

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Monday 14 January 2002 at Wyndings  
Joyce Litschi in the chair

1. Apologies Liz Randall
2. Peter Jones had been invited to give an outline of his view of the potential for a village field. He had spoken to the Wessex Water estates manager (Andrew Howard) to ascertain his view of the availability of the field to the west of the waterworks. It appears there is no reason that it could not be sold, but they would be obliged to dispose of any assets at best value and they would impose conditions covering access. Either sale or lease could be considered. Peter envisaged the field as a local amenity – possibly football pitch – and although the only other local facility is a sports field in Preston (off Telford Road) there would obviously be ongoing costs involved for maintenance insurance etc. There was a potential link from this field to the Mission Hall orchard. Possible capital funding (or assistance) could be found via The Countryside Agency although it was thought we would not rank very high in priorities. Other options could be pursued. Probable value was not known but there were some basic questions of – Do we want it? Would we use it? Could we manage it? Could we fund it?  
There was some debate. A view was that it was an inappropriate facility for the village (needing toilets and car parking) and we should concentrate on the orchard area and possibly look towards purchasing the old allotments to extend the orchard area.  
Actions - It was proposed to include a straw poll in the next newsletter to gauge the possible interest of the field across the members.  
DE to get some feel of the availability of the allotments.  
JS to write again with regard to the part of the orchard still retained by the PCC.
3. The minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2001 were read and approved.
4. Matters arising
  - a. SE advised that assistance is wanted in trimming the area around the Village stone on Sat 26 Jan starting at 10.00.
  - b. JA has contacted Mr Painter of the WPBC re cleaning the pond – but it was noted that he has most likely left it too late this year as the wildlife is settling again.
  - c. JL has spoken to Mr Crisp re Weeds in the stream . There have been no other adverse comments
  - d. WPBC have been approached re assistance to replace the missing plaque from under the tree at Preston/ Sutton Rd junction. Follow up required by JS.
5. Planning Matters
  - a. There was much debate on the proposed felling of the pine trees at the south boundary of the Waterworks. After reviewing the various letters sent by the Society and others it was agreed that we should write to WW suggesting a less drastic approach by removing the branches overhanging adjacent properties. It was noted that as a statutory authority, WW do not require planning permission to fell these trees. Whilst this action will minimise the disturbance to the neighbouring property it was considered that the rooks would only be controlled with a cull or similar – although not all members agreed with this approach.
  - b. Coombe Valley Road closure. Considerable discussion ensued on the state of the road verges following the closure. It was noted that only kerbing or posts would provide a viable protection for the banks but both cost and appearance would rule it out. The correspondence was reviewed and it was agreed to send a letter of complaint to P&WBC to register our concern on the use of the narrow road diversion and the damage caused to the banks.
  - d. Other planning notices. An objection is to be sent regarding the planning application to replace the touring caravan space at Waterside with static vans. RM to action.
6. Social Events
  - a. Xmas coffee morning – JA was congratulated on the coffee morning 4<sup>th</sup> Dec where some 58 people paid for their coffee and mince pie.
  - b. Christmas service. It was noted that the Society do not need to arrange the Carol service in future. We caused some embarrassment to JA asking her to organise things which were also being organised by the Mission Hall. We need to supply the decorated tree (as we did this year). JA procured the lights recommended by VF. JS to write to M Tapper thanking her for the electric connection and offering to pay.
  - c. Mission Hall. Cake and book sale planned for 19 and 20 Jan. Next Mission Hall Trust meeting

is this week; it is assumed that jubilee celebrations will be discussed

d. Victorian Street Fayre. It was noted that the hall will benefit by up to 50% of the profits this year. Judy Backwell (and Ruth Davies) is to co-ordinate the village stalls. The first donations for the tombola stall have been received.

e. Jubilee celebrations. SE waits advice from the town on their plans. It was agreed we should join in with the Jubilee summer party at least to the lighting of the beacon. Further debate adjourned until MHT have discussed any activities. It was noted that the WI are using one of their regular monthly meetings for a Jubilee tea. To be reviewed next meeting.

f. AGM set for Tuesday 9 Apr 2002. Lucy Emery available to give a talk on that evening – Hall booked with M Morris. SE to be acting secretary for the evening.

7. Treasurers Report

Funds have grown by £67 – report appended.

8. Correspondence - The following correspondence received / sent in the period was reported

14/01/02	M Pressley	cc W&PBC re Waterside static caravans applic'n	(a)
14/01/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 11/01/02	
14/01/02	M Pressley	cc W&PBC re Tree felling by Wessex Water	(b)
11/01/02	M Pressley	telecon re trees in water works.(Fiona Bowles01225 526000)	
11/01/02	WCS	Request for 100 word report	(c)
09/01/02	Brenda Croydon	Numbering houses in Plaisters lane	(d)
05/01/02	W&PBC	Publications guidance on Listed buildings and Conservation areas	
		Circulated	
05/01/02	World Heritage	Great Days out	
05/01/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 04/01/02	
02/01/02	W&PBC	State of Plaisters lane following Diversion	(e)
31/12/01	Dorset CC	Publication of Dorset 2000	
24/12/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 21/12/01	
18/12/01	SR Thomas	State of Plaisters lane following Diversion	
18/12/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 14/12/01	
14/12/01	W&PBC	Acknowledgement plaque letter 121 – passed to Painter	(f)
08/12/01	Civic Society	Opposition to felling 6 trees	
08/12/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 07/12/01	
06/12/01	W&PBC	Report on responses to Local Plan review	
06/12/01	W&PBC	Planning application - Cryptosporidium plant	
06/12/01	W&PBC	Planning application - felling trees	
06/12/01	Mr Hyde	re Christmas tree donation	
03/12/01	W&PBC	Closure of Underbarn Walk	
03/12/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 30/11/01	
02/12/01	Telecon	With Peter Jones re LHI and Wessex Water field	
27/11/01	Scot/South Elect	Telecon re work in Coombe Valley Road – delayed by W&PBC	
26/11/01	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 23/11/01	
25/11/01	W&PBC	Plaque under tree Preston road/ Sutton road	
23/11/01	Wessex Water	Plans for Cryptosporidium plant	Circulated
20/11/01	LA Jolliffe	Congrats on WCS annual award commendation	
20/11/01	Scot/South Elect	Re closure of CoombeValley Road	
20/11/01	Mr Mrs Lillington	Congrats on WCS annual award commendation	

Items noted

- Letter to be sent from SPS by RM.
- Further letter to be sent – see minutes



- c. Report being produced.
- d. Agreed that it was not the business of SPS. Differing views held on numbering houses; most members with non-numbered houses could see no reason to change the situation.
- e. Letter to be sent on state of lane – see minutes
- f. Plaque replacement to be chased

9. AOB

- a. RM advised that there is preliminary work in the woodland behind him prior to planning permission for two houses being sought. It was of concern that the area was being cleared prior to planning permission being sought.
- b. SE tabled a planter scheme provided by Mike Drake to be placed in front of the village sign.
- c. Letter to be sent to Maureen Tapper to thank her for electrical hook up for Christmas tree – and offer to pay.
- b. JS requested the names of any newcomers – to be added to the current newsletter - together with any items anyone wished to be inserted. Newsletter to be published this month.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12 Feb 2002, at 7.30 at Julia Allen. (99 Sutton Road)

Thanks were given to Simon and Dorothy Emblen for their hospitality – the meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved

Joyce MB Galsbolli

Date

12/2/02