

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Weds, 5th May 1999 at the Old Stables. Mike Parnley in the chair.

- 1) Mrs Julie Allen was welcomed by the Chairman to her first meeting of the ~~Committee~~ as a member of the Committee.
- 2) Apologies. Ron Birch and Maureen Morris.
- 3) Appointment of Officers. The Chairman (M.P.), Secretary (D.B.), Treasurer (S.E.), Social Sec (M.M.) V-Chairman (R.M.) and Membership Sec. (J.L.) all agreed to serve for another year and were confirmed in office by the members. Signed by J.H. and rec'd by P.J.
- 4) Minutes of the meeting of 2nd March were read, approved and signed.
- 5) Matters arising
 - a) Tree planting in field adjacent to waterworks. The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Waverley Water requesting a plan of the proposed planting area for the Estates Office to check. The letter went on to say that support for the project was likely. Tony Bayler agreed to prepare the plan and to liaise with Waverley Water.
 - b) Appeal against the decision of WBC Planning Dept to refuse planning permission for the large barn off Puddledale Lane. The Chairman explained that the appeal had been turned down by the Inspector.
 - c) Cart-wheels. Simon Embler had approached the manager of the refuse dumps at a 'Pop' but had been informed that the wheels were not for sale.
 - d) Village Hall. S.E. reported on the latest developments. The V.H. Committee had written to the Rector about the proposed development in the Orchard off Monie Hall Lane outlining possible alternative uses for the land. Legal business

associated with the transfer of the house from the PCC to the VAC was also going forward.

2) Hay pole - St. Andrews Church. The members agreed to make a contribution to the purchase of a haypole. Ken Knight agreed to liaise with the PCC.

6) Planning.

R.M. gave a brief update on recent planning applications and the response of the Planning sub-committee. No objections had been raised about (i) garage at 68, Fether Rd (ii) conservatory at Old Orchard and (iii) proposed development of a cottage at the junction of Minnie Hall Lane and Plaistons Lane. A strong objection had been lodged against the proposed development of a house to the rear of the Minnie Hall which would take up much of the Orchard site and prevent the development of an amenity area for village use once the Village Hall project was completed. R.M. read out the letter listing the objections and the members were unanimous in their support. It was expected that there would be a site meeting of the WABC Planning Committee on 26th May. Members were urged to turn up at the ^{site} meeting and to attend the Planning Committee meeting at the Council Offices.

7) Social events.

a) In M.M. absence Gyles Allen confirmed that the Barn Dance would now take place at the Barton V.H. on 2nd October.

b) Broom teas. Ken M. Knight had agreed to leave the event at the Old Stable for which they were thanked by the Chairman. Details of the arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting when M.M. would be present. Two dates had originally been reserved - 31st July / 7th Aug. There was now some doubt about one of these dates because M.M. had other commitments. Gyles Allen agreed to liaise with M.M. and

to inform the Society about if the two dates was acceptable. (M.M. subsequently confirmed that it should be 31st July.)

c) Gene Walk. Richard Bachwell suggested 14th/15th June as possible dates and the walk would start and finish at the Ship Inn - Ayrway.

d) Portbad - bus ride and walk. Richard Bachwell outlined the programme which would need confirmation re the time because of bus times etc. The gene trip bus would be picked up at Downcombe go on to Portbad (members to take parked lunches) leaving at 14-30 approx. and returning at 5-0 pm. Bus tickets could be obtained at the White Pt. Possible dates were 6th or 13th July.

All these events would be publicized in the next Newsletter.

8) Treasurer's report. Nothing to add to the report given at the AGM.

9) Millennium arrangements. Tony Bayler reported on current discussions. It appeared that there was strong support for a stone signpost at the entrance to the village on Sutter Rd. Mr. Golliffe was prepared to make a stone available at Sun - Embles but asked to Alan Wobey of Wymondley about the letter cutting. At this stage there were no details about costs but members agreed in principle to contribute to the cost with the actual sum being decided upon when more details were available. Tony B. suggested that the funds raised at the bus-tours could be donated for this purpose but no decision was taken.

A large flowering tree to be erected in the subsiding carpark of the Sprayhead also received the backing of the members.

10) Village Survey.

The Chairman distributed copies of the survey to the members and introduced the subject matter, to which he asked Richard Meech and Peter Jones to summarise the results that they had been responsible for. The report was well-received by the members and the Chairman, RM and P.J. were praised for the high quality of their work. He then also passed tribute to the help given to the team by Ian Jeffries.

The Chairman sought and was given approval to send copies of the survey to the following -

- (i) Planning Dept. W.P.B.C. (2). He also hoped to do a presentation to a group of officers and parish councillors.
- (ii) Weymouth River Society (1)
- (iii) C.P.R.E. (1)
- (iv) Chief Planning Officer D.C.C. (1)
- (v) The Rector - St Andrew's Church (1)
- (vi) Family Records Office (1)

P.J. also reported that he was applying to the Dorset Community Action group for financial support of the project.

There followed a long discussion about the pricing of copies for sale. Eventually, on a split vote it was decided to charge £7 (ie 50p above cost).

It was also suggested that copyright should be printed on the document and that the press should be briefed on the project.

The Chairman also sought and obtained agreement that the setting up costs which were now £275 (original estimate £223) should be paid by the Society. It was also agreed to order a further 30 copies in addition to the 60 already printed and covered by the above estimate.

11) AOB.

a) Dorset Structure Plan - amendments. The Secretary was asked to check whether any of the recently announced amendments concerned Suttie Keyway.

b) Golin Allen raised two issues about the pond area. She asked if anything could be done about one of the seats that was damaged and asked to plan to organise a working party to clean up the pond. Members supported the idea of a working party and the Chairman said that the problem of the seat could be incorporated in a general review of the state of the area around the pond which he had intended to raise at the meeting. It was agreed that an item should be put on the agenda for the next meeting and Tony Bayliss was asked to prepare a report for that meeting.

c) Joyce Litchie had received a complaint about mud in the stream at the junction of Plaster Lane and Suttie Rd. She had spoken to a representative of WPC who said that the mud was harmless and probably decaying algae.

d) The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. M. Bond of 7th Paston Browne's thanking her for organising her group to tidy up litter in the pond area.

e) Right of way - Fox Collyers to Plaster Lane. P.S. asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10) Date of next meeting. 7-30 pm Weds. 16th June at The Rest.

Thanks were given to ~~the~~ M. S. K. Knight for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 10-0 pm.

Sec K.K.
Prop. S.F.

Chairman
~~Secretary~~