

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Tues. 23rd Nov
at The Wyndings - Richard Meach in the chair.

1) Apologies. Rev. David, Maureen Morris, Ken Knight,
Mike Beahy and Peter Jones.

2) Minutes of the meeting of 14th Oct. were read, approved and signed.

3) Matters arising.

a) Stone sign for the Millennium.

Simon Embler informed that planning permission was not required. He had consulted the appropriate officers at WPBC and the sign was to be classified as a replacement for an existing sign. Arrangements for transporting the sign from Abymount Bilby's and the preparation of the site were in hand. Simon, Dorothy Embler would remove the vegetation and Mr. Golliffe had agreed to flatten the site and put the stone in place. The sign would be simply 'Sutton Point' and there was insufficient space to include the date.

b) Postcards. Following the ordering of a new supply of postcards, it emerged that a substantial number of the earlier edition were still available. It was agreed that every effort should be made to sell the stocks through a variety of outlets at a price of 20p. Supplies would be made available to the Pub, 907 at the Garage and local landladies.

4) Traffic survey.

Guliv Allen gave an update on the analysis of the data that had been collected. The process of analysis was extremely time-consuming and it would be some time before a final report was available. J.A. was

thanked for his efforts and it was agreed that the next Newsletter should include a note of thanks to all those who had taken part. It was also reported that Radio Solent was interested in featuring the survey in a future programme.

5) Conduct of the period.

The Chairman reported on a meeting held on Thursday 18th Nov. attended by DWT, Rick Shuttle (WPBC), Alan Zales (Environment Agency), Shaun Bridges (ex-DWT), Tony Bayler, Julie Allen, Maurer Morris and himself. A report of the meeting is included as an appendix to these minutes.

R.M. agreed to write a letter of thanks to Rick Shuttle.

6) Millennium celebrations.

Tony Bayler reported as follows: -

a) Christmas tree. This will be delivered and erected on 17th December. There was some difficulty about the choice of lights and following a lengthy discussion the Committee confirmed that the selection of the lights was up to the Millennium Committee. Sirin Embler proposed and Alan Simpson seconded a motion that the Society should make a sum of £500 available for Millennium celebration activities and at the Chairman's suggestion, a limit of £100 should be placed on the expenditure of the lights. The motion was carried.

b) Oak trees. T.B. was concerned that Mr Poin of DCC (Tree Office) had been absent for some time and as a consequence, there had been no response to the Secretary's letter or that of Wrex Vale authorizing the expenditure and grant permission for the planting respectively. T.B. was now in contact with a member of DCC trees team and hoped that action would soon be taken to plant the trees.

- c) The Worsley Water museum will be open on 3rd Dec
- d) Richard Borchwell gave details of the plan to hold walks on New Year's Day and the proposal to present certificates to all those who participated.

Tony Bayle, Richard Borchwell agreed to supply the final details of the Millennium celebratory programme to the Secretary, who would arrange for a village-wide distribution of the information.

7/ Planning -

a) RM had nothing to report about any current applications. Members asked that a watch should be kept on possible developments on the site of a fungolow on Sutter Rd. (formerly the property of Mr. Corben) that was currently up for sale.

A possible application for a turning circle adjacent to the Mission Hall was discussed. If an application should be submitted, the Society would support it in principle.

b) The Local Structure Plan. Julie Allen, Joyce Hibbs and Richard Merck agreed that they would attend the meeting in the Mission Hall 25th November. This meeting was one of a series organised by WPBC to provide a consultation process in advance of drawing up the revised version of the Structure Plan.

c) Proposed extension of Conservation area. It was agreed that the Chairman, Secretary should hold further discussions with both Ellis of WPBC and report back to the next meeting.

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Social
 a) Worsley Water Museum and coffee morning - 2nd December
 The visit to the museum would start at 10-00 and coffee would be served in the Mission Hall at 11-00. The cost of the coffee and mince pies would be covered by the admission charge of £1. An approach to Tony Tabbitt would be made to seek his assistance

in running the raffle. Raffle prizes were needed for members. Gailie Allen asked for volunteers to set up the hall at 9:30 on 2nd Dec. A number of members agreed to help.

8) Thoughts and suggestions for a year in Feb/March were sought but nothing positive emerged.

9) Treasurer's report.

Terin Embler gave a brief verbal report confirming that there had been few transactions since the last meeting.

10) Merion Hall developments.

S. E. reported that the lease had now been signed by all the parties concerned i.e. Merion Hall Management Co, PCC and the Salisbury Diocese.

J. A. asked if anything could be done as an interim measure to provide hot water in the hall. The chairman felt that this was a matter for the Management Co to deal with but if that Co wanted money from the Society, they must ask for it and it would then be up to the SPS to consider the request. There appeared to be some doubt whether the Management Co would wish to carry out any interim changes in advance of a major refurbishment of the hall. The Secretary was asked to contact Karen Albin to ~~ask~~ ascertain the likely attitude of the Management Co to any temporary improvements being carried out.

11) AOB.

a) Joyce Litchfield was concerned about the lack of access for dogs in the field behind Mr Hunt's workshop. She also felt that a number of styles and gates around the village were falling into disrepair.

The Secretary was asked to speak to Graham De Bortwick about these concerns.

- b) Tony Bayle asked members to let him have any photographs for the Millennium display
- c) The Chairman reported the tragic death of Jim Jeffries wife. The Secretary agreed to write to Jim on behalf of the Society.

12/ Date of next meetg. Tues. 18th Jan at 3, Sutton Place.

The meeting ended at 10-05 pm. Thanks were given to Simon & Dorothy Embler for their hospitality.

Appendix. of Minute 5. Condition of the pond.

~~W. J. H. H. H.~~ 18.10.2000.