

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 21st Jan 2008
at Wyndings - Simon Emblen in the Chair

1. Apologies – Karen Phillips, Peter Jones
Present - Simon Emblen, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley , John Bellis, Mike Haine, G Embley, T Bugler.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 12th November were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Continuing: - TB having problems with contacting 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 to pursue.
 - Continuing: - Noted dead trees at Sutton Knapp – who owns? Suggested a letter to W&PBC to notify them of the potential danger! Outstanding
4. Committee Sub groups
The Mission Hall trust (SE) – At their last meeting disquiet was expressed in the format of the carol singing around the Christmas tree – which had changed to a baptismal services in the pond. Several carols were unfamiliar – and the Christmas tree was left ignored where it had been erected by volunteers.
The Environmental Partnership (SE) – Meeting planned for Thursday – no one planning to attend.
Civic Society (TB) – TB noted that the WCS are also perturbed on the activities at Ewelease Farm at the award of a license to sell alcoholic drinks. TB advised that the conservation to Bluebell cottage had been noted at the annual awards meeting on 19th Nov.
Victorian Fayre – MH reported an active committee last met on 14th Jan and activities are progressing. The SPS is expected to run the Tombola stall – a nominee is required to organise and act as the focus. Next general committee meeting in Feb 08
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
Village Plan (VP) - JS noted that the printed copies of the Village Plan had been distributed (distribution list filed with these minutes) and there were 7 spare copies. It was noted that only three people had requested site of the document since the distribution of the Newsletter had advised that it was available for loan from any committee member; all committee members (except KP) have a copy of the plan. The plan is also available on the Dorset County Council Web site. MH to advise on possible printer source and costs for any additional copies if – only a small number might be required. It was suggested that a small number of the 48 page document could be locally printed from a download and bound in a loose folder and sold at cost (say £12 a copy) if required.
Village Plan Action List JS noted that there are some 40 action points identified in the Action Plan which the committee have previously stated they would progress. Following discussion around the general principles of the Action Plan, all members were requested to examine the details listed and prepare for the next meeting with their recommendations for implementation of each item defined and possible priorities (if that was considered important). Agenda item in the next meeting.
6. Meeting with local Councillors on 28th November - JS noted that he had circulated the notes of the meeting. Unfortunately Mrs Bruce had advised that she could not attend today's (nor the November) meeting – a copy of the Village Plan has been sent to her with a covering letter (SPS 1074). No matters were considered outstanding - awaiting issue of LDF. The action to ensure that our Councillors were aware of the views of the Village in regards the development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) was considered complete.
Items noted – and repeated here (but not during the committee meeting) are:-
 - Both Councillors expressed their satisfaction with the meeting and suggested perhaps it should be repeated next year.
 - It was noted that 4 objections to any plan were required to force the matter to the Planning committee. It was noted that a Society objection is only ONE letter.
 - It was noted that PC Eames was looking for a local contact, re concerns of increasing traffic levels and road safety issues – the Society was suggested.
 - It was suggested we might contact First Buses to suggest they turn around in the village rather than in the main road (as a safety improvement) this would also bring all buses into the village.
 - It was noted that planning considerations looked at the appropriateness of developments for the area and considered over dominance.
7. Date of AGM set as 16th April. Coffee morning agreed – JC to organise – TB to organise raffle. Date (agreed post meeting with Maureen Morris) of Thurs 14th Feb. Cream teas agreed –

(organiser required) date (agreed post meeting with Maureen Morris) of Saturday 26th July. (Was provisional date for village BBQ.)

8. Planning Matters –

- “Permitted development or No objection” granted re 1 Myrtle Cottage, Spring Bank extension, Fell gum tree Clyffe Cottage.
- “Decision pending” re True Blue extension, Cob cottage tree works (rejection recommended).
- “Rejected” Waterside caravans replacing existing touring area with 45 static caravans (07/00729/COU).
- Licence appeal for Eweleaze farm held without advising SPS – a 3 months License granted. TB reported a meeting was being organised by Osmington for 20 Jan – TB to attend. Letter required protesting at the manner of issuing the license and lack of coherence with existing 28-day licence.

9. Treasurer’s Report

JB reported that the £400, previously agreed by the committee in support of the Village plan, had been transferred to the VP account and all bills paid leaving a balance of £13.61. It was suggested this should be transferred back to the Society funds and the VP account closed (after confirming that there were no further expenses. With receipt of a further £12 from subscriptions, net funds available are £3166.55. (gross of £3180.16)

10. Correspondence

19/01/2008	P Jones	Distribution of VP	
03/01/2008	W&PBC	cc letter re 915 True Blu from SE	
10/01/2008	W&PBC	Comments on 934 Cob cottage, & 915 True Blu	
30/11/2007	W&PBC	Approval advised for 07/672 4 Sutton Close	
30/11/2007	W&PBC	Approval advised for 07/759 Meadow view	
10/01/2008	H Bruce	Letter sending copy of VP	
09/01/2008	T Bugler	cc letter to WDDC re 1070 (Eweleaze Farm)	
09/01/2008	Os Mills	cc letter from Col Thomas to WDDC re 1070	
27/12/2007	DCC	Note of event at Library – Book on Dorset manor houses	
20/12/2007	WDDC	Notice of licence approval for Eweleaze Farm	
01/12/2007	P Riley	cc letter to EA re flooding	
17/12/2007	DHC	Newsletter from Dorset History Centre	Passed to JC
14/12/2007	CPRE	Fieldwork Dec07	Passed to PR/JL
08/12/2007	W&PBC	Note of approval - conservatory 07/709	
08/12/2007	DWT	Natural World	Passed to PR/JL
03/12/2007	H Bruce	Apologies - cannot attend next mtg	
18/11/2007	Councillors	Agenda for Meeting with councillors re response to LDFand CP	

11. AOB

- a. TB noted that some trees had been planted by WW along the Millennium walk.
- b. JC suggested that TB pen a note to highlight the dominant development at Mission Hall Lane as a example not to be followed.
- c. JC noted that there were some boisterous youngsters who showed signs of getting out of hand – he suggested that some equipment for Scutt Hall could be advantageous. He was reminded that an appropriate action was in the VP action list. Similarly for any potential wildlife survey.
- d. SE expressed his concern on the Pavilion Site development and requested it an agenda item next month.

12. Date of next meeting – 18th Feb 08 at Wyndings (Simon Emblen).

Thanks were given to Simon and Dorothy Emblen for their hospitality. Meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

18-2-08