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Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 10th July 2007
at 'Old Stables' - Simon Emblen in the Chair

1. Apologies – Mike Haine, Karen Phillips, John Crisp.
Present - Simon Emblen, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley , John Bellis, Tony Heathershaw, Tony Bugler, Peter Jones,
2. The minutes of the meeting of 4th June were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Continuing:
 - No comments on progress with contacting Mark Fernyhaugh or the new owners re. plaque that had fallen from the Old Court House. It was suggested that this be placed lower than before with the lettering painted in to make it easier to read.
 - TB was concerned about the wash-pool notice outside the waterworks (only a paper notice was ever fixed during the last Fayre). JS tabled a possible A5 size sign. TH noted that this area was heavily overgrown with weeds and other vegetation. Might be suitable task for village clean-up team.
 - SE advised that he had been in contact with Tony Beeson (W&PBC environment) but responsibility now moved to Carl Dallinson in Parks dept. Action continues.
 - JS noted that the previous Treasurers report had omitted noting the last transactions on part of the report.
4. Committee Sub groups
The Mission Hall trust (SE) – Floor sanding complete – completion expected by weekend.
The Environmental Partnership (SE) – No meeting attended.
Civic Society (TB) – actions re opposition to licence Eweleaze farm – see planning below.
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
Village Plan (VP) - TH showed a draft of the village plan document (Community survey and action plan). Draft to be shown to W&PBC (Louise Stuart). PJ obtaining quotations for printing. It was noted that residents (and the Society) have received notice of the Local Community plan consultation document “Your place, our future”. Replies wanted by 25th Sep. Village plan is expected to be base of Society response.
Conservation – TH noted that there had been no further progress with getting the Mill Pond willows cut back. TH suggested that it might be worth contacting the Environment Agency – who are now responsible for the management of the watercourse – to obtain their views concerning siltation from falling leaves and other debris. **Action** – pending
Pond car park SE advised that following the notice posted by Mr Skinner, he had been in contact with DCC highways dept who had no contact with Mr Skinner, nor had the W&PBC highways dept. SE stated that the deeds showing the property is owned by the Springhead property (Punch Taverns) is held by Geof Butler, with SE having a copy. Following a meeting with Alan Muncaster (Highways) and Richard Treadwell (Springhead) it is understood that Punch Taverns are to instruct solicitors to write to Mr Skinner to resolve the situation. Meanwhile, two metal poles remain imbedded in the land awaiting the unwary motorist.
6. Liability Insurance
PJ continuing to discuss requirements with Upshalls and the general market to negotiate more favourable terms (closer to or better than the £140 p.a. policy recently quoted by Upshalls for community activities). Action PJ – to continue discussions with Upshalls and others as appropriate.
7. Planning Matters –
 - No new plans noted
 - PJ advised of the draft letter to be sent to WDCC opposing the application for 24 hour 365 day drinks and music licence applied for by Eweleaze farm.
8. Social Events
Cream Teas - To take place on 18 Aug 07. (Post meeting note - KP commitments prevent her from organising). Hall booked. **Action** - to contact S Knight re last years requirements.
Walks – (Not discussed – Post meeting note - telecon JS/Richard Backwell confirmed next walk 23rd July – notices posted.)
9. Treasurer's Report
JB reported receipt of £449 for subs (incl £30 from the AGM). SPS had gross funds available of

£3973.36, which includes balance of Village Plan funds of £370.56 and £400 set aside for the plan, making net funds available of £3202.80.

Lists of members received from KP, MH, TH, PJ, CG – (JL, SE, TB, PR outstanding).

10. Correspondence - (since 23rd April)


06/07/2007	W&PBC	Your place - W&P Community Plan	See above para 5. TH to advise
05/07/2007	W&PBC	Your place - survey for LDF. Reply by 25th Sep	Action required
04/06/2007	WCS	Newsletter 50	Passed to PR, JL, TB
04/06/2007	DWT	Spring Raffle	
04/06/2007	CPRE	Voice Summer 07, and Raffle	To be passed to PR
04/06/2007	W&PBC	Invite to "An inconvenient Truth" film	
04/06/2007	W&PBC	Reply re 64 Sutton Road /0170	
15/05/2007	P Knight	Sympathy Card sent re Ken Knight	
02/06/2007	D Partnership	Draft – AONB management plan	
02/06/2007	N Day	Reply re Bourne appeal	
25/05/2007	W&PBC	e-mail comments re Myrtle cottage 07/0297 and reply from W&PBC	
25/05/2007	CPRE	Fieldwork June 07	Passed to PR, JL
21/05/2007	HLF	Notice re event at Christchurch	Already distributed to PJ, TH, SE
15/05/2007	CC Brooks	Cc comments re Brookberry / Weald 07/0349 C Brooks	
10/05/2007	W&PBC	e-mail comments re Brookberry / Weald 07/0349	
26/04/2007	Mr D Broad	Thanks for DVD etc SPS AGM 20 April 2007	
26/04/2007	Mrs D Waterman	Thanks for intro etc SPS AGM 20 April 2007	
26/04/2007	Mr & Mrs G W Wareham	Thanks for projection at SPS AGM 20 April 2007	

11. AOB

- a. JS reminded the committee members to promulgate information concerning the scarecrow competition that will take place in the week before the vegetable show in August. Chris Hubbard had already been made aware and it was suggested that JC also approach the Register to advertise the event there.
- b. JS advised of a potential new membership card, which will be printed when required as it would have the list of the current committee on the rear.
- c. JL advised that Puddledock Lane was being heavily used (on the school run) and was looking for advice to reduce traffic. No useful advice was forthcoming.
- d. JL enquired of the house being built along Combe Valley Road (at the Barton?). Advised it was a private dwelling without water, drainage or power.
- e. JL advised that she understood that a family from Bridport (a farmer) was going to move into the "farm labourers" cottage.
- f. PR noted that a survey for voles had been undertaken along the Jordon
- g. PR noted that the "pensioners lunch" at the Springhead appeared to have been scrapped.
- h. PR noted that there had been surveyors measuring around the Cartshed garden – possibly as part of the flood protection study.
- i. TH noted that the walls around the new properties in Mission Hall Lane appeared to diverge from the plans.
- j. TH advised that he would be standing down from the committee in September after the Village plan had been completed – due to other commitments. He suggested a possible replacement as Graham Embley who has been very active in the village as one of the Gnomes arranging various meals in the Mission Hall.
- k. JB requested the meetings approval to change the signatory on the bank mandate - replacing Sara Knight with John Bellis. Agreed.
- l. SE noted that the replacement house for Greendown has apparently been bought by a lady from Wyke.

12. Date of next meeting – **6th August at Sutton House** (John Bellis).

Thanks were given to Tony and Anthea Heathershaw for their hospitality. Meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved  Date 6-7-07