

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 14th July 2008
at Bellamy Cottage – John Crisp in the Chair

1. Present – John Crisp, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, John Bellis, Graham Embley, Tony Bugler, Karen Phillips, Mike Haine, Peter Riley.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 3rd June 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 has spoken to Maureen Morris who will talk to the new owners (Eric and Lisa?). JC noted that the house now had a sign advertising Dream Cottages B&B and asked whether there was any restriction on signs. JS to contact W&PBC for advice. Peter Jones has been complaining on the sold sign remaining in Sutton Road. Advised sale incomplete.
 - Continuing: - Noted dead trees at Sutton Knapp – who owns? Been outstanding for a little while – JS to action.
 - JS noted that the document Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment does not appear to have been issued yet by W&PBC. JC to contact S William.
4. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall trust – JC advised that he has told the MHT (Anthea Heathershaw) that GE represents the Society.
GE reported that he had attended the meeting on 11th June. Assistance was requested for the BBQ planned for Saturday 2 Aug at 5.00. Volunteers noted. Next meeting 23 July.
 - Civic Society – Nothing to report
 - CPRE – a couple of items shown under correspondence.
5. Street Fayre
JC reported that the tombola stall had made £816 and he thanked all those who had contributed in collecting prizes, preparation and stand manning. He has some thank you letters to action to the businesses that donated prizes. It was decided that the prizes left over from the tombola stall should be used in a raffle (at the Cream Teas) with any profits donated to the Fayre fund.
Thanks were expressed to the Fayre committee and would be conveyed at the next meeting of the Fayre committee on 4th Aug.
6. Social Events
 - Cream Teas – J Crisp to co-ordinate on Saturday 26th July. Notices are posted around the village. Food being arranged by Caroline Crisp with assistance from JL (on the door), TB arranging the raffle with assistance from PR. Committee required from 1.00 to set up and erect pergolas (JC to source). JC to talk to David Emery re possible exhibit of Village Action Plan items on the environment.
 - Walks – The evening walk on Thurs 5th June starting at the Black Dog was enjoyed by some 25 people. The walk returned back to the Black Dog in daylight to refresh before retuning home.
The all day walk is organised for 23rd July starting at Evershot – Notices are posted around the village.
 - Coffee Morning – JC suggested that we could donate profits to the hall in exchange for rental for both a regular monthly coffee morning and our regular committee meetings. GE agreed to discuss with the MHT to check availability for a monthly evening committee meeting and a monthly daytime coffee morning with the hall providing the facilities (or a share of profits).
7. Planning Matters
White Horse Lane 08/00274 (3 b/room house) refused; Cart Shed 08/00289 (pair of semis) refused; 1 Sutton Close 08/00425 (1st floor Walkway) to be discussed;
Waterside expansion - A statement had been generated by JC in readiness – if required. JS to circulate by e-mail for any comments. We have been notified (see correspondence) that the appeal is due to take place at the Ocean Rooms starting at 10.00 on 7 Oct 08.
8. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
 - 3. The Springhead Pub; 18. Improving communications within the village - *Tim Maidment, Ron Birch* – No action
 - 4. Waterworks Museum; 11. Heritage & History - *Bill Egerton, Louise Sheaves* – No action
 - 5. Facilities for Children and Young People - *Dave Caddy, Caroline Richards, Ron Birch* – Understood that Dave Caddy is doing something – details not known
 - 7. Fear of crime; 8. Neighbourhood Watch - *Peter Jones, Norman Brown, Julia Allen, Dorothy Emblen Nick Maton.*
- Peter Jones organising Homewatch; He has distributed info packs for delivery. He has requested £97.54 for two homewatch signs to supplement the existing one in Sutton Road – SPS committee agreed spend of

£48.72 for one extra sign to be sited at the top of Plaisters.

- 6. Protection and conservation of village character; 10. Village Charm and Character - *John Crisp, Joyce Litschi, Bill Egerton, Ron Birch* - No action
- 9. Litter and dog fouling; 13. Maintenance of Footpaths & Bridleways; 14. Information on Rights of Way & Countryside Access - *Mike Haine, Pat Bellis, Ruth Egerton*
 – Understood that Tony Heathershaw looking at producing possible maps of the area (JC suggested that we were not on PoP listing). JC has provided leaflets to TH (from W&PBC) with a suggestion that similar publicity type leaflets could be produced – covers walks, description of the area etc. Progress not known. It was noted that The Environment Agency have requested the opportunity to discuss their initial thoughts re the River Jordan – meeting arranged for 21st July, 2.00pm.
- 12. Wildlife Habitats - *Dave Emery, John Newbould, Peter Riley, Dorothy Emblen, John & Sue Cambell, Yvonne Emery*
 David Emery investigating options on wildlife access in area north of the Waterworks. Has consulted WW (John Willows and Ellen McDowell Wessex environment), DWT, Natural England (SSSI), Dorset AONB. Aim to improve understanding of local environment; foster projects to improve wildlife; become source of reliable local environmental data and records.
 Intention is to record what is in our local area – which requires permission of landowner – Risk assessment needed to ensure work is covered by Society Insurance. Detailed map purchased.
 Letter sent to council re bank cutting at appropriate times to suit the wildlife.
- 15. Impact of parked cars and through traffic on village life; 17. Public Transport - *John Crisp, Dave Caddy, Terry Tebbutt* - No action. It was noted that the buses have been stopped again – unable to get past obstructions in Sutton Road (see correspondence from W&PBC). Letters needed to First Bus, Local councilors and PACT. Also noted that the letter box on the Cart Shed gets obstructed by vehicles – PR to speak to Tony.

9. Treasurer's Report

JB reported income of £173.20 (subs) £18.6 (postcards) and expenses of £5.50 (dog litter bin bucket). Current balance is £3737.73.

JB reported no current progress on new alternate account to suit our needs ideally foc.

JB noted that the insurance policy was due for renewal.

Subs collection nearly complete – e-mail addresses obtained from some members (given to JS).

10. Correspondence

14/07/2008	CPRE	Chairmans annual letter	
14/07/2008	W&PBC	Partnership Mtg agenda 19 june	Passed to JC
18/06/2008	W&PBC	Access through village reply	Noting problems from small sites
14/07/2008	DWT	Voice Summer 08	
14/07/2008	WCS	Newsletter June/July 085	Passed to TB
14/07/2008	CPRE	Campaigns update - via P Jones	
25/06/2008	W&PBC	Partnership Newsletter - June 08	Passed to JC
07/07/2008	W&PBC	Access along Footpath 18 North of Waterside	
06/07/2008	W&PBC	Request on Farmhouse still tied	
05/06/2008	CPRE	Fieldwork June 08	
05/06/2008	W&PBC	Planning comments re Cart shed.8/00289	

11. AOB

- a. Concern on length of time that hole in the road remains by the Cart Shed - JC to chase.
- b. TB noted that the drawing of the Jolliffe houses shows the 4th house to be thatched.
- c. JL commented on the poor state of the footpath behind Tony Heathershaw – letter to Rights of Way required.
- d. GE noted that he had some comments on the draft Waterside statement that was circulated at the meeting. JS to e-mail copies for comment.
- e. JS advised that he had been approached by a Ted Caine requesting our approval for regular use of the pond by a model boat club. General view was refusal for use by a formal group.

12. Date of next meeting – Mon 1st Sep at the Mission Hall or Southdown Cottage (M Haine).

Thanks were given to John and Caroline Crisp for their hospitality. Meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved

J. Crisp

Date

1 Sep 2008.