

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SPS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2000
AT THE MILL SUTTON POYNTZ, MICHAEL PRESSLY IN THE CHAIR

APOLOGIES: Ron Birch, Don Brierley; 11 members present

MINUTES of the meeting of 23 November were read, approved and signed

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Postcards: Chairman has received a note from Eve Noden-Wilkinson saying that she has been selling them @ 15p. AGREED that we should keep to the decision of 20p for all cards; chairman will contact Eve to tell her.
2. Traffic survey: Julia Allen has the information on through traffic on the first day of counting - more details will be produced in due course (NB on this day, through traffic accounted for only 17% of the total)
3. Secretary had written to Ian Jefferis on the death of his wife and had received a reply.
4. Secretary has received an appeal from the Dorset Wildlife Trust for contribution to their "Third Party Fund" through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. After discussion it was agreed that at the moment Society funds are tight and that we should not contribute.
5. Footpath and dogs: Secretary had spoken to Mr Fletcher (WPBC) who said that dogs to not have a "right of way" but he promised to look into the complaints. Secretary had also spoken to Jack de Carteret

THE VILLAGE HALL: Secretary has now spoken to the chairman, Norman Brown who feels that it would not be wise to spend money now on a temporary hot water system. This was confirmed by Simon Emblen who had attended a meeting of the committee last week. Charity status has now been applied for. Julia Allen raised a question about maintenance of the hall and its surroundings in the meantime: the Hall committee will organise this.

EXTENSION OF THE CONSERVATION AREA: The meeting on 20 January confirmed and Maureen Morris will provide refreshments. Chairman will be there by 7.15pm and he passed round some notes on "What is a Conservation Area". There was some discussion on whether this will be just an information-giving meeting or a decision-making one. Chairman feels that it will not be the latter, but that the views of the villagers and the Society will have an influence on the eventual decision. Misgivings that people have can be aired at the meeting.

CONDITION OF THE POND AREA: Messages from Bronwen Bruce had eventually been received, saying that DWT not likely to do anything until the end of February. Joyce Litschi suggested that there should be an open meetings about this, so that as many people as possible know what is happening. This was agreed that there could be a pond-side meeting, if possible at 11.30am on Saturday 19 February. JA and RM to organise.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP OF TREES: Chairman expressed his pleasure at the way events had gone and thanked all who had worked so hard to make it happen. Secretary reported a good response to the appeal for sponsors for the oak trees - from Dave Caddy, Ken Knight, Richard Backwell, John Waghorn, Simon Emblen, Joyce Litschi, Maureen Morris, Mike Pressly, WI, Morag Griffiths, Norman Brown. John Waghorn will withdraw if more longstanding residents apply. Secretary reported that Mr Lunn, the tenant farmer, will send him a bill for the work on the protective fencing done on behalf of DCC; no bill yet from DCC for the trees.

Chris Galpin

PLANNING MATTERS: RM reported no new applications. The application by the PCC to put a delivery area/turning area by the Mission Hall was passed by the Planning committee last week. An application to amend the entrance to the building proposed for the site of the F J Smith body works was also passed. Some concern about the future development in Sutton Road next to Lansdown Villa. Chairman commented that we need to be vigilant and proactive about planning applications.

SOCIAL EVENTS: There are none planned immediately. There was some discussion about the future role of the Society with the emergence of other groups in the village - the village hall committee, the Victorian Street Fayre committee, some of which will be running fund-raising events - and a suggestion the the Society should keep to its original concept of dealing with planning and environmental matters. JL was sure that we should keep some of our social events, however, and it was agreed that the AGM, the summer walk, the cream teas and a Christmas event should be maintained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Opening balance £240.85. Income £392.05, expenditure £255.35. Cash at bank £100.47, Cash in hand £36.23. Treasurer has paid for the millennium stone from his own pocket and will reclaim from the savings account in due course.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **The Victorian Street Fayre, 25 June:** We have been asked to run the Tombola again. After discussion it was agreed that we should.
2. Ron Birch had evidently suggested that we could donate a flag for the flagpole on St Andrew's church tower. It was agreed that we should wait until we are asked officially: KK suggested that three flags will be needed.
3. Chairman said that he had received a phonecall from Philip Seal, asking his reaction to a proposal that PS should purchase Greenhill Barton for his barns and house. He probably wants to lose the "agricultural" restriction on his new house. No particular comment made, except that he was reminded that Greenhill Barton is in West Dorset.

Chairman has 10 copies of the Village Survey in stock. Everyone is concerned about the problem of dog-mess in the vilage. Chairman will seek to obtain warning notices from WPBC. Invitation to a meeting of the Weymouth Civic Society to discuss the Local Plan Review came too late.

The date of the AGM was fixed for 6 April. Chairman reminded the committee that he will be at the end of his chairmanship and it was agreed that look for "new blood" and provide proposal forms for the AGM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Friday} 23 February, at 3 Sutton Close if Don can accommodate us.

Prepared JL
and KE

[Handwritten signature]