dorchester should be invited to speak to the Society during Lent. R.M. was asked to carry ^{out} enquiries to ascertain the suitability and availability of these ladies as speakers before an official approach is made.
- (12) Date of next meeting. 7-30 pm Tues. 17th Nov. 1998 at The Rect.

The meeting closed at 9-47pm. Thanks were given to G.D.B. for their hospitality.

Proposed P.J.
Seconded R.B.

Signed
~~R.M.~~ R.M.