

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 12 November 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. The minutes of the meeting of 8 Oct 08 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
  - Continuing: - JC planning to attend the next Weymouth and Portland Partnership meeting on 22 Jan. GE also planning to attend.
  - JC has spoken to Alun Muncaster and advised him that the end of Puddledock lane is missing white lines.
  - There was considerable debate of what action the committee could take to attempt to ease the problems of congestion evident along Sutton Road. JS drew attention to the correspondence earlier in the year (SPS1104/1125) in June when replies seem to indicate that little could be done to ease the problems. Of the three aspects
    - a. Access for emergency vehicles – we should request the Community police to keep an eye on maintaining a clear road.
    - b. Bus – it was felt that access for the bus should be available at all times – note a. above and para 7 (traffic) below.
    - c. Damage to the bank – it was thought that the reply would be the bank will recover in time! (a reply already given from other complaints of damage to the banks elsewhere).
4. Committee reports
  - The Mission Hall Trust – GE suggested that the Christmas tree would most likely be available from the Backwells this year. GE noted that the MHT would appreciate assistance when they arrange village events; the committee agreed that it was available – they only have to ask.  
JC noted that the Halloween party was excellent and attracted younger families and children.
  - Civic Society – TB noted the awards evening is planned for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at Nothe Fort - open to all.
  - CPRE – No comments.
  - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – see 3 above.
5. Social Events
  - Coffee Morning – The second event attracted around 40 people. JC considering touting for trade along Old Bincombe. Next session on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. GE wondered if it was right that the committee should also pay as well as assist – view was that £1.50 was a reasonable price for a coffee. It was thought that the cost of £2 per donated cake seemed rather low – but the view was that the value should be left up to the cake makers.
  - Christmas tree for carols noted above – MHT arranging carols.
6. Planning Matters -

Cart Shed 08/00289 (pair of semis) stated as going to appeal in October – Appeals D/base shows no decision yet.  
Waterside expansion - appeal dismissed, lost by Waterside – decision based upon Visual intrusion and adverse visual effect on the coast and surrounding area. (Letter arrived on 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Letter written, following last meeting, relating to application 08/430 (Land on Puddledock – Green Gap) for which retrospective planning application was refused. Reply indicated that an appeal may be made; naming the property has NO bearing in planning terms: the land is outside the Development boundary; criteria for AONB and Important Local Gap are relevant; Conservation status imposes tighter controls regarding trees and buildings. It was noted that the 28 day ruling for temporary use applies to any land.  
No decision yet on application for felling of Christmas tree at Waterworks cottage nor Gum tree at Fellside.
7. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
  - **Communications** – No specific action – Newsletter, web site and use of Coffee morning to continue - to be removed from minutes
  - **History** – Bill Egerton (BE) to get involved with creating a history of dwelling and changes in the village.
  - **Facilities for Children and Young People** - No specific action – to be removed from minutes.
  - **Crime prevention** - Community van visited 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. Notices on scams distributed via Homewatch network. Awaiting erection of Homewatch signs previous approved
  - **Conservation of village character** – JC to produce draft planning policy document for discussion.
  - **Rights of Way & Countryside Access** – JC gathering interested parties to produce leaflet(s) on walks J Willis, D Emery, T Heathershaw, S Knight – needs someone to pull it all together.  
Village map board – TH is looking at the possibility of funding and producing illustrated “village” map(s) (board(s) erected around the area) – example from West Knighton circulated. Common material with leaflets.
  - **Wildlife Habitats** - David Emery / John Newbould looking for commitment of £250 to support their application for grant of £1000 for equipment to progress their study and provide materials to support other helpers. It was asked if equipment is available on loan – source is the same as for purchase. Committee agreed commitment of £250- JC to notify D Emery.
  - **Traffic** – JC has spoken to Alun Muncaster (roads for W&PBC) on possible clearance of the overgrown verge by the bus stop – no action yet. General view appeared to dislike white line marking out bus stop area – to be relayed to AM by JC.



The continuing state of Sutton Road still causing concern – see 3 Matters arising.

P Jones had been in contact with DCC re signs damaged along Combe Valley Road and accident debris at the Culliford tree crossroad.

Bus service – it was noted that the bus service had radically changed (without any prior notification). It was suggested that we should write to First to encourage them to turn all buses around in Sutton Poytnz (instead of returning from Seven Acres) including the hourly Sunday service. Letter required.

#### 8. Treasurer's Report

JB reported expenditure of £262.5 (insurance), £97.69 (Duck food), £35 (bin for duck food), £13.20 (Newsletter printing). Current balance is £3589.72.

#### 9. Correspondence

13/11/2008	Planning Insp.	Conclusion of appeal re Waterside 45 vans / tourer land	<b>Discussed at meeting Letter arrived after the meeting</b>
11/11/2008	e-mails	mtg 13th Cart shed / Biodiversity project / Coffee / seat	<b>Various e-mails discussed at meeting</b>
11/11/2008	J Newbould	Notes on AONB management plan	<b>See AOB</b>
11/11/2008	WPBC	Sutton Farm - Agricultural tenancy	<b>Confirmation of agricultural tie</b>
11/11/2008	WPBC	Footpath 18 poor state	<b>cc JS correspondence re state of f/path 18</b>
11/11/2008	P Jones	Traffic signs damage in Combe Valley Road	<b>Copy of correspondence</b>
11/11/2008	DHC	Dorset history centre Newsletter and notice of talk	
11/11/2008	DWT	Winter raffle	
05/11/2008	CPRE	Notice of AGM 17th Nov	
05/11/2008	CPRE	voice autumn 08	<b>Passed to PR / JL</b>
05/11/2008	WCS	Newsletter Oct 2008 - no 54	<b>Passed to TB</b>
05/11/2008	CPRE	Review Autumn 08	<b>Passed to PR / JL</b>
27/10/2008	Skinner	Letter to JS re "his land"	<b>Continuation of correspondence – now to JS personally</b>
16/10/2008	W&PBC	Reply re land off Puddledock – green gap	<b>Planning comments re area</b>
13/10/2008	W&PBC	Green gap - Willow Bank Farm	<b>Concern on possible planning options</b>
12/10/2008	W&PBC	e-mail comments on 08/642 08/675 – trees at Waterworks cottage and Fellside.	
09/10/2008	Skinner	Reply to Preston Plumbing letter	<b>JS reply – "final letter"</b>

10. Web site – deferred to next meeting.

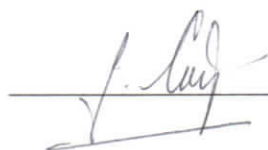
#### 11. AOB

- JC advised that we had been invited to comment on the recently published AONB management plan. Response required by 30<sup>th</sup>. Copies of draft plan available on the Web – JC had obtained several published copies. JC to collate any views provided to him by 21<sup>st</sup> and submit response.
- JS complained that he was confused on the meaning of an abstention in voting. It was agreed that one would expect either a "for" or "against" vote when voting was requested. An abstention would reflect the voter had no view or was willing to accept the majority view. JS was concerned that he had received written comments from an abstaining member, which differed from the committee view agreed by a vote at the last meeting.
- PR advised that several people had requested copies of the DVD he (and Rita) had produced. From the sale price of £5 they were donating any profit to the Fayre committee.
- PR noted that he had looked at the flood protection bund at Cerne Abbas (similar to that proposed locally). It appears to have been very successful since installed in the 80s.
- JL noted the photo provided by Margaret Brown at the Coffee morning; she has named most people. JS to scan.
- GE noted that making buses more awkward to use seems to contrary to the aim to remove dependence on cars.

12. Date of next meeting – **Friday** 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at the Mission Hall at 7.00 pm

Meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

5-12-2008