

Minutes of the AGM of the Society held at 7.30pm Thursday, 6th April
in the Museum Hall. M. Binley in the chair. 53 members in attendance

1) Apologies: Mr. & Mrs. Cusby, Mr. & Mrs. Meed, Mr. & Mrs. Wynn-Williams,
Mrs. Tamplin, Mr. Wellinson, Mr. Binley, Mrs. Binley,
Mrs. Embler, Mr. Lemjor, Mr. Torrant & Mr. Davies.

2) The minutes of the AGM held on 15th April 1989 (previously
circulated) were approved and signed.

3) Matters arising: - no matters were raised.

4) Chairman's report:

The Chairman gave an outline of the main business
carried out during the year. He referred to the success
of the Valley Survey project - 100 copies had been sold - &
it had been well-received by members and outside bodies.
In particular it had helped to cement the good relations with
NPBC. The extension of the conservation area was felt
a regret from the Board that would not have happened
without the dialogue triggered off by the publication of
the Survey. A number of planning applications had been
responded to by the SPS and he highlighted the application
to develop a site behind the Museum Hall as the
one that had aroused the fiercest opposition. The Society had
strongly opposed this application and the NPBC had turned it
down.

The Society had also been involved in two major
environmental issues - the conservation of the pond and the
problem of traffic on Sutter Rd / Plaster Lane. In respect of
the pond the Society had co-operated with the DWT, the
Environment Agency and NPBC to set up improvements to
keep the pond free of silt and provide more support for the

well life. Recommendations by DWT that the ducts and fuel should be removed had been resisted. On 18/19 April DWT would be carrying out planting on the fringes of the pond and he asked for volunteers to help with the work.

The traffic survey had involved a considerable number of members and a Charles Gubbie, John Allen for working out the notes and collecting the data. The next stage was the completion of a report which would be sent to WPC and used as the basis for further discussions on traffic problems.

The usual social events had taken place with two successful walks organised by Richard Backwell, the Green Tent held at K.S.M. Knight's & neighbours front garden (for which they were thanked by the Chairman) and the Wensleydale Museum visit arranged to coincide with the traditional mince pie social in the room up to Hartness. He thanked Maurine Morris for her work as Social secretary in the organisation of these events. The only disappointment had been the cancellation of the Ban Dances because of the lack of demand for tickets.

The Millennium events organised in the village had also had a large input from the Society. In particular the planting and sponsorship of an avenue of oaks and the erection of the stone sign at the entrance to the village on Sutter Road.

Members were reminded of the postcards that had been commissioned by the Society which were now on sale and available from Eve Naden-Wellson.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Ron Dick and Richard Backwell for their work on the Committee over the last few years and was pleased that they would still help out when needed even though they had retired from the Committee. He also thanked the Committee for its support during the three years of his Chairmanship.

5) Secretary's report.

The Secretary had nothing to add to the report given by the Chairman but took the opportunity to thank Mr Bivell & Richard Buckwell for their work on behalf of the Society and in particular to thank the retiring Chairman for his dedication and enthusiasm during his term of office. He was sorry that M.P. would no longer be a member of the Committee but hoped that he might return at a later date.

6) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the accounts, copies of which had been circulated. During the year there had been a number of exceptional items of expenditure concerned with the printing of the Valley's Survey and the contribution made by the Society to the Millennium celebration. In spite of these the Society was still in a sound financial position. Tony Tetlow, present and John Reynolds recalled that the accounts had been accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer proposed that the subscriptions for 2000/1 be kept at the current rate. This was seconded by Gerry Hitchcock and passed unanimously.

7) Election of officers and Committee.

Mr Bivell, Richard Buckwell and Miss Parry were standing down from the Committee.

The Secretary reported that there had been one nomination for Chairman - George Hitchcock. One for Treasurer - Simon Lamb. One for Vice-Chairman - Peter Jones and himself for Secretary. Members present agreed to these nominations.

The following nominations (all seconded) had

see received for membership of the Committee: - Gulin Allen, Tony Bayle, Olive Davis, David Emery, Vic Farrot, Michael Haire, Ken Knight, Richard Mead, Mawen Morris, Ala Simpson and David Wynn-Williams. All were elected to serve.

8) AOB.

Pete Riley asked if the excellent Valleys Survey would be put to good use. The Chairman believed that it had already helped to cement relations with WPBC and it would be used by the planners to inform their input to the revision of the Local Plan which was about to take place.

The meeting closed at 8-15 pm.

Following refreshments Mr. Martin Yelding gave a most amusing talk on his life as a Dorset vet.