

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2000 at Little Acorns - Mr. in  
the chair.

1/ Apologies. Joyce Litschi.

2/ Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. (previously circulated)  
were approved and signed.

3/ Matters arising.

(i) Traffic survey.

It was agreed that John Allen & Simon Embler would  
draw up a report to add to the data collected in  
the survey. A copy would be sent to Richard Penny  
of WPC as a meeting was planned to discuss the findings.  
The report would emphasize the safety factor as to  
speed of traffic in addition to the statistical analysis of  
traffic flows. Members of the community who had been  
involved in the survey would be informed of the outcome  
after the meeting with Mr. Penny. Members of the Committee

felt that at least a benchmark had been created for any future investigations into traffic patterns in the future.

4) The Secretary reported that he had contacted the riding stable in the road to ask the riders to take care about the path of droppings at the junction of Park & South St.

4) Arrangements for the AGM. - 6<sup>th</sup> April.

a) Copies of last year's AGM minutes and a Treasurer's report for the current year would be distributed to members at the beginning of the meeting.

b) Wine would be served after the AGM.

c) Matt Feilding had agreed to speak about his life as a Dorset cat. Pete Jones agreed to meet him at the Springfield. The Secretary would inform Mr. Feilding.

d) Committee membership. 18 nominations had been received by the Secretary. If no further nominations were received before the deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> April AB and Ron S. agreed to step down to avoid the need for a ballot of members. The Secretary & Chairman would liaise to complete the arrangements for a ballot should more nominations be received.

5) Merrin Hall developments.

Charitable status had now been granted and the Management Committee ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> now in a position to raise funds. Members agreed that it was an integral part of the responsibilities of the Hall Management Committee to raise funds and should they wish to seek a donation from the SPS a formal request would need to be submitted for consideration. There was a general feeling that the MAMC would now need to raise the profile of the project with local residents and to get

out the financial requirements to make the Hall an attractive place for community use.

## 6) Planning.

a) Plaster Lane <sup>Valleybottom</sup> stable block. The SPS had written opposing planning permission. PJ reported that a possible compromise was being worked out by locating the stables at the end of the lane.

b) Extension to Mrs Ma Shum's house. The SPS had written on 16<sup>th</sup> April stating a number of concerns about the proposal but not an outright objection to the plans. It was understood that the Planning Office was in negotiation with Mr Shum about amending the proposal.

c) House at the corner of Merwin Hall Lane & Plaster Lane. R.M. reported that the developer - Mr Killington was in dispute with the Planning department. The original approval was based on a building of red brick stone and thatched roof. The developer wanted this to be changed to a rendered wall & tiled roof. Members were also concerned about the damage to Merwin Hall Lane caused by the excavation of the house footings.

d) Sutter House - installation of an external alarm. No objections were raised.

## 7) Social events

(i) Richard Backwell agreed to organise a walk on Weds, 17<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7-0pm from the quarry at Worsham. He was also prepared to organise a day long walk for July probably from Ballinacree and returning by the Swanage railway.

(ii) Cream teas. This event would be on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The venue would be arranged at a later date.

8/ Treasurer's report

As at 22/3/2000 there was an opening balance of £136-70, income of £636-70 and expenditure of £362-55 leaving a balance of £274-15 (£237-92 at a bank and £36-23 cash in hand.)

9/ AOB

(i) Tony Bayle asked if a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr. Golliffe for the donation of stone for the village sign. The meeting agreed to check.

(ii) Julie Allen asked for help in planting out the ornamentals collected when they arrived in April.

(iii) Tomboles at the S.P. Street Fayre. P.J. asked if anything had been arranged as he was unable to take responsibility for the arrangements this year. Alan Simpson volunteered to organise the Tombole prizes and stall. P.J. and Ron Birch would advise him about previous Tombole stalls at the Street Fayre.

(iv) P.J. agreed to continue as the SPS representative on the W.P.B.C. Environmental Partnership Group.

(v) K.K. had checked on the regulations concerned with pig keeping. Farmers did not require any special permission but individuals keeping the odd pig in the garden would probably require a licence.

(vi) Ron Birch proposed that a stone sign should be erected at the entrance to the village on Planters Lane. It was agreed to consider this at a later meeting.

(vii) Ron B. will be resigning from the Weymouth Biotic Society. A.M. would be continuing as the SPS on that Society.

(viii) M.P. proposed that the Society should plant batches of snowdrops around the village. S.E. advised the Committee that planting should not take place until next January.

but the purchase of the bulbs could be made in September.  
(viii) M.P. asked for the Committee's opinion on the purchase of the Orchestral (behind the Music-Hall) as part of the village hall project. If the land was purchased from the Salisbury Diocese it would have to be by the Music-Hall Management Trust but donations could be sought. It was agreed that the M.H.M.T. should be encouraged to raise the issue with the St. Andrew's P.C.C.

(ix) Alan Simpson expressed his disappointment about the type-face used for the village stone sign and felt that it was not in keeping with the concept of the new millennium.

x) The Committee thanked M.P. for his services as Chairman over the past three years, which in the opinion of the members had been very successful. In response he thanked the members for their encouragement and support in making his job such an enjoyable one. He felt that the Society was in good heart to tackle any problems in the future.

10) Date of next meeting.

7-30 pm Tue. 25<sup>th</sup> April at Hampton Lodge.

Thanks were given to Mrs. Ann Birt for their hospitality and the meeting closed at 9-35 pm

Prop. P.J.  
Sec. T.B.

Chairman

Joyce H.B. Pitts