

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Tuesday 17th February 2009
at The Willows – 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 14th January 09 were approved (with a minor amendment) and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Continuing from previous meeting – “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. JC trying to get response from planning - asking if there was any change in the situation – noting that some bollards have now appeared in the grass verge.”
 - JC noted that he had returned the photo loaned by Mrs Brown (group of Preston Players).
 - PR noted that the transfer to DVD of the Video provided by TB was completed – he needs to collect.
4. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall Trust – No meeting - nothing to report.
 - Civic Society – Nothing to report.
 - CPRE – JC reported a note sent by Peter Jones re Sustainable communities (sps1194). W&PBC are considering.
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – JC attended meeting on 22 Jan with GE (report filed sps1195). They reminded us that changes are progressing in the Planning System with the Local Plan going out of date and being replaced. Currently it is intended that we should attend future meetings – JC to represent.
5. Social Events
 - Coffee Morning – The fifth event (6 Feb.) returned £56. Featured a display of W&PBC esplanade improvements planned. Last coffee morning this season is in March. – plan is to resume in October. JS advised that the WI had enquired if we were planning cream teas on each Sat through the summer – No, other than one event 25th July (if the hall is available – post meeting note – hall booked).
 - AGM planned for Wed 15th April at 7.30. Possible addition to the committee is Maureen Maidment from Myrtle Cottage – not Anne Dye 73 Sutton Road at present. All other members assumed to continue. Committee resolution proposed at last meeting “to reduce the maximum continuous term for the Chairman from 5 to 3 years” was proposed by GE and seconded by JB.
Possible activities suggested for the AGM - Update on Village Plan – Street Fayre Video – Village Video (PR actions above) -Talk on Portland’s progress to the Olympics –Talk by R Backwell - Other talk - Any questions session - Quiz session. It was decided to run a “champagne quiz” – JC to organise questions, teams of up to 4, cost £2 per team, prize 2 bottles of champagne.
 - Cream teas to be organised for Saturday 25th July to fit in with the scarecrow competition and vegetable show on 1st August.
6. Planning Matters -
 - 08/00742 Myrtle Cottage – erect conservatory: “no objection” submitted. Revised as 9/039 due to error in drawings – similar submission required.
 - 09/0051 Porch at 2 Brookmead close. “No objection” to be submitted.
 - 09/00022 Rose Cottage – Beech tree thinning. “No objection” was submitted. No conclusion yet.
 - 09/00023 Sutton House – Ash tree thinning. “No objection” was submitted. No conclusion yet.
7. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
 - **History** – Group led by Bill Egerton (BE) actively progressing. Purchase of copy of a map (£30 cost) agreed at last meeting.
 - **Crime prevention** – No further actions – Noted Homewatch e-mail received suggests mini crime wave in Preston over the period 11 to 15 Feb. This was the only e-mail for last month.
 - **Conservation of village character** – JC planning policy displayed in NB. JC awaiting comment from D Redding. P Riley has written to WW re overflowing sewer following the heavy rain.
 - **Rights of Way & Countryside Access** – Group to produce leaflet on walk(s) in progress – Draft layout produced and getting quotes from printers. JC has applied for grant from WW Watermark for this and the map board.
Village map board – JC noted that an outlay of £200 is needed to progress. Awaiting outcome of grant application.
 - **Wildlife Habitats** - JS advised he has passed PDF copy (on disk) of the Bird report to D Emblen. Work continuing..
 - **Traffic** – JC to remind W&PBC that drains are blocked, water flows over his driveway and also noting the potholes that are getting larger in Sutton Road and Plaisters..
8. Treasurer’s Report
JB reported income of £56.15 (coffee morning), spend £14.4 (Newsletter). Current balance is £3773.52 (exclusive of VP funding). JC asked if there was a figure that the reserves should attempt to maintain. The view was that there was no sacrosanct figure – but currently around £3000 was thought to be a healthy reserve – but without totally ring fencing it. JB recommended that there is no need to increase subs this year – but to advise members that future years may be increased to prevent a larger increase at some future date.

9. Correspondence

17/02/2009	J Crisp	Note that WW Watermark grant request sent off	Support for VP activities
04/02/2009	DCC	Update request for History centre LIS	JS to complete and return
04/02/2009	CPRE	News item on keeping countryside green	
30/01/2009	W&PBC	Footpath closures re relief road	
30/01/2009	W&PBC	Notice of conservatory appln 09/0039	Similar reply to previous appl'n reqd
17/02/2009	Anon	Note re Springhead - via Sara Knight	Letter sent anonymously – ignored
21/01/2009	J Crisp	Notes on W&P partnership mtg 21 Jan 09	
19/01/2009	P Jones	Notes from CPRE re sustainable communities	No action W&PBC already considering
15/01/2009	Skinner	Reply to 1192 – correspondence over!	Quote – “No more to be said”
15/01/2009	Skinner	To Chair – continuation of complaint	Reply agreed last meeting sent

10. Web site

JS advised he has spoken to Mark Fernyhough who recommended a web site based upon a CMS (type of database system). There are many companies who register Domain names and who host web sites – the aim was to find a company which provides reliable service at an economic cost. Using 1to1 as an example, a web site name could cost up to £10 for 2 years with hosting costing £9 a month. Mark was not willing to develop and maintain a site – no-one else was suggested. However, the committee decided that the cost probably outweighed any benefit to the village and the Society. According, initiative abandoned and the current site to continue to used with its current limitations.

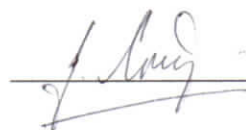
11. AOB

- a. TB commented that he could not agree to Society money being spent in employing a solicitor to write to D Skinner. He was informed that there was no current intention of so doing.
- b. GE noted that there had been a fire in the copse behind the Waterworks – he enquired on the name of the local PCSO. (Post meeting - Clive Joyner available via 01305 22222)
- c. GE noted with appreciation, his Newsletter being delivered via e-mail and suggested that the next Newsletter might ask if other members would like a similar delivery. (A copy was also delivered to C Hubbard by e-mail.)

12. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday** 18th March at the Mission Hall at 7.45 pm

Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

18/3/2009