

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Wed. 19th July
at Felix House. Joyce Litschi in the chair.

1/ Apologies: Vic Farant, David Wynn-Williams, David Emery
Simon Embler.

2/ Minutes of the meeting of 24th May were read, approved &
signed.

3/ Matters arising:

a) The Chairman had visited Mrs. Shime to discuss the
proposed development at 115 Satter Rd. and as a result she
felt that any misunderstanding of the rôle played by the Society
in commenting on the proposal had now been cleared up. It
had been made clear that the Society did not object in
principle to the application. She reported that several members
had made a site visit but Mr. & Mrs. Shime had not been
able to make their case to them. To the surprise of the
Chairman the application had been turned down by the
planners.

The Chairman felt that it would be useful to put
this as an item in a future
Newsletter explaining that planning applicants may like
to discuss their proposals with the Society and that they also

have a right to speak at the Council Planning sub-committee meeting.

b) Victoria Street Zebra. The Chairman reported that the Tombola stall run by the SPS had been very successful and had raised £851.15. The Secretary confirmed that he had written to John Sutherland to thank him for his hard work and shall be re-organising the organisation and operation of the Tombola stall.

c) The Pond. Gubii Allen was concerned that inappropriate plants had been placed in the pond and this had been confirmed by the Environment Agency. Apparently well-meaning people were planting without sufficient understanding of the damage that some plants may cause to the pond and its wildlife. She circulated a leaflet produced by the DWT which ~~set~~ explained the reasons for rejecting some of the more invasive plants. It was agreed that this information should be made more widely available in the next Newsletter.

d) Millennium green. Tony Bayle reported on his discussions with Simon Thompson of Dorset Community Action about the possibility of raising a grant to help secure the area to the rear of the Museum Hall as a village green. Unfortunately the latter grants specifically for this purpose were now not available but Simon would try to find out alternative sources of funding.

e) Stone sign. It was reported that Michael Drake who lives across the road from the sign was willing to construct a ^{stone} box around the base of the stone and to maintain it. Members looked forward to this being done.

4/ Planning matters.

Development adjacent to the Evangelical chapel. J.L. outlined the scheme for the development of the area explaining that it was a well-constructed proposal for four high-quality houses. The Planning sub-committee of C. SPS had studied the plans and there were some reservations about the increase in traffic, flooding considerations and the removal of some trees that at present were a natural 'break' at the entrance to the village. A letter had been sent to W.P.B.C. not objecting in principle to the planning application but raising the concerns referred to above.

Oliver Davis felt that the Society should also ask the planners to endeavour to obtain the co-operation of the developer to stop the builders parking their vehicles on Sutter Rd. The Chairman said that it was too late to include this in the response to the application but that the Society would follow up with this request should ~~planning permission~~ be granted. The problem arose.

5/ Social events.

of members reported on the success of the 'day' walk organised by Richard Baskwell on 17th July. The Secretary was asked to write to Richard thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the members.

b) Brown Tea. 5th August. The following arrangements were agreed :-

Time - 2-30 pm to 4-30 pm at Fox Cottage with an overflow if necessary into the next door garden.

Stamps - £1-50

Raffle - P.J. to organise. Prizes to be donated by members.
Catering - J.A. to look after food/tea etc. M.M. will arrive but other helpers urgently required. J.L. volunteered and Alan Simpson said that his wife Lila + one other would

be available. It was also understood that Yvonne Tenney would also help in addition to allowing the use of her kitchen.

Setting up - Members to be available from 11-0a. Tables and chairs would be taken from the Main Hall and the following offered to provide more - 4+T - KK, 4+T DB, 4+T JL, 4+T JA, 4+T TB, 4 PJ, 4 AS. It was also thought that MP. and Terry Tabbitt would loan equipment if requested.

J.A. would seek the assistance of Jim Wilkes to help with transport.

Publicity - J.A. would arrange for ~~notices~~ ^{signs} to be put up on the day and DB would ask Paul & Meek to produce the usual notices giving advanced warning of the event that would be put up around the village.

6/ AOB

a) The Chairman had received a publication from the Bromby side Agency explaining where you can go and what you can do. The Secretary was asked to keep it for reference purposes.

b) PJ asked if the Lord's stockman's cottage had been sold. No information was available.

c) J.A. asked if the Society should take any action in respect of the forthcoming transfer of the franchise of the Springhead. It was felt that there was little the Society could contribute although there was concern about the noise levels from the pub on Sunday afternoons. No action to be taken at this stage.

d) Tony Bayler reported that it would not be possible to arrange for a village photograph to be taken from the upper story of the pub. Members felt that the practical difficulties that would have to be overcome to take a photograph probably meant that the project would have to be abandoned.

2) Several given by the gas board at the for the Millennium celebration. Tony Buyle informed members that there had been a proposal to re-erect the beam on the ridge overlooking the village. A more wide would require a contribution of approximately £100 to draw up the layout document at the former. Mr. Lane, was willing to put up the beam but presumably there would be a charge for his services. Tony asked if the Society would be prepared to make a contribution to these costs. There was little enthusiasm for the suggestion and the Chairman proposed that no action should be taken at this stage. This was agreed.

7) Date of next meeting, 7:30pm Weds. 13th Sept. at Galin Allen's house.

8) Thanks were given to Paul & Jane Davis for their hospitality with the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

P KR

Chairman

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