

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee on Wed. 16th June 1999 held at The Rest. M.P. in the Chair.

1) Apologies. Richard Mead.

2) Minutes of the meeting of 5th May were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising not covered by the agenda.

a) Town Structure Plan. The Secretary confirmed that the amendments referred to at the previous meeting did not concern any changes at Sutton Poyntz.

4) Village Survey.

a) The Chairman outlined the arrangements that had been made to meet NPBC Planning officials and councillors at the Mission Hall on 7th July. The meeting will be chaired by Councillor Chubbhouse and the Society will draw up the agenda. The Chairman proposed a small agenda of three items and this was agreed by the members. The agenda - (i) Presentation of the Survey by MP/PS/PM. (ii) Response from the overtors and (iii) The way forward. The Chairman would send the agenda to Richard Surges (CPO) in advance of the meeting.

b) An extra copy of the Survey had been sent to the CPRE.

c) Following discussion it was agreed to send a copy to CB St. WI.

d) The Chairman sought and was given the authority to order extra copies from Ian Jeffries as and when necessary.

e) Sales of the Survey in the Grange Road would start on 1st July.

f) Peter Jones reported that he was still in negotiations with Town Community Action about a grant to support the project.

5) Planning

(i) House at the rear of the Mission Hall. The Chairman read out a copy of a letter from the Rector sent to Norma Brown (Chairman of the Mission Hall Committee) about the possible uses of the land near the original application had been withdrawn. It was felt by the members that a response should be made and that it would also be necessary to know the kind of response likely to be made by the Mission Hall Committee. The Chairman agreed to speak to Norma Brown and also proposed that the Society should make an independent response. The Secretary was asked to draft a reply to be done in consultation with Peter Jones and Tony Bayle. It was agreed that the response should be short and to the point stating the importance of retaining the Orchard and developing the land as an amenity for village use. Simon Embler as the Society's representative on the Mission Hall Committee, expressed his concern that he had not been made aware of the Rector's letter and that the Mission Hall Committee had to be seen concerned to prepare a response.

(ii) Waterside Caravan Park.

An application to extend the period of use of the existing caravan area was considered. It was felt that this was against the spirit of the Local Structure Plan and that Dick Mead as the Chairman of the SPS Planning sub-committee should write to object to the application.

(iii) Church Hall adjacent to Manor Farm house.

No objections were raised.

6) Social events.

1) Brown tea. M.M. asked for the arrangements to be finalized at the next meeting.

11) Barn Dance. 2nd Oct. M.M. outlined the programme and asked for a committee decision to

confirm that the plans should be put into operation. This involved paying a deposit for the band, obtaining a ~~concert~~^{occasional} use licence, ordering experiments, and stocking the bar commissioning the printing of tickets. It was decided that the project should go ahead. Ron Birch agreed to obtain the licence and to order the beer, wine and other drinks. MM would order the food and chips from Littlemore and Pete Jones would speak to Ian Jeffries about the printing of tickets. M.I. would assist Ron Birch with the collection of the drinks and the organisation of the bar. It was hoped that 100 tickets would be sold at a price of £7 each (incl. experiments and a free glass of wine).

iii) Richard Backwell was thanked for organising a very successful walk on 15th June.

iv) Both bus ride and walk. Richard confirmed the date and times for this event, 6th July, 11.0 - start from Boulevard weather permitting. An alternative date would be 15th July if the weather was poor on 6th July. He agreed to give details to the Secretary so that information could be posted to members.

7) Millennium arrangements.

Tony Bayler reported on the proposals made by the working party as follows:-

a) Christmas tree. This could be placed on Mother's Green lawn if the overflow carpark of the Springhead was not available. The Rectory had also agreed that a service involving a procession and show could be held. There would be a need for further discussion about the timing of this event to fit in with other such as the carol singing around the tree. ~~It~~ The WI was planning to hold a ploughman's lunch to raise funds for the Christmas Tree.

b) A millennium torch will be placed in the Mission Hall for villagers to sign.

c) Tree planting. The DCC Tree Office and Worsley Water

had now been approached and were discussing about the location of the trees. It was now emerging that the proposed site was in the second field and not back in Messin Hall lane.

- d) Stone sign. Sami Embler had contacted Alan Wolsey of Weymouth College and was hoping to arrange for the quantity of the stone offered by Mr. Golluffs to be checked and discussions were also taking place about the cost of transporting the stone if it was of the required quality.
- e) A photographic display is planned and villages will be asked to look out any old photographs they may have.
- f) Richard Backwell will organise a walk marking the bounds of the village on New Year's Day.

8) The state of the pond

Tony Bayle reported that a brief survey showed that the west wall is in poor condition and the south east wall broken and slightly dangerous if children stand on it. He believed that it was the WPBC responsibility to carry out the necessary repairs. Gabe Allen had organised a working party to clear out any stones rubbish from the pond but they did not possess the appropriate equipment to clear the southern end which was heavily silted. It was agreed that T.B. & J.A. should draw up a report for consideration at the next meeting.

9) Footpath behind the Messin Hall.

It was decided not to take any action to re-constitute a right of way.

10) Treasurer's report

As at 16th June there was an opening balance of £379-88. Income of £51-00 and expenditure £78-17 leaving a closing balance of £352-32 (£273-54 cash at bank and £78-78 cash in hand).

Sevin Embler had paid Jo Jeffries account for the printing of the Village Survey (over £480) out of his own account and was owed this sum by the Society. The Chairman thanked Sevin for this and asked members to collect subscriptions and payment for the Survey as a matter of urgency.

11) AOB.

- a) Flaypole - St. Andrew's Church. Ron Birch read a letter that he had sent to the Rector indicating the Society's willingness to contribute towards the cost of a flay pole. The Rector had indicated that he supported the project. Ken Knight confirmed that the final decision would have to be taken by St. Andrew's PCC.
- b) Old waggon & car on Plauster Lane. K.K. asked about the possibility of removing these. ^{Some} Members had been informed that these were about to be removed.
- c) M.M. asked if the profits from the Barn Dance could be donated to the Mission Hall fund. Following discussion it was agreed that there need not be a direct link between the profits of one event and a donation to the fund. The Society would be prepared to make a donation out of general funds.
- d) A printing firm had written to the Society offering to print cards at a special price of £99 per 1000. The letter was passed to Tony Bayler for consideration by the Millennium working party.
- e) The Chairman reported that he had been asked by WPBC to submit photographs of the village that could be used by the Council if they decided to enter a 'Prettiest Village' competition. The photographs used in the Village Survey had been sent because of the short notice. He was not aware of the WPBC

