

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Friday 5 December 2008  
at The Mission Hall – John Crisp in the Chair

1. Present – John Crisp, John Sutherland, Karen Phillips, John Bellis, Tony Bugler, Graham Embley, Peter Riley.  
Apologies - Mike Haine, Joyce Litschi.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 08 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
  - Continuing: - Access for emergency vehicles – we should request the Community police to keep an eye on maintaining a clear road.
  - JC has responded to the request for comments on the AONB management plan.
  - There was some debate of what action the committee could take to follow up the planning refusal of the implement store at the Green Gap. PR and KG were concerned on the possible creeping development. It was decided to wait for the next meeting to check if any actions are being progressed by W&PBC on enforcement or the gradual introduction of “improvements” to the site.
4. Committee reports
  - The Mission Hall Trust – Nothing to report.
  - Civic Society – TB, JC and GE attended the awards meeting. There were no SP village awards this year.
  - CPRE – No comments.
  - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – JC planning to attend the next Weymouth and Portland Partnership meeting on 22 Jan. GE also planning to attend.
5. Social Events
  - Coffee Morning – The third event (this a.m.) attracted around 48 people. Featured a display from T Heathershaw and the AONB office which was appreciated by all. Sue Embley cannot attend the Jan 2 morning – it was requested that Ivy (JS) and Rita (PR) be asked if they would provide / cook cakes. KP also offered to provide some. Bill Egerton to display some of his initial material on village history.
  - Christmas tree for carols to be obtained from the Backwells – JC to fell and trim. Helpers wanted Fri 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to erect the tree. Barrel was available last year from Norman Brown – Together with ballast, rope and stays. MHT arranging carols, publicity etc and are also dressing the tree. Maureen Tepper providing power.
6. Planning Matters -
  - Cart Shed 08/00289 (pair of semis) - appeal rejected – reasons - out of character and flood risk.
  - 08/00675 Felling of Gum tree at Fellside approved.
  - 08/00742 Myrtle Cottage – erect conservatory: “no objection” submitted.
7. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
  - **History** – Bill Egerton (BE) involved with creating a history of dwellings and changes in the village.
  - **Crime prevention** – Further notice distributed via Homewatch network. Homewatch signs erected.
  - **Conservation of village character** – JC draft planning policy document agreed – display in NB. JC asked if original Village Survey should be re-visited; agreed that PR should produce a current Village shots portfolio to compare (or enhance) the original survey pictures to show changes or stability over the intervening period.
  - **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.
  - **Wildlife Habitats** - David Emery / John Newbould have been advised of Society commitment of £250 to support their application for grant of £1000 for equipment to progress their study and provide materials to support other helpers. Work continuing.
  - **Traffic** – JC to speak again to Alun Muncaster (roads for W&PBC) on possible clearance of the overgrown verge by the bus stop – no action yet. Also replacing white line at end of Puddledock.  
The continuing state of Sutton Road still causing concern – noting additional mud from gardening opposite.  
No progress on P Jones contact with DCC re signs damaged along Combe Valley Road and accident debris at the Culliford tree crossroad.  
Bus service – Letter written expressing regret that we had not been in the loop on discussion to change bus route (due to danger in turning around) and timings. Suggested that all buses could be re-routed via village. It was noted that there is a meeting planned for Wed 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 at the Spice ship. Several people stated intention of attending.
8. Treasurer’s Report  
JB reported income of £51.11 (coffee morning), £2 (Subs). Current balance is £3642.33.

9. Correspondence

14/12/2008	W&PBC.	Footpath changes (Littlemoor) during Relief road construction	Noted
26/11/2008	First bus	Comments on change of Bus route (cc Councillors)	See 7 bus service above
11/11/2008	Preston Plumbing	Letter to Chairman – see summary below	Decision – letter noted and ignored

Summary of Preston Plumbing (D Skinner) correspondence.

Sps 1129 22/07/08 From Skinner objecting to record of SPSC meeting Oct 06 with mention of Car park included in the November 06 Newsletter

Sps 1134 29/07/08 Reply stating that letter would be brought to the attention of the SPSC at next meeting in September

Sps 1154 30/08/08 From Skinner – “having taken counsell” threatening mood – acceding to Sept meeting intention. Requested the names and addresses of “the members of your group”.

Sps 1156 13/09/08 Reply following SPSC meeting inviting him to input to Oct Newsletter (to follow Oct SPSC meeting). Request for list of members ignored.

Sps 1157 23/09/08 From Skinner – Does not understand our reply – reserves the right to instigate legal action.

Sps 1158 09/10/08 Reply – appear to misunderstood intentions of SPSC – offer to print his statement. We will publish summary in next Newsletter.

Newsletter 131 Nov 08. Noted that we had letters from Skinner where he considers factual information considered at the discussed at Oct 2006 meeting were inaccurate.

Sps 1168 27/10/08 Letter from Skinner addressed to JS. He does not recognise the Society - and enclosed a questionnaire. Reply 28/10/08 I stated letter would be forwarded to SPSC. Advised him who and what the Society was and suggested that if he has business with the Society he address correspondence to them. Questionnaire ignored.

Letter to Chair (noted above) – 11/11/08. Questioned - Has all correspondence had been seen by the SPSC? Did SPSC approve replies?

Response to this letter – SPSC considered options a). Ignore, b). Reply to state that SPSC considered correspondence on the matter exhausted. c) Reply to items raised as yes, yes and also b. d). Reply with regret for causing any offence. It was considered that this correspondence was concluded with SPS1158 and the Nov 08 Newsletter. Decision to note and follow a) above (ignore his letter) agreed by the committee.

10. Web site

JS advised that the current Web site set up by Andrew Flowers (AF) with renewal of the domain apparently due in Jan 09. It would appear that several similar domains are available. Cost of hosting is not known but thought to be in the area of £5 - £10 per month for hosting of a simple site. It was suggested that AF should be asked if he would be interested in passing the ownership and ongoing design of the site (ie the Domain name) over to the Society (JS to action).

11. AOB

- TB provided an old video of the village for retention by the SPS. PR offered to transfer it to DVD format.
- JS provided a scanned copy of the photo provided by Margaret Brown. JC took the original with a view of attempting to check the names of people identified by JL and Barbara Harrison.
- GE noted that the carol service is being arranged by the MHT as a carol singing – perhaps to be followed by any Christenings required. He (on behalf of the MHT) is investigating different possible music for future years.
- GE noted the possible advantages of e-mail addresses for distributing info to members.
- PR enquired if we were currently proceeding with the acquisition of an LCD projector - No.
- JS requested that anyone with interesting old pictures loan them to him for scanning and possible publishing on our web page.

12. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday** 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm

Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

14/1/2009