

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee on Thurs. 2nd Sept 1997
held at Julie Allen's house. M. P. in the chair.

- 1) Apologies. Sam Embley, Richard Bockwell.
- 2) The minutes of the meeting of 20th July were read, approved and signed.
- 3) Matters arising.
 - (i) Patents. It was agreed that there should be a re-run of the existing patent format. Tony Bayle was asked to liaise with the Treasurer to arrange for the printing to take place.
 - (ii) Millennium arrangements. Tony Bayle reported the following:—
 - a) The WI had raised sufficient funds to purchase the Christmas trees.
 - b) Tree planting. Wanda White had agreed that trees could be planted in the second field beyond Fox Cottage. Further discussions were taking place with the DC Tree Office about the provision of oaks and with the tenant farmer about the maintenance of the newly planted trees. It was agreed that the Society would take responsibility for the maintenance of the fencing to protect the young plants. A letter of intent would be sent to the appropriate officers and would contain a request that the Society would prefer the planting to take place in the first field beyond Fox Cottage.
 - c) Negotiations with the vicar about a choral procession in the run up to the millennium celebrations were still on-going.
 - d) Stone sign. Tony B. had not received any

more information since the last Committee meeting.

(e) The next meeting of the Millennium working party was planned for 9th Sept.

The Chairman thanked Tony and asked that a definitive list of activities should be prepared as soon as possible to enable the wider membership to organise their diaries for the critical celebration period over Christmas and the New Year.

(f) Dumping of rubbish. R.B. was still involved in discussions with NDC.

4) Traffic Survey.

J.A. explained that the data collected on 23rd August was currently being analysed to show (a) the use of PL/SR as a short cut route, (b) local use (c) in/out of village using same point of access and (d) the flow of traffic in time frames. The road census day would be on Monday, 11th Oct. The Chairman thanked J.A. for carrying out the organisation of the survey.

5) Pond report.

The DWT report had been circulated to members by the Chairman. He felt that the recommendations would need more careful consideration and wider consultation before the Society could support anything of a specific nature. Following discussion it was agreed that Richard Meach should join J.A.'s working party and that its membership could be widened as appropriate to include David Morris who deals with silted problems and a neighbour of J.A.'s who had experience of environmental practices.

The DWT report contained a reference to grant aid and R.M. agreed to acknowledge the receipt of the report and to make further enquiries of about funding.

6) Valley Society.

The Chairman reported that 108 copies had been sold or donated. 2 copies were in stock and 4 of the pub. It was agreed that a further 10 copies should be ordered. R.M. read out the ^{paper that had been submitted to} ~~report~~ of WPBC Environmental Committee ~~to the report~~ and agreed to provide copies for all the members. The Society had acknowledged the interest shown in the survey by councillors and officers and was awaiting an invitation for a follow-up meeting from WPBC probably for sometime in October.

7) Planning.

(i) Music-Hall Lane - new of Music-Hall. R.M. reported that the WPBC Planning Sub-Committee had turned down the application to build a four-bedroom house. The vote of the sub-Committee was unanimous.

(ii) Waterloo Caravan Park. The application to extend the period of use of the touring caravan park had been granted by the Planning sub-Committee. The decision was only ~~made~~ taken on the Chairman's early vote. Members were disappointed at this outcome and felt that it was against the spirit of the local plan.

(iii) Development of the former chapel - Sutton Rd. Joyce Hitchcock had been approached by a Mr. Patt who lived in the house adjacent to the chapel because he understood that the owner of the chapel intended to install dome windows which were not shown in the original planning application. Mr. Patt had been advised by J.L. and R.M. to consult the appropriate planning office of WPBC. At this stage it was not felt that the Society should become involved.

8) Music Hall Management Committee.

M.P. had attended a meeting at which it was decided to continue negotiations for the purchase and signing of a 30 year lease had been taken. Although the amount of land to be made available was dependent on the PCC's application to build a house (see previous minute on Planning) the Committee felt that to delay any further may lead to the offer of the lease being withdrawn. The legal representative of the PCC had indicated that the wording of the lease would allow for additional land to be incorporated should the PCC fail to obtain planning permission for the housing development.

8) Social events.

(i) Barn Dance 2nd Oct. M.M. confirmed that all the arrangements were in hand for the band and supper. The hall was booked from 6pm and she would be there to set it out. R. Birch had applied for the licence and had arranged with Elbridge Pope to obtain beer and wine at reasonable prices. It was agreed that wine should be sold at £1 per glass or £5 per bottle. Beer would be priced at £1-50 per pint. Tins of lager and soft drinks would also be available. M.P., R.M. and P.T. would run the bar and J.H. agreed to help out with the setting up arrangements in the hall. There was a problem about the raffle as no members of the Committee were available. Tony B. agreed to approach Terry Tebbitt to ask him to organise it. J.A. offered to supply a number of raffle prizes.

(ii) Green Tour. The Chairman asked M.M. for the organising of event, a very successful

~~9) Treasurer's report. This was deferred to the next meeting.~~

Next year it was agreed that the event should take place later in August. J.A. agreed to organise it.

10) AOB.

(i) CPRE Mid-Dorset AGM 4th Oct 1999. Peter Jones agreed to represent the Society.

(ii) Thatching on new properties. The Secretary had been asked by Fredy Litchi if the Society supported the use of thatching, whenever possible. It was confirmed that this was the official Society policy and Joyce Litchi agreed to inform Fredy of this.

(iii) Millennium celebrations. As part of a photographic display, Tony Bayler asked if members thought that it would be an acceptable addition to mount a series of photographs of local people who they were going to organise a competition to name them. The idea received general support.

ii) Date of next meeting. 14th Oct at Hampten Lodge.

Thanks were given to Julie and John Allen for their hospitality and the meeting ended at 10:00pm.

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