

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 14th October 1999
at Hampton Lodge. Richard Meach in the chair.

- 1) Apologies. Ron Birch, Alan Simpson and Mike Pressley.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting of 2nd Sept. were read, approved and signed.
- 3) Matters arising.
 - a) Rabbit on the ridge. Rich & Barchwell had contacted the farmer (Mr. Sealy) and the WDDC to offer help in removing the illegally tipped rubbish. The farmer had agreed to come back to Richard later in November once he had finished with autumn ploughing etc. to make arrangements for the removal of the mess.
 - b) Village survey. The Secretary reported that MP was chasing Rich & Burgess (WPBC) to try to arrange for a follow-up meeting with officers & councillors.
- 4) Traffic survey.

Julie Allen outlined the plan for the second phase census that would take place on 18th October. She asked for extra volunteers and a number of members offered to do extra duties on the day. The Chairman thanked her for taking on the onerous job of organising the survey. It was agreed that Julie should be recompensed for the expenditure incurred in setting up the scheme.
- 5) Condition of the pond.

Brown Bruce of the DWT, ~~whom~~^{who} she had prepared to report on the pond, had said that she would contact all the likely interested parties and authorities. R.M. agreed to write to her to enquire if there had been any further developments.

Golis Allen informed members of a report she had been given by a neighbour who was employed in some form of environmental work. Many of his suggestions for improving the quality of the pond were similar to those contained in the DWT report. Members felt that it was now time to liaise with WPBC to ensure that as the body with ultimate responsibility for the pond it should be closely involved in any action that might be taken. R.M. agreed to write to Nick Shuttle at WPBC and to send a copy of the DWT report. It was hoped that as a result of this a meeting might be arranged ^{with NS.} to plan the way forward.

a) Millennium celebration.

Tony Bayle reported on the latest developments
a) The stone sign.

Wesley White had agreed to transport the stone to Weymouth College for cutting, and to return it to South Point for the letter carving to take place. Simon Embler was liaising with Alan Wolsey of W College to finalise the details. There was a discussion about the nature of the inscription that should be carved on the stone. The consensus was for a simple and plain inscription including the date. Tony Bayle would inform the Millennium working party of this view. Planning permission for the sign would be necessary.

b) Trees.

The Chairman read out a letter received from Mr. Paul the District Council Tree Officer in which he outlined plans to plant 10 oaks in the second field beyond Fox Cottage. The cost of the scheme would be £25 per tree made up of £15 for the planting, and £10 for the protective fence. The Society was asked to provide the funds and to offer to keep a regular watch over the

development of the trees. The tenant of the field, Mr. Lunn, had offered to provide the labour to erect the stock fence. It was agreed to accept Mr. Pain's proposals and a number of members were enthusiastic in offering to sponsor individual trees. The Secretary was asked to inform Mr. Pain of the decision.

c) Notification of Millennium events. T.B. reported that the Working Party would be circulating a list to all residents in the new future.

d) Planting tree. There was a discussion about the siting of the tree, with the majority of members being in favour of placing it on the green outside Mrs. Harbor's house. The Society agreed to finance the purchase of the lights for the tree.

7) Planning.

R. M. reported that there were no contentious issues at the moment. He informed that the application to widen the access to Mission Hall Lane from the land adjacent to the Mission Hall, had been turned down at the September meeting of the Planning sub-committee.

8) Social events.

a) M.M. reported on the cancellation of the Barn Dance which had been necessary because of the poor response - only 16 definite sales a week before the event. Cancellation costs had been incurred - £65 deposit for the band, +10 licence fee and the cost of the printing of the tickets.

Various reasons were advanced as to why there had been such a poor demand for tickets but no firm conclusions were drawn.

b) Brown Teas next summer. The Orchard behind the Mission Hall was considered a suitable site given that by that time the Mission Hall was under village control.

c) Coffee morning and visit to the Wensleydale Water Museum.
MM and JA agreed to try to organise this for Thurs 2nd Dec.

9) Treasurer's report.

As at 14th October there was an opening balance of £69-23. Income was £719-88 and expenditure £478-63 leaving a balance of £240-85 (£172-82 cash at bank and £68-03 cash in hand.)

10) Mission Hall developments.

S.E. reported that the lease arrangements were still being discussed with the local representatives who appeared to be dragging their feet. A date in November had been suggested for the signing of the lease but at this stage it had not been confirmed.

11) AOB

a) Postcards. T.B. had seen the proof and the delivery of the cards was expected at any time. It was likely that the cards would be sold at 20-25 p. The bulk of the cards would be kept by Eve Noden-Walsham but supplies could also be sold at the bookstall and with B&B bookstalls.

b) T.B. had refurbished the display cabinet at Mrs Horton's house.

12) Date of next meeting. Tues 23rd Nov. - The Wyrndings.

The meeting finished at 9-10 p.m. Thanks were given to Peter and Sue Jones for their hospitality.

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