

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Tues. 17th Nov 1998 at
'The Loft'. Mike Presley in the chair.

- (1) Apologies - Richard Bachwell, Joyce Leitch, Alan Simpson
- (2) The minutes of the meeting of 15th October were read, approved & signed
- (3) Matters arising:

(a) Telephone kiosk. The Secretary reported that BT had confirmed that the kiosk was scheduled for repainting in the Spring/Summer of 1999.

(b) Footpaths. Grahame Leitch has been informed of the problems and would take up the matter with the appropriate people. It was agreed that an item should be included in the next Newsletter exhorting residents to care for footpaths around the village so that they would not fall into disuse.

(c) Village appraisal. There was a general discussion about the notes of the Milton Abbas questionnaire and its relevance to Sutton Bogate. The concept of a village appraisal for SP was questioned, given that the village did not have a parish council. PJ produced a document he had obtained from the Brentnails Commission which gave clear guidelines on the suitability of an appraisal for a place like SP. It was agreed that PJ should obtain more copies for members to study to enable them to come to a better-informed decision on whether to proceed with an appraisal. If the committee decides to go ahead, it was essential that ~~there must~~ the whole village must be involved and that the process would have to be carefully managed by an effective ^{group} committee with the necessary skills to organise the appraisal.

At the Chairman's suggestion, a small sub-committee of RM, PJ & MT would collect committee members views once they had read the CC report and if there was

support for CE appraisal, arrangements would be put in hand to call a village meeting ~~to put the proposals to seek CE necessary~~ backing for CE appraisal. There would be no pretence in proceeding without CE enthusiastic support of CE community. It was also agreed that enquiries should be carried out to check whether SP could become established a parish council.

d) Lutter Room. A business plan had been developed and it was hoped that it would soon be possible to make application for grant aid.

e) Millennium celebrations. Tony Bayle reported on CE discussions that had been held with representatives of CE W/ and CE Street Lane Committee. The following suggestions had been made: -

- (i) a montage of old photographs.
- (ii) a Millennium book which villagers would be invited to sign and be given as presents.
- (iii) a barbecue at midday followed by a twilight procession.
- (iv) a stone plaque or something similar (T.D. had spoken to Mr. Golliff who was prepared to donate an appropriate piece of stone).
- (v) old photo exhibit.
- (vi) tree planting.
- (vii) a large Christmas tree.
- (viii) a music festival, possibly using CE Parish choir, Melsted had asked the future Mr. Simpson.
- (ix) the production of souvenirs - Leonard Stally had been consulted and Mr. Simpson was prepared to develop the project.
- (x) scrabble held by CE Society.

The Chairman asked T.D. to carry on his discussions and to report back with a number of firm recommendations. The Committee agreed in principle to provide financial support for CE church projects. Most members were enthusiastic about a stone sign at CE entrance to SP on Lutter Rd.

(f) Speakers - Feb. 1999.

Following enquiries it was decided not to invite either Mr. G. or Mrs. J. 44401 or of HMV Doncaster to speak to CE Society. Further enquiries would be made about CE availability of Mr. T. Tame of HMV The Vale. Given a satisfactory report, CE Society should invite Mr. Tame to speak about life in a modern parish.

4) Planning. RM reviewed the current applications.

(a) 32, Sutter Rd. - alterations & extensions at the rear of the house.
- no objections were raised.

(b) The Barn appeal. The Inspector's decision was still awaited. Tony B. had heard a rumour that W.P.B.C. Planning Dept had failed to forward all the letters of local residents to the Inspector. The Chairman agreed to check this story.

(c) The changes proposed at the Bridge Inn had been carried out.

(d) Retrospective planning permission to install a window at 'The Mill' had been granted.

There followed a discussion about the state of Manor Lane Cottages and RM agreed to carry out further investigations.

A letter from Mr. M. Doyle addressed to the Chairman about the changes at 'The Mill' was read out by RM together with the Chairman's reply. It was agreed that the Committee should not take any further action in this matter.

The Chairman ~~again~~ commented on the new building on White House Lane which seemed much larger than the one on the planning application. The Society had not objected to the original application but had only expressed concern about the building line and the materials. He felt that the ^{members of the} Planning sub-committee of the Society should familiarize themselves with the regulations and guidelines on such items as listed buildings and conservation areas and that all future applications should be more carefully scrutinized to ensure that the finished building ~~is~~ is as envisaged in the planning application.

5) Social. Christmas Party 8-9pm Fri. 11th Dec in the Sutter Room. M.M. had put in place the arrangements and confirmed that entertainment would be provided by Chris Galpin's piano triage. Members were asked to provide mince pies. It was agreed that there should be an admission charge of 1/2. There would be a Chinese raffle organised by PJ and he was authorised

to buy prizes up to £30. Publicity would be given to the event in the next Newsletter and by slips delivered to households.

6) Treasurer's report. There was an opening balance of £402.42 on 17/11/98. Income of £124.03 and expenditure of £166.75 leaving a closing balance of £460.70 - £318 cash at bank and £142.29 cash in hand.

7) AOB.

a) Water heater - Sutter Room. TB raised the issue of the provision of a water heater by the Society. MP reminded him of the previous decision to await the outcome of the discussion ^{about} the conversion of the Sutter Rm. into a village hall before committing any expenditure.

b) Weymouth Civic Society. R Boyd as the Soc. representative reported on the AGM which had been held on Mon. 16th November. Awards had been made for the developments at (i) The Captains House - Portsea (ii) The Royal Hotel, and (iii) Westbury House. He had paid the affiliation fee on behalf of the Society. He felt that in future it would be helpful if an officer of the SPS could attend future meetings of the WSC.

c) Stone plinth - White Horse Lane. RM. asked whether anyone had looked at this. A number of members commented that it had been erected by Mr. Young to avoid driving not to encroach any further down the lane. It was not a hazard or an eyesore and it was agreed that no action should be taken by the Society.

d) Environmental Partnership - W.P.B.C. PJ would be attending as the Society's representative on 18th Nov.

e) Willows around the pond. MM commented on the latest removal of a tree which she felt had been badly carried out.

f) Scrap cars on the supplementary car-park of the Greyhound. S.E. was asked to have a word with Peter Smith to see if they could be removed.

g) Seminar on the future of transport in W.P. - 27th Nov. The Secretary would provide details if any member was interested in attending.

8) Date of next meeting Tues. 19th Jan. 1999 at 'The Mill'.

9) Thanks were given to M & K. Pandy for their hospitality and the meeting ended at 9-55 pm.

Proposed PJ
Seconded by KK.

Signed ~~M. Pandy~~ M. Pandy