

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Tuesday 24 July 2001 at Felix House. Joyce Litschi in the chair

1. Apologies David Emery
2. The minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2001 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising
  - a. Fredy Litschi has declined to lead another village walk but would be willing to lead a walk along the River Frome to Stinford if required. This area has been walked recently – and it was thought that another walk was not required at present.
  - b. RM to pen a short note indicating that the society had no objections to the planning application for 8 Sutton Close. [Action RM]
  - c. The date of the Christmas Coffee morning to be confirmed by JA [Action JA]
  - d. The correspondence with Wessex Water re the Rook infestation were briefly discussed – there is no further action planned. Mrs Stones has been advised.
  - e. Dredging of pond – further discussion deferred to the autumn.
4. Planning Matters
  - a. Green Wedge. JS reported telecons with:-  
Debbie Redding (WPBC) who confirmed that planning or exemption certificate were required for a caravan site. The caravan act could be appropriate; Article 4 was mentioned (not clear why!)  
Alan Fowler (WPBC) who confirmed that he had spoken with the landowner (Mike Jacob) and told him could not place touring caravans on the land until he had either planning approval or an exemption certificate. More than 2 caravans without an exemption certificate needed planning approval. Probably planning would not be given. There are quite a few exemption certificates issued by the CC in the Weymouth area – they cover the period Mar to Oct. Any increase in the 5 limit (eg for a rally) must be approved by the LA. The site has water; waste and toilet facilities could be added easily.  
Christine Sayer (Caravan Club) who issue certificates (as also do the Camping and Caravan club) renewed annually. Facilities needed are water, chemical emptying point, screening. Submission must also include neighbours agreement. More requests are refused than approved.  
Several local residents are concerned. JA suggested that DWT plan to object on the basis that the site is an SSI (equivalent) with local voles and badgers. Actions:-
    - i. Write to CC
    - ii. Chase Richard Burgess for a view
    - iii. Provide a note for all houses around the area
    - iv. Write to DWT
    - v. Speak to PJ to see if CPRE have a view.
  - b. Doorstep Green. JS reported a letter has been sent to the Rev T West. No reply yet received.
5. Social Events
  - a. Cream Teas. JA will organise all requirements noting that all committee members are available to assist.  
Tables will need collecting from the Mission Hall on Sat from 10.00 am - . In addition, individual plastic garden furniture is required on Fri 7.00 pm together with any help available at Sutton House. Help will be required all day Sat at Sutton House.  
RM preparing posters  
MH arranging bunting to be hung on Fri pm  
SE to provide a gazebo – to be erected on Fri pm  
Proposed costs are as last year - £1.50 per  
A raffle to be organised – JA has spoken to PJ
  - b. Walks. The Summer walk is planned for 8 Sept with Richard Backwell leading. Planned route is Sutton Poyntz – White Horse Hill – Poxwell – Ringstead Bay – Osmington Mills – Osmington – Sutton Poyntz. Start is planned for 8.30 – a second meeting point is planned at Ringstead where the starters will stop for a brunch between 10.30 and 11.00
  - c. Xmas coffee morning – Dates of 4 or 5 Dec proposed – JA to confirm

6. Treasurers Report

No report this month as there has been virtually no movement of funds.

7. Correspondence

23/07/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 20/07/01
17/07/01	W&PBC	e-mail – copying ref 46
16/07/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 13/07/01
12/07/01	W&PBC	Cummunity Matters
11/07/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 6/07/01
11/07/01	Rev T West	Orchard to rear of Mission Hall
06/07/01	W&PBC	Representations on Local Plan Review
05/07/01	Wessex Water	Trees at Sutton Poyntz pumping station
02/07/01	W&PBC	The Green Wedge between Puddledock and Sutton
02/07/01	Wessex Water	Trees at Sutton Poyntz pumping station
02/07/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 29/06/01
27/06/01	Countryside Agency	News Release cc from P Jones
26/06/01	N Maton	cc letter to Wessex Water re Rooks
26/06/01	Rick Slatter	cc letter to Wessex Water re Rooks

8. AOB

- a. Local Plan. A request for representations and objections to the Local Plan revisions has been received. RM to draft reply to be sent indicating that the Society note the request to include the top end of Verlands Road within the development area and repeating our previous agreement with the Local Plan where the development area did not include this area.
- b. Victorian Street Fayre. JA noted that the Street Fayre is expected to continue in 2002. Four replacement committee members will be required – 2 ladies, 2 men retiring.
- c. The area around the Village stone was due to have some flowers – SE to talk to Mr Drake. Additionally the hedge is already encroaching – to be trimmed in autumn.
- c. Newsletter. Copy planned for August
- d. Parking. Further short discussion on the excessive parking in Sutton Road – particularly in the area of the new houses – no actions agreed.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4 Sep 2001, at 7.30 at Michael Haines. (Southdown Cottage)

Thanks were given to Clive and Ruth Davis for their hospitality – the meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved

Jayne H.B. Hutchins Date 4/9/01