

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee - Monday 15th March 2006 at Wyndings
Simon Emblen in the chair

1. Apologies – None
2. The minutes of the meeting of 22nd February were approved and signed.

Matters arising

– A letter has been written to Carl Dallison re pruning the trees by the pond – no reply has been received yet.

3. Committee Sub groups
 - The Mission Hall trust – SE reported that the kitchen for the hall extension is due to be delivered on 17th with a target completion of all outstanding tasks within 10 weeks ie before the Fayre. The garden has retaining walls, path, drain covers and walling at the front. No dates were advised. Sufficient funds are thought to be available to complete the work. Future social activities include the Safari supper on 18th March and a Beaujolais evening in November.
 - The Environmental Partnership – next meeting this month. SE attending. We will be hosting the meeting at the Mission Hall on Wed 21 June.
 - The Community Group – no meeting.
4. Victorian Fayre

SK reported that arrangements are progressing. Catering is planned. Helpers list is in progress. Village stalls have been decided and a not circulated with the Society March Newsletter. Charities have been decided and also advised in the circular with an invite for any new charities. The intention is to provide a couple of significant contributions to charities and numerous small donations. Water Aid is the Waterworks charity and Diabetes is the Saunders family nominated charity. Facilities are anticipated to be available at the Springhead. A site will be allocated to allow information and publicity to be provided on the Village Plan activities.

Society Tombola stall – JS advised that the drum was previously borrowed on our behalf by Don Brierley although JS has a local made standby if needed which we used at the last Fayre. JS also has the leather moneybag.
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
 - a. Stiles – A letter defining the programme and types of gates to be used is expected shortly.
 - b. Trees around the Pond. As noted above a reply is awaited to the urging letter sent earlier.
 - c. BOATs A reply has been received to the letter to DCC recording our opposition to any such change of use. Letter advises that the Society will be advised prior to any decision relating to paths in the area. DCC advise that their policy will be to “deal with any application fairly and impartially in accordance with the law and evidence”. As only 28 days would be allowed, it was suggested that it would be useful to start some research now – perhaps to locate local maps. It was suggested that we should copy CPRE, etc with this correspondence.
 - d. TH noted that a notice had appeared on the field behind Northdown farm requesting people to use the local footpaths rather than the field, which is due to have lambing sheep. Although many dog walkers have used the field, it is not a public footpath.
 - e. TH reported that the Notice Board by the pond is ready for reinstalling now it has been renovated. It was suggested it should be returned to the area where it had previously been sited.
 - f. Village Plan. TH Heathershaw noted that the flyer is ready for delivery – copies supplied to SPSC. PJ advised that indemnity insurance would be sorted shortly. PJ indicated that the questionnaire was nearly complete and is some 12 sides of A4. Comments from Karyn Punched are awaited before a trial run of 2 households is run. Membership of the Society is noted on the form, as is the Road name.
6. Planning Matters – PJ reported
 - re Old Orchard application – MH noted that he had visited the garage area and was under the impression that a future application may be raised to convert the garage area to a holiday home.
 - Application 06/0018 for 30 static caravan sites in current open space – refused.
 - 1 Waterworks cottages – 06/158 Relocate existing shed and erect summerhouse. Plans to be viewed by planning group.
 - Greedown – 06/200 Erect new dwelling with attached garage; appears to be replacement of existing house with 2 storey, 5 bedroom house and also requests removal of 4 trees (and replanting). Plans to be viewed by planning group. It is understood that Greedown was a fairly

early property in the area.

– JL suggested that it would not be surprising to see an application for Linden Tree soon.

7. Social Events

Next social event planned will be Coffee morning – perhaps in conjunction with WI. Not discussed - consider at next meeting.

AGM date set for 12th April at 7.30. Hall booked. Existing secretary and treasurer willing to continue. No names raised for new chairman; suggested that we propose a modification to the constitution by deleting the 3-year term for the Chairman and nominate SE to continue for another year – Committee in favour.

TB has contacted Dennis Ackroyd who has agreed a talk of about 30 mins entitled “Have Dog Collar will travel”. The normal fee was agreed. SK to arrange nibbles and drinks.

8. Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported an expenditure of £11.50 leaving balance of £3076.64 after adding the accrued yearly interest. Report filed. SK advised general details of annual report and recommended retain subs at current level. – Agreed

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

27/02/2006	CPRE	e-mail from Gay Hanbury requesting details re Redcliff Point Sent copies of items sent to Howard Thomas
09/03/2006	DCC	Reply re BOAT - and procedures Have registered our interest – no further action at present
12/03/2006	W&PBC	Statement of Community involvement (SCI) submission Copies available on web of at Council Offices
08/03/2006	J Knight	Acknowledgement of copy info re Redcliff Point
15/03/2006	CPRE	Fieldwork March 06 and Voice Spring 06 Passed to AH
03/03/2006	WDDC	Note re Redcliff Point – M Penrose will visit site
03/03/2006	VP	Draft flyer for village plan
02/03/2006	DCC	Concern on possible change of paths to BOATS registering interest
02/03/2006	W&PBC	Request to expedite trimming of trees

10. AOB

a. JS noted that Terrermia in Plaisters Lane is now called The Lookout. Note in the notice board had been changed.

b. JS advised that he had spoken to John Willows who was planning to look at clearing the area around the Wash Area. He has been sent two extracts from local booklets that refer to the Wash Area. John Willows also advised that the windsock was an H&S feature as they store chlorine locally.

c. TB noted that the area at the rear of the Waterworks has been cleared and paths marked – presumably for nature studies.

d. AH noted some changes of occupation in his collection area. JS requested he mark up changes on the listings to be supplied.

e. SK noted that Mission Hall Lane and the Hall area is beginning to suffer from dog mess – perhaps a note could be included in the next Newsletter. SK also noted that the fingers have been removed from the road signs at the top end of Plaisters and Culliford Tree. To be reported to DCC highways department.

f. SE expressed thanks to the committee who assisted in clearing the undergrowth around the area by the village stone.

11. Date of next meeting - to be determined after the AGM.

Thanks were given to Simon and Dot Emblen for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

24/4/06