

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at  
3, South Lane. MR in the Chair.

1) Apologies - Messrs Tappin, Richard Buckwell, Ken Knight  
and Alan Simpson.

2) The minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> Jan were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising.

a) Spender for Feb/March. The Secretary reported that the  
Governor of Harlow has the view now not able to offer  
a convenient date and the talk had been postponed until  
the Autumn.

→ 4) Other matters arising would be covered under the agenda items.  
→ a) Letter. The joint meeting with Openy Society would take place  
on 11<sup>th</sup> March at Old Manor Arms. Starts off at 7.30 pm.

4) Valley Structure Plan.

The Chairman outlined the work that had been carried out  
by the sub-committee and this was followed by Richard Mead  
and Peter Goss giving more details about sections of the Plan.  
Some examples of the contents were circulated to the members  
and comments were sought. Some specific points were raised  
and on the same night given to the South Lane / Manor  
Hall, the need to encourage detailed preparation and the presentation

of photographs in the financial document. It was decided that the financial document should not offer any data for potential development. The estimate cost for the production of ten copies of the report was \$223 with a provision for further copies. Members discussed the likely demand for copies and it was agreed generally that at least 50 copies would be required.

The Chairman sought approval to continue with the production of the draft report for presentation to the AGM of the Society and this was agreed.

### 5) Millennium arrangements

Tom Hughes reported that he and the Village group had had been set up but you had not held a meeting since the last Committee meeting and no decisions had been taken about the various suggestions that had been raised at previous meetings. He was hoping that a questionnaire - can - committee would be established in the village outlining the proposals and inviting comments. In the meantime he was about to contact Miss White to discuss a tree planting scheme and he showed the members an estate impression of a stone sign post for better light which was received with welcome. He would report back on further developments to the next meeting.

### 6) Social events & AGM

- a) MAM reports that he was to make arrangements for a tea dance to be held in late September or early October.
- b) AGM. There had now been arrangements for 15<sup>th</sup> April and coffee party would be the guest speaker. Unfortunately MAM would be away at that time and Ron had agreed to arrange for a car to be provided. It was agreed that there would not be a coffee at that minute if the last AGM would be printed and placed around the room.
- c) Brain Teas. Two previous dates were made -

31<sup>st</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Chairman offered his garden as a venue but would speak to Ken Knight about the alternative use of the garden & discussing outside the Old Stables because it enjoyed a more readily accessible site for casual visitors who may wish to join in.

## 7) Planning

a) R.M. confirmed that letters had been sent to the W.P.B.C. Planning Dept about the applications referred to in the previous minutes. A further letter had been sent on 1<sup>st</sup> March about the planned building on Mission Hall Lane asking the Planning Officers to take particular care to ensure that the height of the proposed building did not exceed that set down in the plans.

b) Road at the rear of 15/17 Uxbridge Rd. Development of two detached houses and two semi-detached houses by Gilliffers. This application had only been received on 1<sup>st</sup> March and the Planning sub-ctte would be looking into the proposal.

c) The Barn - Puddledock Lane. The Engineer's report was still awaited.

8) Treasurer's report of the National Savings account now stood at £2619-86.

(b) Project debit - C.P.R.G. A letter from Nat. West. was read out by S.E. which explained that the bank had lost the original mandate but would continue its search for it.

## 9) Village Hall developments.

The meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. referred to in the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> January meeting had taken place and a Village Hall Committee had been elected &/or nominated. S.E. was the representative of the S.P.S. on the V.H.C. No formal meetings of the V.H.C. had been held since 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. but discussions

about the legal arrangements and ratings had been taking place. It is anticipated that the UHC will need to raise an initial sum of about \$1000 to get the project launched.

## 10) AOB.

a) It was reported that the card tables in the Morris Hall were not to be used at the request of the artist club who had recently had them recovered. Members were indignant at this petty-minded, anti-community attitude of the artist players. Ron Buck agreed to speak to the leader of the card players, Mrs Gough to assure her that if any of the tables should be damaged by the Society they would be repaired at the Society's expense.

b) Subscriptions. In response to a question from P.J. it was agreed that subscriptions should remain at the present level of \$2 per household (\$1 per single) for collection by the end of June. J.L. had not received a full list of current members from Charlene Gates and the Secretary was asked to contact C.G. to obtain her list.

c) P.J. asked about the use of footpaths <sup>to riders</sup> ~~previously~~ <sup>previously</sup> prohibited. It was pointed out that the farms had given special permission to use these paths and that the Society was not able to take any action.

d) Tony B. asked if Ron Buck could use his influence with the St. Andrew's PCC to ask them to erect a flagpole to mark the Millennium.

e) Ron Buck reported that there were a number of articles at the top that would be useful for the old part at the Springhead. Some E. agreed to look into this.

f) League of Friends - W.P. Hospital. The Secretary read out a letter inviting the Society to send two members to a special supper that had been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> March with the added request that the members may like to join the League of Friends. There were no volunteers and the Secretary was

asked to inform the members of things that they would be no  
representatives from the SPS attending.

g) National Spring Clean. It was agreed that the Society would  
not request any 'clean-up kit' but would place a notice  
in the next Newsletter if this was published at an appropriate  
time.

h) Boat on the pond. The Chairman informed members that he had  
been approached by someone from a model boat club  
who wanted to use the pond on a couple of occasions  
per year to sail a small number of models. The Chairman  
had spoken to the people living around the pond and the answer  
was a cautious approval. He had spoken to the model boat  
club from pointing out that the Society had no authority in the  
matter but thanked him for his courtesy in raising it with us.  
He had also passed on the comments of the pond 'residents' (last  
the church) and had received assurances that the use of the pond  
would be limited. Members, with the exception of J.L. agreed  
with the Chairman.

i) R.M. confirmed that he had received an assurance from  
WPBC Planning Dept. that all the letters of objection about  
the bus development had been passed to the Inspector. This  
matter had been raised by Tony S. at a previous meeting.

j) This was a discussion about a removal introduction of 'mobiles  
zone' status in the village with a specific reference to the  
Springfield. S.E. would investigate.

11) Date of next meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30.

12) The meeting closed at 10-10pm. Thanks were given  
to I.D.B. for their hospitality.

Proposed PJ  
Seconded JL

Signed  
