

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 18th March 2009
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 17th February 09 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Continuing from previous meetings – “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.”
Post meeting note - the date of refusal decision on W&PBC website for 08/00430 is 16th September 08.
 - PR noted that the transfer to DVD of the Video provided by TB was available. It was suggested that a copy could be placed in the Mission Hall for anyone to borrow. PR to action.
 - Following the reminder from Weymouth and Portland Partnership re changes are progressing in the Planning System with the Local Plan going out of date and being replaced – it was noted that a list of retained policies is published.
 - JS advised he had not spoken to Mark Fernyhough re not proceeding with a Society web at present. JC to speak to him.
4. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall Trust – GE reported that the MHT felt there was no space for open display of maps of the village. Noted that the MHT AGM to start at 7.00, preceding the Society AGM
GE reported that the MHT enquired if the Newsletter could be used to solicit opinions on Christmas lights in the village over the Christmas period. The committee concluded that they thought any survey pointless and said No.
 - Civic Society – Nothing to report.
 - CPRE – Nothing to report.
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – Nothing to report. Not sure on date of next meeting.
5. Social Events
 - Coffee Morning – The sixth event (6 Mar.) returned £58 with 56 attending. Featured a display of pottery from David (who is running a course in the Mission Hall) – plan is to resume Coffee Mornings in October.
 - AGM planned for Wed 15th April at 7.45. Nominees to the committee are Maureen Maidment and Louise Sheeves. It is thought that MH will stand down this year as he is having trouble attending meetings due to conflict with the scouts meetings. He has expressed willingness to continue producing posters, collecting subs and delivering Newsletters if required. JC to talk to Karen to ascertain whether she wishes to continue as she also has a problem in attending meetings.
Committee resolution to be placed before AGM “To reduce the maximum continuous term for the Chairman from 5 to 3 years” – to be proposed by GE and seconded by JB.
Activity after the AGM (following tea or coffee) to be a Quiz session, Teams of up to 4, cost £2 per team, prize 2 bottles of champagne. JC to organise questions and obtain champagne. JS to act as guinea pig for questions and to be marker on the night.
 - 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 -
 - 09/00 39 Myrtle Cottage – erect conservatory. Not determined.
 - 09/0051 Porch at 2 Brookmead Close. Pending consideration.
 - 09/00022 Rose Cottage – Beech tree thinning. No objections.
 - 09/00023 Sutton House – Ash tree thinning. No objections.
 - 09/00120 Fell 4 Plum trees at 19 Sutton Road. No comment to be submitted.
 - Tree felled at WW after snow was essential due to snow causing part collapse over the sub station.
 - Seat installed by W&PBC around the pond replacing an old existing seat. Initially raised a complaint from local resident.
7. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating
 - History – Group led by Bill Egerton (BE) actively progressing.
 - Crime prevention –Homewatch report received from Peter Jones for Newsletter. Meeting planned for 31st March.
 - Conservation of village character – JC planning policy displayed in NB. Following comment from D Redding, minor amendments to be implemented and circulated.
 - Rights of Way & Countryside Access – Group producing a leaflet on walk(s) in progress – Draft layout produced. Estimated print cost around £400 for 500 copies. JC has applied for grant from WW Watermark for this (and the map board). Awaiting grant result.
Village map board (Interpretation Panel). JC noted that an outlay of £200 is needed to progress. Awaiting outcome of grant application. It was agreed to provide £50 for this work to proceed – it was suggested that T Heathershaw be invited to the next meeting to show progress to date. It is currently planned that this Panel will replace the existing geological info panel by the pond.
 - Wildlife Habitats - JS advised he received write up from J Newbould for the Newsletter. Copy of the Bird survey

stored by secretary. Work continuing.

- **Traffic** – JC to remind W&PBC that drains are partially blocked and lines still need replacing at Puddledock Lane. PR noted that the sewers overflowed aging during the last heavy rainfall. WW, EA and W&PBC are aware that the existing sewers do not cope with heavy rainfall.

8. Treasurer's Report

JB reported income of £58.22 (coffee morning), spend £38.83 (Biodiversity printing). Current balance is £3831.74 (exclusive of £433.17 VP funding).

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

01/03/2009	CPRE	Fieldwork March 09	Passed to JL / PR return to JS requested
01/03/2009	WCS	Newsletter Feb 09	Passed to TB
01/03/2009	T Heathershaw	e-mail re Map entry in Newsletter	Details noted – not printed in Newsletter
01/03/2009	Army	Invite to presentation	PR / TB considering attending – PR will reply

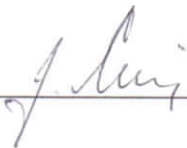
10. AOB

- GE noted that we should thank Mark Fernyhough for his initial work looking at a web site, whilst noting that we were not currently proceeding.
- JL noted that the footpath behind the Old Stables had been blocked for a while with a tractor and was severely damaged by some work. She thought the offender should repair it. JS to contact W&PBC. It was noted that several of the footpaths were very difficult to traverse – at the end of White Horse Lane and to the west of Plaisters (behind the houses) where it had been ploughed. JS to include in comments to D Fletcher.
- TB asked if we should get some snowdrops planted around the village. Consensus was no action.
- JS noted that P Jones had been chasing DCC re replacing the street signs at the top of Plaisters (Council ref PEM272800) and at the Culliford crossroads (PEM288367).
- JS noted that he had received comments on the amount of garbage around the village. Agreed to arrange a tidy up on 24th April.
- JS asked for confirmation that the committee wished to have walks organised for the spring and summer. Agreed. Post meeting note – MH asked to arrange with Richard Backwell.

11. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday** 29th April at the Mission Hall at 7.45 pm

Meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

29/4/2009