

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Tuesday 22 October 02 at 99 Sutton Road
Joyce Litschi in the chair

1. Apologies Simon Emblen, David Emery, Liz Randall
2. The minutes of the meeting of 3 September 2002 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising
 - a. Pond cleaning by W&PBC – JA to contact the W&PBC continues.
 - b. JS has not written to W&PBC re the condition and rats seen around 111 Sutton Road. It was noted that the house is currently up for sale and a letter would now be inappropriate.
 - c. The plaque required for the millennium trees. JS has spoken to Alan Jolliffe re the offer to supply a large stone on which to mount a single plaque. He will deliver it when he next has suitable equipment - JS to remind him from time to time.
JS to write to WW for their agreement on siting the stone on the path side of the fence adjacent to the first tree – perhaps laying down and usable as a seat.
 - d. JS to contact Susie Wynn Williams re filling a vacancy on the committee at the next AGM.
 - e. It was suggested that the committee should add the plaque to the millennium stone noting that was erected at the millennium by Mr Jolliffe and also include the date erected.
 - f. JL to contact Mrs Kelly re replacing the deteriorating window in the notice board.
4. Planning Matters
 - a. All letters re planning - discussed at the last meeting - have been sent.
 - b. 25 Sutton Road. It was noted that the previous scheme to build 4 new houses was withdrawn not refused. A new submission reduced to 3 houses has been submitted. Letter to be sent showing our general agreement with the scheme - noting that our previous letter suggested that 3 houses would seem more appropriate - but with concern on potential traffic problems
 - c. A letter of objection to be sent re the Waterside caravan site request to replace some touring caravan sites with static caravans – repeating our objections from Feb 02.
5. Social Events
 - a. Christmas coffee morning to be Thursday 5th Dec at 10.30 with entry of £1. A raffle to be organised. JA confirms the hall is available.
JA requested that the Society purchase a larger Urn (than that available from the WI) for future outside events. Agreed, subject to a reasonable price being obtained when it is needed.
JA advised that she believed the MHT were planning to hold a Xmas Bazaar (perhaps on 14/12) with stall holders donating 15% of their takings to the hall. In addition they were planning a significant raffle selling tickets at the Coffee morning and Xmas Bazaar with a draw on Carolling evening. A donation for prizes from the SPS was requested – initially £15 agreed.
JS advised of the correspondence received from Wessex Watermark agreeing to donate £400 for a further seat for the orchard. JS suggested that the Coffee morning might be an ideal date for a presentation of the cheque. An alternate date of the Carol evening was suggested. JS to write to WW.
 - b. Christmas Carol service to be organised my Mission Hall Committee. Tree benefactor (Peter Hyde) to be approached later in the year.
6. Treasurers Report
In the absence of the treasurer there was no report.
7. Correspondence - The following correspondence received / sent in the period was reported

	WCS	Invite to Awards meeting	
22/10/02	SPMH Trust	Note re Co-op dividend scheme	To be displayed in NB
22/10/02	CPRE	Countryside Voice – Autumn 2002	Being circulated
21/10/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 18/10/02	
17/10/02	WW	Wessex watermark award - notification of £400	
14/10/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 11/10/02	
07/10/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 04/10/02	
01/10/02	WW	Wessex watermark award - holding letter	

01/10/02	CPRE	Notice of AGM on 22 Oct 6.30 pm	
30/09/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 27/09/02	
28/09/02	P Jones	E-mail re representation on CPRE	Mr and Mrs Dodge to be approached
23/09/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 20/09/02	
19/09/02	W&PBC	Notice of Dorset architectural week fair	
16/09/02	W&PBC	Temporary footpath closure Portland	
16/09/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 13/09/02	
12/09/02	SPFayre	Copy of 2002 Accounts	To be summarised in Newsletter
09/09/02	W&PBC	Planning applications w/e 06/09/02	

8. AOB

- a. JA related an incident whereby she was nearly knocked down by a car in Plaisters Lane which was only avoided by her leaping out of the way – and in so doing injuring herself on rebounding from the bank onto the roadway. The car did not stop. She requested that we follow up her letter written to W&PBC - to request some improvement to pedestrian safety at the corner just downhill from the Emblens. JS to write requesting W&PBC advice and future plans.
- b. It was noted that the tree felling / pruning at the edge of the waterworks appears to have satisfied all interested parties.
- c. JL advised that she had been requested to get the W&PBC to lower the “No through road” sign at the end of Sutton Road to attempt to dissuade drivers from trying to drive through White Horse Lane. It was suggested that the individuals involved should approach the council first themselves.
- d. A comment that the willows around the pond were getting overgrown has been received. JA to ask advice from W&PBC re their maintenance intentions when talking to them re dredging the pond.
- e. JS noted that brambles growing from the hedge between the Saunders field and Plaisters lane had been causing difficulty to pedestrians. Elizabeth Saunders was to talk to the Lunns who cut the hedge – meanwhile she (with Dereck and JS) removed the offending brambles which were the cause of the pedestrian (cyclist etc) danger.
- f. JS advised that N Brown had advised that MH AGM is planned for 30 October.
- g. Next newsletter due out in November. SPS AGM planned for 10 April. It was suggested that we should ask Richard Backwell if he would give a talk on his current (recent) trips at the AGM.
- h. JA noted that the Springhead changes hands around the 10th Nov.

9. Date of next meeting

Tues 26 Nov 2002, at 7.30 at Old Stables, Sutton Road, (Ken Knight). *No M. Haines*

Thanks were given to Julia Allen for her hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved Joyce Ketsche Date 26/11/02.