

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 04 at 99 Sutton Road  
Mike Haine / Simon Emblen in the chair

1. Apologies D Emery, K Knight
2. The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 04 were read and approved. SE then took the chair
3. Matters arising
  - a. Action Continues –re JS has spoken to Alan Jolliffe re supply and siting of large stone(s) on which to mount a single plaque for the millennium trees. Unfortunately he cannot currently offer any assistance to deliver and erect them as the company are very busy. Stones are available at the rear of Les Jolliffe’s garden – but they need collecting. Decision required.
  - b. Cleaning out the old “Wash Area” by the Waterworks to be considered in the spring time – together with an appropriate plaque. There is a mention of the area in the booklet “The Way it was” by Clem Mullett.
  - c. re The letter from M Pressly received last month relating to his views on the Rooks and Trees problems (and SGM) Letter to be sent to advise our views of Rook reduction by netting or ultrasonic sounder (noting that a cull was considered likely to cause considerable uproar - worse than the rooks); also to advise intentions on trees within a wider review possibly extending the Village survey.
4. Committee Sub groups

The Mission Hall trust – AGM was held Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – no significant items to report. The quiz night that followed had 6 tables and raised more than £50.  
The Environmental Partnership – No report.  
The Community Group – expected to be disbanded.
5. Planning Matters
  - a. Spice Ship – SE reported request for betting shop approved
  - b. Springhead – accommodation block. Not yet considered – expected in Jan 05. SE reported that Planning appeal for signage scheme had been approved.
  - c. White Horse Drive application for 6 dwellings has been refused.
6. JS read notes on meeting with Jeff Chartrand at Bournemouth University re potential Heritage report study or Conservation plan of village. (Notes on file.) Students to be invited to consider possible study areas covering Sutton Poyntz for their final year dissertation. Subjects will be chosen in the next term.  
SE reported that Weymouth college archaeological group were considering an overall village archaeological study.
7. Social Events

An evening “coffee morning” was a possibility for the early spring (to be notified in the Jan newsletter) with a talk from Richard Backwell on his visit to Nepal. Decision required.  
The carols, this year, are planned to be held outside the Mission Hall with the tree outside the Mission Hall decorated. Decoration planned for 11/12 Dec. TB to advise Mr Hyde that we will not need another Christmas tree this year.  
JA to purchase a new tea urn for future activities.
8. Treasurers Report

Income / expenditure report since last report filed shows expenditure of £24 on the newsletter and income of £78 from subs. Funds available total £2921.92. Report filed.
9. Correspondence - The following correspondence received / sent in the period was reported.

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| 12/11/2004 | CPRE  | Newsletter | Circulated |
| 12/11/2004 | DWTWW | Newsletter | Circulated |

SE noted that he had been in correspondence with Richard Burgess after leaving a message that had not been passed on to Mr Fowler re apparent development at Old Orchard. Reply from Richard Burgess re Old Orchard suggested that the old planning files include a vehicular access to Old Orchard and the development had been permitted to improve the access. Planning permission was not required as the vehicular access was never abandoned. It was suggested that the trees felled were largely dead or suckers. Decision taken to leave matter.

10. AOB

- a. JA noted that the builder in the plot off Mission Hall Lane was not starting in Jan as had been suggested.
- b. JA commented that she thought the redecoration at Scutt Hall was good.
- c. JA commented that she had spoken to a tree surgeon from out of the area who was a "friend of the family". He suggested that the trees to the south of the waterworks had been very well trimmed and they were in no danger of collapsing. He said that he had seen similar trees successfully netted to eliminate a rook problem; he also considered that properly installed sounders were also likely to be an effective cure.
- d. PR complained that buses wait outside his house until they are due to depart according to timetable - with their engines running. This causes much discomfort in the summer. Calls to the bus company and talking to the driver obtains a cure which tends to last about 1 day. Assistance requested from Society.
- e. TB suggested a note of thanks re flowers at the entry to the village might be appropriate. Mystery donor unknown - it was wrongly thought to be Mrs Drake.
- f. TB enquired whether we should consider a donation to the mayors fund. - No
- g. JS noted that we had been advised that the Great Eastern funnel was to be moved to Bristol on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec for permanent showing and conservation.

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30 at Corner Cottage (Sara Knight) {Post meeting moved to 17<sup>th</sup> January}.

Thanks were given to Julia and John Allen for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

17-1-05