

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 8 Oct 2008
at The Mission Hall – John Crisp in the Chair

1. Present – John Crisp, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, John Bellis, Tony Bugler, Graham Embley, Peter Riley.
Apologies - Mike Haine, Karen Phillips.
2. JL was wished many Happy Returns on her 90th birthday
3. JC and GE advised the committee of the progress of the Waterside inquiry - after two days. Continuing on Thursday. Major focus appears to be on landscaping as visibility was a major reason for refusal.
4. The minutes of the meeting of 1 Sep were approved and signed.
5. Matters arising: -
 - Continuing: - TB having problems with contacting the new owners re. plaque that had fallen from the Old Court House. TB has spoken to Maureen Morris who will talk to the new owners (Eric and Lisa?).
 - Continuing - Decision on the SPS participation in the Weymouth Partnership meetings being assessed by JC. JS passed to JC a copy of the next meeting agenda and last meeting minutes.
 - Re dead trees at Sutton Knapp. W&PBC advised – Trees officer passed e-mail to Alun Muncaster for action – no action yet.
 - JB advised that he is renewing the Insurance policy, which will include public liability cover.
6. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall Trust – GE asked confirmation that the Society would provide the Christmas tree if required – agreed. (Possibly obtained from another source this year – from a tree felling.) Carol singing being arranged by the Mission Hall around the Christmas tree.
 - Civic Society – TB has nothing to report.
 - CPRE – JS drew the attention of the meeting to articles provided by P Jones from The Diary (Sep) on The Village Green and a similar article in Fieldwork (Sep) and Keeping Rural Phone Boxes.
7. Street Fayre
Street Fayre charity presentation evening – October 10th, 7.30 in Mission Hall.
8. Social Events
 - Coffee Morning – first Friday session was successful with around 30 people. Next session on 7th Nov to start at 10.30. Event costs currently £1.50 per person. MH to modify posters with new date and time. Noted that any material costs (e.g. for cakes) should be included in costs and reimbursed – Estimated material costs of £2 per cake being considered.
 - Christmas tree for carols noted above.
9. Planning Matters -

Cart Shed 08/00289 (pair of semis) is going to appeal in October – Appeals D/base shows final comments by 16 Oct.

Waterside expansion - appeal is in progress – see item 3 above.

Application 08/430 for retrospective approval of implement store in Green gap was refused. Noted that a temporary sign for Willow Bank Farm has appeared at the entrance together with a mailbox. Letter required to planning asking if any piece of land can be called “A Farm” and what are the implications – erection of Farmhouse or Caravan and camping licence!!

Application for felling of Christmas tree at Waterworks cottage and Gum tree at Fellside are to be “no comment” – pass to trees officer.

Chain saw action reported by Mrs Kemp – she is to be advised of the Trees Officer contact Nick Jackson 838323. Dislike of actioning hearsay – can cause problems. (Post meeting note – Mrs Kemp advised.)
10. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
 - **Communications** – No specific action
 - **History** – Bill Egerton (BE) to get involved with creating a history of dwelling and changes in the village. JS advised that he has some maps as part of the “attic of data” inherited by the Secretary. Asked to loan to BE.
 - **Facilities for Children and Young People** - No specific action
 - **Crime prevention** - Peter Jones organising Homewatch – Notice of Community van distributed – in N/letter and N/board. Awaiting erection of Homewatch signs previous approved
 - **Conservation of village character** – JC to draft planning policy document for discussion.
 - **Rights of Way & Countryside Access** – Tony Heathershaw (TH) has been trimming the local footpaths during his dog walking. He is looking at the possibility of funding and producing illustrated “village” map(s) (board(s) erected around the area) – example from West Knighton circulated.
JC aware that there is potential for village leaflets including part of the work from TH and BE. Could be sold for small fee if required – driver needed.
 - **Wildlife Habitats** - David Emery / John Newbould progressing with their study. Initial results shown at Oct coffee morning – with considerable interest.

- **Traffic** – JC has spoken to Alun Muncaster (roads for W&PBC) on possible clearance of the overgrown verge by the Cart Shed bus stop (previous letters to W&PBC – Mr Penny have not produced action) and possibly get the road marked to define the bus stop area. It was queried that if yellow lines were a possibility, what would be the likely reaction of the village? The meeting was asked to get some feeling from members with whom they are in contact. It was agreed not to add this query to the Newsletter.
The continuing state of Sutton Road – muddy, site encroaching onto the highway, bus not being able to get through, and the odd traffic vehicle scrapes – causes concern. JC to telephone A Muncaster, letter also required with copies (or similar) to local councilors and First bus.

11. Treasurer's Report

JB reported income of £6 (subs), £40.50 (Coffee morning – expenses not yet deducted) and expenditure of £80 (raffle revenue at Cream Teas donated to Fayre), £31 (CPRE subscription), £30 (map for wildlife study). Current balance is £3992.17.

JB reported that he is proceeding with the renewal of our insurance policy – see above Matters Arising.

12. Correspondence

06/10/2008	Tony H	e-mail re funding for Village map, footpaths	
29/09/2008	Tony H	e-mail of comments re Village plan -	Noting he is not responsible for paths condition but he is interested in access points and mapping footpaths of the area
29/09/2008	Tony H	Details of DCA meeting attended by TH and Anthea	It was noted that PoP was won by Lyme Regis
27/09/2008	W&PP	Notice of next meeting and minutes of 19th June	Passed to JC
14/09/2008	W&PBC	e-mail to David Fletcher re state of FP18 and lack of promised progress in repair	
5/09/2008	DWT	Request for donation	
09/10/2008	Preston Plumbing	Reply to letter 23/10/08	Letter drafted - Regret he misunderstood our offer in previous letter Stated we would publish summary of correspondence in next Newsletter Letter format agreed by 5 with 2 abstentions (JB, TB) Draft statement for Newsletter agreed by all Agreed that SE should be advised of correspondence – JS to action
23/09/2008	Preston Plumbing	Continuation of car park note in Newsletter	Refused offer of 13/09 letter - Continued threat
13/09/2008	Preston Plumbing	Reply re car park letter date 26/8/8 (see last minutes)	Reply agreed last meeting inviting Mr Skinner to provide his views for inclusion in the next Newsletter

13. Newsletter – JS advised next Newsletter is being finalised and requested any material available.

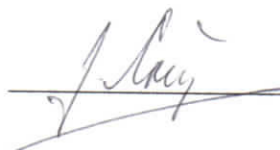
14. AOB

- JS suggested that we should cease displaying the minutes of the committee meetings in the N/board. They remain available for any member to view from the Secretary (as will all Society material). All agreed.
- JS noted that Mrs Rowbotham is not getting Newsletters now she has moved to the first bungalow up Verlands and out of JLs area. – PR to action.
- TB asked that we request W&PBC to renew the white lines at the end of Puddledock lane. JC to action
- GE indicated that he had heard a rumour that First Bus was considering scrapping the bus service to Preston due the danger in turning round in Church Lane. He suggested that perhaps we should contact First and suggest the buses turned round in Sutton Poyntz. JC to telephone First.

15. Date of next meeting – **Wed** 12th Nov at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm

Meeting ended at 10.55 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved

 Date 12/11/08