

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 29th April 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, Maureen Maidment. Apologies – Louise Sheaves, Karen Phillips.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 18th March 09 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Prior to the meeting continuing, Tony Heathershaw (who had been invited as per last minutes) outlined the position regarding the interpretation panel. This is recorded below in para 8.
 - 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.” - overtaken by application for Donkey food store – see Planning below.
 - PR has placed the DVD of the Video provided by TB in the Mission Hall for anyone to borrow. Currently missing – presumed borrowed.
 - JC has thanked Mark Fernyhough for assistance his assistance in looking at Web site possibilities.
 - JS action to write to W&PBC on local on footpath problems outstanding; JS not yet viewed problem areas. “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.”
 - JS noted that the tidy up had collected around 30 bags of rubbish – with most in the copse off Sutton road. The Dorset Advertiser (01202 678658) has been advised and have assured us they will remedy the situation. E-mail contact is wendy.toms @NQHD.co.uk.
 - Walks have been arranged by Richard Backwell – details below in Social Events.
 - JC to confirm with KP her desire to continue on the SPS committee due to difficulty in attending meetings.
4. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall Trust – GE reported that the MHT had written an objection to Fuschia cottage plans. He also noted that the garden along the roadside continues to suffer damage from cars. Plans are in hand to erect fencing or similar to protect the boundary.
 - Civic Society – Request to advise WCS of any appropriate aspects of Weymouth that they should be considering. It was suggested that possibly the way the village has changed may be appropriate – (there is an action on PR re old Village survey comparison with new photos). Nothing else to report.
 - CPRE – Nothing to report – see correspondence. PJ to be asked if he is attending planning meeting SPS1210 refers.
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – Nothing to report. Last meeting clashed with our AGM.
5. Social Events
 - AGM satisfactory. No contentious matters raised – no items referred to committee. Quiz thought to be quite successful.
 - Cream teas to be organised for Saturday 25th July. An organiser will be required to co-ordinate – JS suggested that perhaps the committee needed a catering officer (as we have had previously). JC has details of provisions required from previous event (from Sara K). Decide at next meeting.
 - Walks organised by Richard (sps1222). Day walk on Mon 1 June centred on Hardy’s monument from 10.00; evening walk centred in the Saxon Arms at Stratton on Wed 17 June from 6.30. Details will be in the next Newsletter.
There is also an AONB walk on 15th Jul. Bill Egerton has details.
 - Scarecrow competition and vegetable show on 1st August to be co-ordinated by JC / Des / MH.
6. Committee Representations

Representation at other committees to remain, viz

 - Mission Hall Trust – G Embley
 - Civic Society – T Bugler
 - CPRE – P Jones advising on behalf of the SPS committee
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – J Crisp

Areas for direct contact with membership – subs collection and Newsletter delivery

Areas to remain essentially as last year with M Maidment taking Mission Hall Lane from Quackers to Yearly note to be issued all. (Issued with these minutes.) Listing of all “members” to be supplied to collectors with paid membership noted (in 2008) and those that paid at the AGM noted (2009).

Planning sub committee reformed; all planning matters to be referred to all committee to give all, the opportunity to comment. Meetings to be called when required – those unable to attend may provide written comments.
7. Planning Matters -

09/146 Fuschia cottage, addition detached house - Objection written following meeting 9 Apr - planning committee attended by JC – Planning Committee refused application sps 1216.

The committee were concerned that our local councillors do not appear to reflect our Society view on conservation of the

village as noted in our policy paper. Proposed that we should brief local councillors of our planning policy – perhaps once PR has completed record of village update from original Village Survey.

Suggested that we should consider sending a copy of our response to planning applications to councillors if considered important.

MM suggested that the orchard should be registered with “Peoples trust for endangered species” which is a register of orchards throughout the country (as well as endangered species). GE to action via MHT when advised details by MM. 09/175 Green gap, retrospective Donkey food store - objection written similar to previous comments re rejected implement store. Pending consideration. It was noted that there was now a sign appeared – which presumably need planning approval!

09/39 Myrtle cottage, erect conservatory – approved.

09/51 Brookmead, erect porch - approved.

09/244 Clyffe cottage – fell Macrocarpa; and 09/231 Springside fell Monterey Pine and Aspen. Response indicating general objection to indigenous tree felling to be submitted.

09/229 Old Orchard, first floor extension – plans to be reviewed.

JS enquired if the committee were concerned in the change of fencing along Sutton Road (ex Nancy’s house) – No.

8. Village plan implementation – JC co-ordinating

- **History** – Group led by Bill Egerton (BE) actively progressing.
- **Crime prevention** –Homewatch notices now more frequent.
- **Conservation of village character** – JC planning policy displayed in NB. Following comment from D Redding, minor amendments implemented and circulated. No comments received – revised copy to be displayed.
- **Rights of Way & Countryside Access** – Group producing a **leaflet** on walk(s) in progress – Awaiting grant to progress. Draft layout produced. Estimated print cost is around £400 for 500 copies. JC has applied for grant from WW Watermark – they suggest response should be available in May. It was hoped that printed copies would be available before the summer.

Interpretation Panel Tony Heathershaw advised that the project was progressing as part of the S Dorset renewal project funded by heritage lottery money. They had already identified 6 leaflets (including one on Sutton Poyntz – the 5th in the series) and plan parish maps (panels). It was suggested that pictures, if required, could be available from John Morris (Fayre) are the other groups. The aim of the project is to attempt to capture a village identity in the interpretation panel. It was proposed to site the panel replacing the existing geology panel – then it moved across the pond to the area of the seat – and now back again. The Geology panel will become redundant and could be sited elsewhere in the village if desired (on the outside of the MH was suggested). It has been suggested by W&PBC that planning is not an issue particularly if replacing a panel with another.

JC advised TH that the SPS had agreed to provide £50 as part of the £200 public contribution needed towards the work. TH advised that it is hoped that the panel would be available by September.

- **Wildlife Habitats (Biodiversity)** – Progressing with John Newbould and David Emery. Noted that J Newbould Newsletters were not apparently being circulated. JC to talk to JN. DE has written to WW re funding for fencing (or signs) the copse above the waterworks to minimise vandalism.
- **Traffic** – JC trying to ascertain starting date of sewers overflowing after prolonged rain.

It was suggested that there was some impetus towards 20mph zones. A Government white paper entitled “A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone” promotes this possibility. The fact that legislation has now been changed, and local traffic authorities no longer need to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before implementing 20 mph speed limits eliminates some of the difficulties. It was proposed that we should write to our local councilors to obtain support for a 20mph limit through the village.

9. Treasurer’s Report

JB reported income of £101.97 (interest), £28 (subs), £12.10 (AGM quiz); spend £97.44 (Homewatch signs), £56.76 (Duck Food). £46.98 (AGM quiz), £503.47 (biodiversity equipment), £18.40 (printing). Current balance is £3683.93 (all grant funding currently expended – exceeded by £70.30)

10. Correspondence

28/04/2009	W&PBC	Notes re Clyffe cott tree fell 09/244	
28/04/2009	WCS	Invite to submit note for Newsletter	JS to submit
28/04/2009	W&PBC	Advice of showing of Climate change	
21/04/2009	R Blackwell	Details of 2009 walks	Add to next Newsletter
15/04/2009	W&PBC	Info re planning / fencing	Filed
15/04/2009	W&PBC	Notes re Springside tree fell 09/231	
15/04/2009	DWT	Dorset Wildlife - spring 09	Passed to JL / PR
15/04/2009	DWT	membership card	Passed to JB
09/04/2009	W&PBC	Notes and comments to W&PBC re Puddledock 09/99	
09/04/2009	W&PBC	Notes and comments to W&PBC re Fuschia cott 09/146	
20/04/2009	WW	Letter from D Emery re conservation of woods above WW	

20/04/2009	W&PBC	Comments re Green gap - donkey store 09/00175	
14/04/2009	DCC	Update request for History centre LIS +Vol 19/1	Been returned
03/04/2009	W&PBC	Temporary Footpath changes 21 & 29	
23/03/2009	Pass	Guide to Days out	
23/03/2009	CPRE	Dorset review spring	
23/03/2009	W&PBC	Bill for Homewatch signs £97.44	Paid by JB
23/03/2009	W&PBC	Advice that 9/0051 was approved	
23/03/2009	W&PBC	Temporary Footpath changes 125	
19/03/2009	CPRE	voice spring	

11. AOB

- a. MM asked if a pond clean up was planned. We need to talk to David Emery who is pond king.
- b. MM asked if the SPS would consider paying to have the trees pollarded. Advised that the W&PBC had trimmed trees back last year and did not agree with pollarding. See earlier minutes re actions re trees.
- c. MM commented on the decaying state of 1 Myrtle Cottages. She is pursuing the owner and / or Environmental Health for action. Action currently with MM.
- d. PR asked if SPS was interested in pursuing access from Chalky Lane to the Dorchester Road (Relief Road). Considered a done deed – no action currently plausible.

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 18th June** at the Mission Hall at **4.00 pm**

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

18/6/2009