

15th

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 8th July 09
at The Mission Hall – John Crisp in the Chair

1. Present – John Bellis, Graham Embley, John Sutherland, Joyce Litschi, Louise Sheaves, Tony Bugler, Peter Riley, Maureen Tepper.
Apologies – John Crisp, Karen Phillips.
2. The meeting only discussed key items due to other commitments of the Secretary and the absence of the Chairman. In the absence of JC the chair was taken by JB. The minutes of the meeting of 18th June 09 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: -
 - Not discussed - 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.” - was overtaken by application for Donkey food store – now relevant again.
 - PR has placed the DVD of the Video provided by TB in the Mission Hall for anyone to borrow. Currently still missing – presumed borrowed. GE asked if he could liaise with the MHT to ensure that it has not gone permanently missing; if not recovered to be mentioned the next Newsletter (Aug).
 - Not discussed - JC to confirm with KP her desire to continue on the SPS committee due to difficulty in attending meetings. Action continues.
 - Not discussed - PR reports that he has taken pictures of the village repeating those in the Village Survey – follow up action required.
 - Not discussed - GE to action via MHT when advised details by MT - who has 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).
 - Not discussed - From last meeting a letter is still required to our local councillors to obtain support for a 20mph limit through the village. Action JS outstanding – initial draft discussed with JC and P Jones.
4. Committee reports
 - The Mission Hall Trust – GE noted that MHT had written re Fuschia Cottage tree pruning – discussed under planning below.
 - Civic Society – Nothing to report.
 - CPRE – Nothing to report.
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – Nothing to report. Next meeting 18th July.
5. Social Events
 - Cream teas to be organised for Saturday 25th July. MT co-ordinating with Caroline Crisp. MT reminded of Urn and Power lead and previous siting of servery. MT organising posters. Raffle to be run by TB or JS. JS to obtain tickets; MT to obtain prizes if insufficient are donated. All available members of the committee will be expected to assist in the manning – erecting, fetching, carrying etc on the day From 11.00.
 - Not discussed - There is also an AONB walk on 15th Jul. Details assumed to be on the AONB web site.
 - Nothing to discuss - Scarecrow competition and vegetable show on 1st August to be co-ordinated by JC / Des Evans / Mike Haine (MH). Posters to be prepared by MH (JC to liaise) – flyer to be prepared by JC.
5. Planning Matters

Not discussed - Planning application review process – although there was considerable dissent on the progress of the comments for application 09/381. Process agreed at previous meeting - Details of future planning applications and a potential reply will be circulated to all for comments – A meeting to be called if there is dissent or discussion is obviously needed from the comments sent which may be circulated to all. The potential reply may be controversial, but will form one possible response – and perhaps make sure members are reading circulated correspondence.

Applications

09/146 Fuschia cottage, addition detached house – Going to appeal. Objection letter written. Addition letter requested by committee to enquire if the committee might speak to the Inspector at their site visit.

09/231 Springside fell Monterey Pine and Aspen – withdrawn and replaced with 09/364 to reshape Monterey Pine; commented willing to accept trees officer view.

09/361 Laurel cottage – shed – permitted. (Decision Notice - The hedge and shrubs to the west and the south of the shed shall be retained and where necessary reinforced with other appropriate planting, these to be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to provide continuing adequate screening to the shed and therefore retain the character of the Conservation Area and the setting of the Listed Building in accordance with Policies B1, B8, B10 and D3 of the adopted Weymouth and Portland Local Plan 2005.

9/294 Peveril Garage and porch –circulated note agreed sent; approved by W&PBC.

09/381 Fuschia cottage, Tree works. Details not yet on-line (19July) but viewed by MT. It appears that the pittosporum involved is in the adjacent property. Following vigorous debate it was decided that an additional comment be sent expressing further concern to supplement previous comment – (“We are willing to accept the opinion of the trees officer who will be in a better position to advise in this case; however, we note that this area is subject to a planning appeal to which trees and hedgerows are relevant.”)

09/342 Comms antenna and mast etc at Chalbury reservoir – comment sent as circulated. (We realise that the march of

progress needs telecoms equipment but note that the phone companies will only take as much care of the environment as they are forced to. We wonder why the new equipment cannot be mounted on the existing masts. We also wonder if it is practicable to plant trees to mask any new mast?)

7. Village plan implementation – Most Items not discussed in absence of JC
- History
 - Crime prevention – PJ has advised that request for funds for Homewatch administration costs has been rejected by the Safer Communities Group.
 - Conservation of village character
 - Rights of Way & Countryside Access – Group producing a **leaflet** on walk(s) in progress – Letter from Wessex Watermark advised that grant has been awarded. JC has acknowledged by e-mail. Date to be set for presentation of award – Both Sara Knight and Roy Winstanley have been informed. Date to be left to JC to organise to suit his diary. Addition funds will be required to complete task in the order of £50 – award of grant agreed by committee.
Interpretation Panel Not discussed.
 - Wildlife Habitats (Biodiversity) - Not discussed - Copy of the Society constitution previously requested has been sent to DE.
 - Traffic – Not discussed - Letter re 20mph limit through village, suggested at last meeting, still required.
8. Treasurer's Report – JB reports income of £89 (subs) – (additional funds passed over at the meeting to be included in next report). It was noted that the number of members in Mission Hall Lane is significantly reduced this year. Current balance is £3976.53 (including £179.70 from DWT grant fund). Copy of statement filed.
9. Village ducks – a letter had been received from the Springhead requesting the removal of the duck house from the Springhead. Letter to be acknowledged – decision on request deferred to return of JC – various options discussed were resiting duck house at alternate location (none defined) talk to Dave Caddy, Maureen Morris, Julia Allen, Elizabeth Saunders etc. Another option is to let them go wild and / or feed them on the pond side. Further discussion needed.

10. Correspondence

01/07/2009	Springhead	Sutton Poyntz Ducks	See para 9 above
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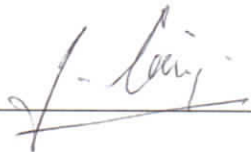
No other correspondence was discussed

11. AOB

TB noted that he approved the chain fence outside the Mission Hall.

12. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 19th August** at the Mission Hall at **8.00 pm**

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

26/8/2009.