

Minutes of the AGM of the S.P. Society, 15th April 1999.
Held in the Messin Hall with M. Benby in the chair, 52
members in attendance.

1) Apologies

Mr. & Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Mrs. Bushwell, Mrs. Mrs. Moses, Mr. & Mrs. Neill,
Maureen Tappin, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. & Mrs. Telford and Mrs. Tamplin.

2) Minutes of the AGM of 12th March 1998 were approved and
signed.

3) Matters arising.

There were no matters raised by members.

4) Chairman's report.

The Chairman outlined the social events that had taken place
during the past year. These included the Summer Ball, Brown
Teas, Boboone and Christmas Party. He also referred to the very
successful Victorian Street Stage to which the Society had
contributed. He thanked in particular Maureen Morris, Mrs. &
Bushwell, John Allen, Chris Gulp for their contributions and
all the other members who had assisted with the organisation
and running of the events. Thanks were also given to Miss Sanders
for allowing the use of the barn for the Brown Teas.

Millennium celebrations. The Chairman explained that as
a result of comments made at the last AGM, a joint
working party consisting of two representatives ^{each} from the Society,
the club and the Victorian Street Stage Committee had
met on a number of occasions to discuss various
proposals. A newsletter listing the suggestions had been
printed and circulated by the Society, on behalf of the
working party, in the hope that residents would respond
indicating their views about the proposals.

Planning. In a review of the planning applications

for developments in Sutter Point, the Chairman highlighted
for applications for more detailed comment as follows -

(i) The Barn Development - Puddledale Lane. He explained
that because of the scale of this project the Society had
employed the services of a consultant in drawing up objections
to the development. The WPC had turned down the application
only for Mr. Seal to appeal. This had in turn been refused
by the government inspector. ~~He~~ ^{the Society} felt that the Society's vigorous
action had been vindicated by the final outcome.

(ii) House on White Horse Lane. The Society had not objected
in principle to this application but the height of the finished
building had been a surprise to members living in the area.

(iii) House on the site of the Old Orchard. This ~~was~~ was a similar case
to the White Horse Lane but even on a bigger scale.

The two applications had alerted the Committee to take even
greater care when scrutinizing plans, to check the height
and scale of the proposed developments as it appears that variations
on these can be agreed between developers and planners without
further reference to residents living around the new properties.

(iv) Development at the rear of the Mission Hall. The Chairman was
impressed that the joint owners of the area including St. Andrew's
PCC had made an application in spite of the assurance given
by officials of the PCC at a meeting with the officers of
the Society held on 24th Nov. 1997 that there were no
plans or intentions of developing the site and that it would
remain an open space. He encouraged members to write
and register their opposition to the scheme. This was warmly
supported by various members from the floor and to attend a meeting
~~held at the~~ ^{held at the} ~~open~~ ^{open} ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} ~~planned~~ ^{planned} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~Wednesday~~ ^{on Wednesday} 21st ~~April~~ ^{April} to voice their protest.
Village Hall. The Chairman asked Norma Brown, the Chairman
of the new Village Hall Management Committee to report on
progress to-date. A number of meetings had been held and a few
key points were awaiting clarification before the next stage of
applying for grants could take place. The hall will be called

the Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall.

Valley Survey. The Chairman drew the attention of members to a display of the contents of the Valley Survey that had been undertaken on behalf of the Society and which would be passed to W.P.B.C. Planning Dept. for them to incorporate the conclusions of the survey in the preparation of the next up-date of the Local Plan for W.P.B. It was clear from the quality of the work on display that a great deal of effort had gone into its production and the Chairman thanked Richard Meach and Peter Jones for their input in helping him to put together the survey and Ian Jefferies for his help in printing the results. Once the final publication was available he hoped that members would be prepared to buy copies.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking the members for attending in such numbers and the members of the Committee for their work during the year.

5) Secretary's report.

The Secretary had little to add to the full report made by the Chairman. Members were requested to put forward ideas for future speakers or events.

6) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Society were in a very sound state and he circulated copies of the income and expenditure account and a summary of accounts for 1998/99. Expenditure during the year had been higher than the previous year and that was the result of a payment of £296.10 consultancy fees that the Chairman had referred to in his report. The Treasurer felt that the money was well spent and affordable. He also recommended that the subscriptions for the coming year should remain the same for 1999/2000. This recommendation was put to the meeting and its acceptance.

was proposed by Fredy Litchi and seconded by Peter Gies. The motion was carried unanimously.

George Litchi proposed and Peter Gies seconded that the accounts should be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

7) Election of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that Mervyn Tepper had resigned and the Secretary confirmed that the other members of the Committee were prepared to continue to serve. No other nominations had been received. The Chairman asked if anyone ~~was~~ wished to join the Committee and Mrs. Julie Allen indicated that she was prepared to serve. She was then formally proposed by Ken Kempster and seconded by Eve Wilkison and unanimously supported by the members. Mrs. Rowbottom then proposed the election of the Secretary members and this was seconded by Mrs. P. Bayle. The meeting agreed unanimously to the re-election of the Committee.

8) AOB

There was no business raised and the meeting ended at 8-24pm.

Following the meeting wine and soft drinks were served by Mrs. Geoffrey Poole gave a fascinating illustrated talk on 'Don't you my not have noticed'. The Chairman thanked M. Poole for entertaining and educating the Society members.

Prop. K.K.
Sec. A.B.

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