

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 6th Aug 2007
at ‘Sutton House’ - Simon Emblen in the Chair

1. Apologies – Peter Jones.
Present - Simon Emblen, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley , John Bellis, Tony Heathershaw, Tony Bugler, Mike Haine, Karen Phillips, John Crisp, G Embley.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 9th July 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.
 - Re dog bins – not discussed. 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.
 - JL noted that the item 11e which suggested that the “farm labourers cottage” was to be taken by a farmer from Bridport may be in error. A Mr Potter and family have moved in together with goats, chickens, horses and boys. As it was understood that the original planning conditions were that this property should only be occupied by someone working on the land, it was suggested that we should write to the planning department to ascertain the position. (Voted 9 for, 2 against.)
4. Committee Sub groups
The Mission Hall trust (SE) – Next meeting soon.
The Environmental Partnership (SE) – Next meeting in Sept – SE unable to attend. No replacement noted.
Civic Society (TB) – actions re opposition to licence Eweleaze farm – see planning below.
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
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. Further prodding of the W&PBC proposed – perhaps stressing the danger of losing children under the low branches. **Action – JS/TH**
It was noted that the wash area had been cleared by Wessex Water.
Pond car park SE advised that there was no change in that he understood the matter was with Punch Taverns and their solicitors. He stated that the area was clearly owned by Punch Taverns.
Village Plan (VP) - TH advised that the draft of the village plan document - 50 pp (Community Survey and Action Plan) had been ‘endorsed’ by W&P Partnership (Louise Stewart) on 25 July in connection with the Weymouth & Portland Community Plan. She did, however, suggest that the action plan be tightened up in places. A copy has also been sent to the W&PBC Principal Planning Policy Officer, Karyn Punchard, for adoption by .by the Borough Council. PJ has obtained quotes for design and printing with intention to complete by September. TH reported that the Village Plan Steering Group had met on 31 July and selected one of these, setting a provisional budget of £650 for printing the document. TH also reported that the Steering Group would be drawing on the reserve funds of £400 set aside in the Society’s account for this purpose. In addition to a limited number of printed copies, it is hoped to publish the final report on the W&PBC and DCC web sites. In response to a query on the availability of the Village Plan to the public – TH to check copyright and/or cost of individual copies. MH to advise on possible alternative printer and costs.
6. Following receipt of notices of the W&PBC Community Plan(CP) and Local Development Framework(LDF) consultation documents, JC and PJ had attended the public meeting at Littlemoor on 16th July. The committee considered it important that the Society provide an input to both programmes. PJ had obtained further copies of the documents and TH has prepared draft responses for all to consider and comment. TH explained at length what was involved in both the LDF and CP consultation processes. The meeting also noted that there was no consultation event proposed for the Preston area and decided that a village meeting was essential – ideally at a date suitable for our local councillors to attend – (JC to check with the councillors, when the Mission Hall availability is known). Post meeting note – 12th Sept provisionally booked.
In view of the tight time scales – final replies to W&PBC wanted by 25th Sep. Comments on the draft responses to be forwarded to TH by Monday 13th Aug to prepare for next committee meeting on 3rd Sept.

7. Liability Insurance

In the absence of PJ, he had left two proposals for insurance cover. One from Upshalls for up to 15 events for at a cost of £160 and a more comprehensive policy from Zurich which included employers liability at £210. As the Chairman assured the meeting that the community service used by the Mission Hall came with their own insurance, it was decided that we should proceed with the event insurance cover and the treasurer was requested to action that proposed by Upshalls.

8. Planning Matters –

- No objection sent re felling three cypress trees at Mullions.
- Following the letter sent to WDCC opposing the application for 24 hour 365 day drinks and music licence applied for by Ewelease farm, we have received notice that the hearing is to take place on 15th Aug – TB to attend and represent the Society.

9. Social Events

Cream Teas - To take place on 18 Aug 07. Hall booked. The WI have volunteered to produce the teas for us and a copy of items obtained last year was provided by Sara Knight and passed to Dorothy Emblen. Actions – Orchard tidy help wanted at 9.30 on Thurs 16th. All required for setting up 10 am on 18th, Door JC or GE, Raffle JS, Servers needed.

Walks – The Portland walk was enjoyed on 23rd July by 12 brave and very wet walkers and 1 dog.

10. Treasurer’s Report

JB reported receipt of ~~£126~~¹³⁵ for subs and payments of £68.95. SPS had gross funds available of £4039.41, which includes balance of Village Plan funds of £313.61 and £400 set aside for the Village Plan, making net funds available of £3325.50.

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

11. Correspondence

04/06/2007	CPRE	Voice Summer 07, and Raffle	passed to PR
04/08/2007	DCC	Notice of hearing of License application for Ewelease farm – 15 Aug	

12. AOB

- PR advised that a letter had been received by several residents offering to discuss the purchase of part of their property for development purposes.
- Congratulations were passed to the walk organisers – Richard Backwell and Mike Haine.
- JS noted that he had been contacted by a Mr Jones who advised of a structure (horse shelter?) being built above Verlands Road. JS/ SE to check.
- Congratulations were passed to JC for the scarecrow competition and vegetable show. JC advised that £200 had been passed onto the Waves charity.

13. Date of next meeting – 3rd September **at Wyndings** (Simon Emblen).

Thanks were given to John and Pat Bellis for their hospitality. Meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

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