

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November at Alan Simpson's house.

1) Apologies. Simon Lamb, Vic Farrant, Olive Davis

2) Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> Oct were read, approved  
and signed.

3) Matters arising

a) Pollution of the pond. Julia Allen reported that she  
had discussed <sup>with Browne Bruce & Dave</sup> the issues raised by Vic Farrant at the last  
meeting. Browne Bruce had told her that Vic's worries  
were unjustified. Julia went on to say that a group  
of school children had analysed the water of the garden  
and to her surprise had reported that the oxygen content  
was very low. It was agreed to defer any further  
discussion for six months.

- (A) Thanks for the AGM. K.K. arranged that Mr. Roy Adams would be the guest speaker at the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- (S) Traffic survey. The Secretary confirmed that a copy had been sent to Mr. Perry (WPSC) for record purposes.
- d) David Wyn-Williams reported that the pictures given to the village by Sir. Poynt were still on display in the Spring house at that the new landlord was aware that they were not the property of the pub.
- e) Playas on oak trees. The Secretary had written to Lewis Luntan who had confirmed that he intended to commission the work.
- f) Location of the new oak trees. The Secretary confirmed that the arrangements contracted with DCC to maintain the trees for two years were still operative. Mr. Danny Allen of DCC was the officer responsible.
- g) Red squirrel appeal by DWT. The Secretary confirmed that a donation of £25 had been made.
- h) Rubbish bin near the pond. Mr. David Sawyer, the officer responsible at WPSC had promised to provide a bin with a cover some time in the early Spring.
- (i) Sign on Plastered lane. The Secretary had written to Mr. B. Blake (Highways Dept. DCC) asking him to arrange for a sign to be provided.
- (j) White lines - Puddledale lane. Mr. Perry (WPSC) had promised to have these repainted.
- (k) Seminar on renewable energy. The Society had been represented by Julie Allen at a meeting which was held at Bester Village Hall. The organisers <sup>(EFEU)</sup> were disappointed by the turnout (3 people) and felt that it reflected the lack of interest in Dorset where only two schemes were in operation compared to over 20 in Cornwall. It was significant that no one from the Council attended.

4) Fish in the pond. The Chairman reported that a local resident had offered to donate a sack of fish. Norman Brown had given her the information and had said for the fish to arrive the would-be donor had suggested the fish be placed in the pond. Members with a long experience of studying the well-being of fish in the pond confirmed that attempts had been made in the past to grow lakes but they had failed because of the flow of water through the pond. The Secretary was asked to speak to Norman Brown and explain the problem but ask him to pass on the thanks of the Society to the person who had offered the fish.

### 5) Planning

a) R.M. reported that Mrs. M. Shivers had appealed successfully against the Council decision not to grant planning permission for an extension. It was surprising that no representative of the Council was present when the inspector made his site visit. It was agreed not to write to the Council to complain about the absence of the responsible officer as it was understood that he had already been reprimanded.

b) Local opponents Miller's Close. The Chairman reported that this had been brought by Mr. Potts who had carried out a local improvement scheme that had caused concern ~~because~~ some local residents feared that the land was being prepared for development. Enquiries had confirmed that planning permission was not being sought by the owner.

### 6) Social matters

a) N.M. reported the arrangements for the Office/Pool party on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. He asked for



help to decorate the Mission Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. (PJ & MH volunteered) and for helpers on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10-0 am to set up the tables. A raffle would be organised and members should bring prizes on the day. PJ would try to be available to organise it but if he was unavailable the Secretary agreed to step in.

6) 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Carol Swain wanted a Christmas Tree. There was some confusion about who would be responsible for organising this event. The Society had agreed to buy the tree but no other commitments had been made. M.M. agreed to raise the matter at the next Mission Hall Management Mtg. T.B. was able to offer a tree at a reasonable rate but would await the meeting of the M.H.M.C.

7) It was suggested that Richard Buckwell should be invited to give a talk about Mont Blanc sometime in the Lent Term. The Secretary was asked to contact Richard about this.

7) Treasurer's report. There was no report as the T. ~~had~~ was not present.

8) AOB.

a) Congratulations were expressed to Lucy Emery for a Weymouth Bird Society award she had received for a research report on the Blue-studded butterfly. This would be put in the next Newsletter.

b) An award had also been made to the owners of Manx Farm Cottage.

c) There was a rumour about that the field next to the Springhead was for sale. The Secretary was asked

to make enquiries.

d) T.B. had been informed by the County Airs Agency that the village had been rejected as a possible applicant for a village green grant under the agency's terms of reference had been agreed:

e) P.J. reported that the village was now on a web-site WWW UK Villages. Co. UK

f) A.S. was still concerned about houses coming up to grassed area at the junction of Sutter Rd and Prestin Rd in spite of representations having been made to the riding school.

g) Date of next meeting 7:30 p.m. Weds. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3, Sutter Lane.

The meeting closed at 9-10 p.m. and the club were given to Alan & Leila Simpson for their hospitality.

P. AB  
S. KK

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Chairman.