

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 19th February 2007
at Old Stables- Simon Emblen in the chair

1. Apologies – S Knight, M Haine.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 15th January were approved and signed
3. Matters arising – Continuing - TB noted that the plaque which had fallen from the Old Court House was in the possession of Mr Fernyhaugh who was going to get it re-fitted.
SK action re possible visit to Acton Court.
4. Committee Sub groups
The Mission Hall trust – AGM held on 16th Feb. Chairman now Anthea Heathershaw - no other matters noted.
The Environmental Partnership – Meeting is considered of little interest – expected to be subsumed into other groups.
Civic Society – TB passed on details of Caravan site refusal.
5. Dorset Association of Parish and Town councils. It was suggested that W&PBC would devolve some of their responsibilities to these proposed smaller organisations centred around areas like Upwey, Wyke, Sutton Poyntz etc. Although some concern was expressed that there could be a conflict of interest with the new grouping covering different areas like Sutton Poyntz and Preston (ie the electoral ward) or East Weymouth. It was suggested that the Society should express an interest to Tom Grainger in these proposals and the SPS would like to be involved in the development of any proposed management plan.
6. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
Village Plan - TH reported that plans are in hand to hold a public meeting that has been arranged for 29th March from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Waterworks museum. Meeting to report findings from Survey and consider the next steps. An early completion to the report is aimed to provide input to the Community Plan review.
An article has appeared in The Register, Chris Hubbard has being informed and a flyer has been prepared. Note for Newsletter required from TH by 1 Mar. The steering group are meeting on 20th Feb.
SE noted that he had heard that the Planning Dept will place no credence in the Village plan (although an active contributor is Karen Punchard who has asked for early view of the report). TH attended a meeting on 16th Feb (together with around 80 others) of the Dorset Strategic ~~Study~~ Partnership and W&P Partnership where they are developing similar conservation strategies. Draft for review is expected in June. *Community*
Conservation – TH noted that a letter to Mr Hunt summarising the position with the third stile and acting as a go-between with DCC has been sent. Work expected to begin 5th Mar. TH has noted that the stile behind Southridge is also in a poor state of repair.
Willows around the pond – ongoing.
TH has obtained display case for banner which it has agreed will be mounted above the stage in the MH with a second small frame below indication its provenance (donor and needlewoman).
7. Planning Matters –
 - Bourne leisure appeal for 30 extra static sites – Refused by Inspector who noted that the area already has too many caravans. Bourne leisure said to be reviewing their expenditure plans for the site.
 - Relief Road. Still in planning process.
 - Redevelopment of Brookberry and The Weald – Refused. Resubmission expected.
 - Hill View – extension and conservatory – General agreement submitted - decision pending.
 - Morland – approved
 - Whitestone – garage - approved
 - 5 Sutton Road – tree pruning - No comment
 - 30 Sutton Road 0011- Replace flat roof with pitch roof, rear dormer, conservatory and detached garage. No objections but concerned at the confusion in and poor quality of the application – Pending
 - Hillview – No objection – pending
 - Overdale Elm – plans not yet seen.Barker review of Land-Use Planning report raised by PJ – invitation to comment received from CPRE – letter to MP required.

8. Social Events

Society coffee morning on Wednesday 14th February raised £56.50 with approx 30 attending. Thanks to Sara and her helpers.

AGM is arranged for Friday 20th April starting at 7.30. Possible treasurers are John Bells, or John Waghorn; TB pursuing. Possible Chairman of John Crisp although he is not currently a committee member. After meeting presentation of "Village film" agreed with an intro by Diana Waterman. TH arranging presentation needs. Copies of the presentation will be available from D Broad for £7.50.

Walks – MH has liaised with Richard Backwell and proposed two Society walks; an evening walk on Thursday 31st May and an all day walk on Wed 18th July.

9. Treasurers Report

The treasurer submitted a report – Expenditure of £148 for banner housing, coffee morning income £56.50 and interest recorded of £86.92 leaving a balance of £4342.71 available including £1395.56 held for the Village Plan funding. Report filed.

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

24/01/2007	W&PBC	e-mail planning comments 30 Sutton Road
21/01/2007	W&PBC	e-mail planning comments Hill View
28/01/2007	F Litschi	copy of booklets "Stealing away like time" "By a Crystal Brook" on loan from F Litschi On loan to S Emblem
28/01/2007	WCS	Newsletter 49 Passed to TB
28/01/2007	Cards	catalogue for Xmas cards
08/02/2007	D Waterman	Invite to introduce film of Village at AGM
17/01/2007	Vic Hunt	re Stile behind Hunts timber works

11. AOB

- a. TB noted that Pru Bolam is producing a study of Walmsey Lewis houses.
- b. TB noted that the Arts Centre is apparently being closed as uneconomic.
- c. PR noted that he had two large trees and wished to know where to get advice on their stability. He was advised to contact the council Trees officer.
- d. JL noted that there used to be bench on the Preston Road at the end of Sutton Road which appears to have disappeared. The secretary was asked to contact the council to request reinstatement of the desirable resting point.
- e. JS note that he had been advised that the web site for Sutton Poyntz had undesirable pictures – he could not locate them and requested that other members might use the site and advise of any problem areas.
- f. JS provided copies of a revised layout for the Welcome note in a smaller format. Copies will be available if required but new copies will be printed after the AGM with the revised committee.
- g. SE noted that the WCS was mis-represented at the Pavilion site meetings where it was intended that the view promulgated was that development was required but NOT the proposed scheme.
- h. SE noted a recent reported land grab at Puddletown and suggested that we should attempt to resolve the ownership of the "village green" at the Land Registry. He and JS to action.

12. Date of next meeting – 19th March at Willows 68 Sutton Road (P Riley)

Thanks were given to Tony and Anthea for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.07 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved

Date

A.P. Byle 19/3/07