

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th January 1999 at
Sutton Lodge. M.P. in the Chair.

1) Apologies. Ron Birch, Joyce Litchi, Richard Backwell and Mervyn Topp.

2) The minutes of the meetings of 17th November and 2nd December were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising (17th Nov meeting)

a) Speaker. It was agreed that the Secretary should write the Governor of HM Prison to Urquhart to speak to the Society at a date in February.

b) The Barn - Puddledock Lane. Planning appeal. The Chairman reported that the Inspector had visited the site on 6th January and the Planning Dept. expected a decision within the next few weeks.

c) Cars parked in the Springhead 'overflow' carport. Simon Embler had spoken to the landlord and it had been confirmed that two of the cars were owned by Tony of the tented and that the third one was owned by Tom Coombes. Peter Smith had asked Tony to remove the cars as soon as possible and Tom Coombes had already removed his vehicle.

d) Willows around the pond. M.M. reported that the unsightly stump of a willow had now been removed by W.P.S.C. workers.

2nd Dec meeting

a) Membership of the Millennium Group was confirmed. Tony B. and Richard Backwell would represent the Society and would consult with Alan Simpson now that he had been able to rejoin the Committee.

b) Work at the Springhead. Simon Embler had discussed the future with Peter Smith and it was agreed by the members that it should be left on site under the stewardship of P.S.

4) Village appraisal.

The working party had not completed its report but a decision expected it to be ready within a ~~few days~~^{short time} and circulated to members for consideration at the next meeting.

5) Nellenham arrangements.

Tom B. reported that the joint working party had not met since the last Committee meeting as the list of suggestions discussed at the November meeting were still under consideration. A few suggestions were made by Alvin Simpson that commemorating Russian dolls could be obtained relatively cheaply. This suggestion would be passed on to the working party.

6) Social events.

of M.M. expressed her concern about the annual pattern of events, in particular the lack of support for some of them including the Christmas Party.

After a considerable debate it was agreed that in the coming year there would not be a Christmas Party. The programme would still include the Summer walk, the Brown Fens and an Autumn event (a bus tour was suggested). A speaker would be sought for the AGM. and at the suggestion an item would be included in the next Newsletter setting out the views of the Committee and inviting responses from the membership if they knew of good speakers who would be suitable for the limited programme of talks currently organised by the Committee. It was also agreed that there should be a joint meeting with the WI for one of the talks in the programme.

4) AGM. It was agreed to try to arrange this for 20th April and Tom B. would contact Mr. G. Poole to invite him to be the speaker. Another suggestion if Mr. Poole was not available was Mr. Roy Adams of the Society of Dialect Men.

7) Planning

a) R.M. reported on few current applications.

- (i) Bridge Inn. Extension to restaurant at toilet block.
- (ii) Rose Tree Cottage - Bridge Inn Lane. Extension.
- (iii) Mission Hall Lane. Erection of 3 bedroomed house.
- (iv) 68, Sutter Rd. Erection of a double garage.

The following responses to WPBC Planning Dept. were agreed.

(i) No objection in principle but questioning the danger of increased traffic and the difficult access to the main road. The vice factor also needed consideration if there were to be a growth in the number using the Bridge Inn.

(ii) No objections.

(iii) No basic objection but worries about traffic and a request that thatch should be used.

(iv) No objection given that the height of the garage was reasonable.

R.M. confirmed that the third application to build on land adjacent to No. 3. Stroudley Crescent had been turned down.

b) The height of new properties.

Members were concerned about the height of some of the new houses currently being built, in particular the house on White Horse Lane and the one in Old Orchard, Alveston Lane. The Chairman agreed that the Planning sub-committee would pay particular attention to the height factor with future applications.

8) Treasurer's report

As at 19/1/89 there was an opening balance of £460.70
Income was £62.37 and expenditure £54.88 leaving a closing balance
of £448.59 (£417.61 cash at bank and £30.98 cash in hand.)

9) AOB

a) Tony B. enquired if whether there would be any interest in organising a trip to the home of the Poyntz family at Elm Acton and combining this with a visit to Berkeley Castle. There was general support for the suggestion and it was thought that the summer of 2000 would be an appropriate time.

b) WPBC Environmental Partnership. PJ enquired that he would continue to represent the Society.

c) Links with Gwney Society. The Chairman reported on his conversation with Michael Goodman of the Gwney Society. It was agreed that a shuttle match should be arranged for early March. The Chairman would contact M.G.

d) Wymouth Civic Society. RM. agreed to join Ron Birch as the Society's representative on the W.C.S.

e) Development of the Village Hall.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the working group held on 13th Jan. It had been agreed at that meeting that the project should be taken forward on the basis of a 30 year lease ~~from~~^{from} St. Andrew's PCC. An agenda for a public meeting had been drawn up which was to be held on 4th Feb. It was hoped to obtain approval to carry the project forward to elect a formal management committee for the hall. The Society would print and circulate the notices for the meeting.

f) K.K. volunteered to look after the scrapbook for the Society.

g) Wall on Messin-Hall Lane. The Chairman was concerned about the potential demolition of the wall belonging to Mrs. Coombes. It was agreed not to take any action except that RM. would consult the Planning Dept. about the legal aspects of taking down walls in a conservation area.

c) Date of next meeting - 7-30pm 2nd March at KKS.

d) There are given to T & P Rights for the legitimacy & a
meeting closed at 9-55pm
Proposed R.B.

Respected Tom B

Signed Moderator