

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Wednesday 19th May 2010
at The Mission Hall – John Crisp in the Chair

1. Present – John Crisp, John Sutherland, John Bellis, Louise Sheaves, Peter Riley, Anne Dye, Bill Egerton.
Visitor T Maidment.
Apologies –Karen Phillips, Tony Bugler.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 17th March 2010 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising: - None
4. Correspondence with P Farrell
Following discussion on the reply received from Peter Farrell (SPS1297) which appears to address only one point of those raised in our letter SPS1293 it was decided that we should write back and request a meeting with him and representatives of the SPS. We remain concerned with the process of the planning committee. It would appear that no notice is being taken of the planning constraints of a conservation area in planning decisions. Intention is to attempt to ascertain the attitude of the W&PBC planning committee to a conservation area and attempt to prevent what appear to be irrational decisions by the committee. Suggested we should attempt to arrange a meeting after 19th June to allow BE to attend if required.
5. Items arising following AGM
SPS representation – CPRE - Peter Jones; WCS - T Bugler; MHT – Anne Dye (JC to advise Anthea Heathershaw); W&PP – John Crisp (JS to circulate minutes to committee when they arrive).
Collection areas – with the departure of Joyce Litschi (JL) and Maureen Tepper (MT), areas revised with JC taking MT area, BE taking JL area and LS taking the old JC area. A list of last years members from the old areas was distributed. Note to be circulated to committee outlining new areas, with the Newsletter 139 for distribution.
Succession planning – it was noted that we will need both a new Chairman and Secretary at the next AGM. Committee to consider possible replacements during the year.
Attendance at Committee meetings – The hall is only available in the evening on Wednesdays. It was suggested that we should check if the hall was perhaps available on Tuesday or Thursday from 4.00 which might suit more people. JS to check with KP and Maureen Morris. (post meeting note – KP could possibly make Tuesday or Thursday at 4.00.)
Comments at the AGM from Mike Pressly
- Suggested that the committee should meet the local councillors. We have not met the councillors recently – we last met B Ellis and P Chapman on 28th Nov 2007 as a full committee (H Bruce could not attend). It was suggested that we should try to meet the councillors again in the autumn – last meeting concluded that perhaps we should repeat the meeting. Action required.
- Also suggested the Society spend too much time on social events and not enough on planning issues. The committee considered that the few social events undertaken were essential items of village activity. AD noted that the Newsletter did not clearly define planning activity of the committee – meeting view was that as the frequency is 5 per year, it does not have the ability to be a planning news sheet but it is hoped that the village web site might overcome that problem. Clarity of the planning reports in the Newsletters was not ideal with the term Commented not giving a clear indication of what is meant. It is hoped that the new web site will provide the better facility to publicise planning and immediate matters whereas the Newsletter has a longer time scale, recording summaries of past events and advertising future events.
6. Committee reports
 - Village Fayre. Position of our stall not clear as the Fayre committee understand Graham (GE) not progressing it. JC to talk to GE and clarify.
 - The Mission Hall Trust – AGM held, new secretary reported - Pam Dawson-Hollis.
 - Civic Society – Nothing to report.
 - CPRE – Nothing to report.
 - Weymouth and Portland Partnership – Nothing to report.
7. Village Web site
BE reported that funds had arrived from the AONB and a contract was placed on Tuesday. Plan is to receive a couple of drafts of the home page this week with a planned delivery of a working system within 45 days (elapsed time) after approval is given. A guidance to authors has been drafted ready for use.
8. Social Events
 - Final coffee morning this session on 2nd April was successful with hot cross buns available. Thanks to LS for organising.
 - Cream teas planned for 31st July. Maureen Tepper to be asked if she would co-ordinate the event. (Tim Maidment attending meeting as observer to check.)
 - Scarecrow event to run 27th July to 7th August – JC to co-ordinate. Notification of entries wanted by JC by 4th July (add to Newsletter).
 - Vegetable show at Scutt Hall on 7th Aug to be co-ordinated by JC. BE / LS / Mike Haine (MH) to assist on the day.
 - JC to request MH to produce posters for events.

9. Planning Matters

10/00095/ful, 23B Sutton Road Sutton Poyntz Weymouth Dorset DT3 6LS – 2 storey rear extension. Rejected as the two storey element fails to preserve or enhance the local distinctiveness and character of the Conservation Area. No new planning applications.

10. Village plan implementation –

- **History** – A further meeting held last Wednesday with attendance of around 20. Planning new presentation for autumn. JC asked if the History group could provide statistics of planning applications in 5 year slots (if planning applications are an aspect being considered by the group).
- **Crime prevention** – Note in Newsletter - P Riley covering Puddledock lane.
- **Conservation of village character** – planning actions by committee - no other change
- **Rights of Way & Countryside Access** – No actions.
- **Wildlife Habitats (Biodiversity)** – May newsletter on Notice Board. Report in the Newsletter. Yearly report available from John Newbould. Note of June activities posted around the village. PR reported that he was impressed with the background knowledge of the group and how interesting the Monday walk was. LS noted that there will be some invited activity organised during the half term – on 2nd June.
- **Traffic** –No Actions.

11. Treasurer's Report – JB reported. Income of £28 (subs), £40 (coffee morning), £1 (donation), £1475 (AONB grant), £25 (MHT contribution to AGM costs) – expenditure of £76 (AGM), £3 (postage etc), £375 (initial payment contract for web site). Copy of statement filed.

12. Correspondence

11/05/2010	G Butler	Various papers re Springhead brought from Spain See separate note to be circulated to committee – to be discussed at next meeting
05/05/2010	W&PBC	Alert from S Williams re 50k available for local projects Circulated to committee
05/05/2010	CPRE	Countryside voice spring 2010 Passed to PR
20/04/2010	DWT	Spring 2010 mailing Passed to PR
17/04/2010	W&PBC	Note of refusal 10/00095 (see above)
14/04/2010	G Butler	Copy of e-mail 14/4/2010 re land by pond – agreeing to provide papers held in Spain and summarising his opinion and recollection (I believe he was surveyor for Pub chain).
12/04/2010	Tidy	Note on the Big Tidy - 23 April 2010
12/04/2010	DWT	New membership card for DWT Passed to JB
12/04/2010	CPRE	Fieldwork April 2010 & Spring review
19/03/2010	W&PBC	reply from P Farrell to query of Planning process See above para 4
10/04/2010	G Butler	Request to G Butler for any papers which might relate to ownership of car park
07/04/2010	S Harbige	Reply to AONB agreeing conditions of funding for web site Actioned by BE
07/04/2010	S Harbige	Agreeing request for funding for web site

13. AOB LS noted that deteriorating state of the dog bin lids. JS to request renovation from Ray Aggett who provided original bins. (Post meeting note – Ray will look see.)
JS noted that the previously maintained Scrapbook is not being kept. Proposed to leave to MHT scrapbook being held in the hall.

14. Date of next meetings – Wednesday 16th June 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Other dates booked are
Wednesday 21st July 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Wednesday 18th August 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Wednesday 15th September 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Wednesday 20th October 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Wednesday 17th November 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm
Wednesday 15th December 2010 at the Mission Hall at 8.00 pm

Minutes agreed and approved _____ Date _____