

Minutes of the SPS Committee on Thursday 19 May 2011 at The Springhead

Action

1. Present

Bill Egerton (Chairman), David Martin, John Sutherland, Tony Bugler, Ann Dye, Alan Dawson-Hollis, John Crisp, Peter Sheaves and John Bellis

Apologies

Peter Riley and Karen Phillips

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2011

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Verify that Wyn Palfreyman, Christine Gates and Mike Haine (newsletter only) are willing to continue to collect subscriptions and distribute the newsletter.

Bill Egerton

Peter Jones will continue as representative for CPRE and crime prevention.

Awaiting response from W&PBC that correct permission was obtained to fell trees at Littlecot

Ask Richard Backwell if he is willing to organise the village walks.

Bill Egerton.

Add Bill Egerton to list of bank signatories

John Bellis

4. North down Farm Camping

It was agreed that the environmental damage section in the draft Article 4 submission is insufficient and should be removed. An environmental survey of the site was discussed. It was decided that because the site is private property and we have no right of access, an effective survey would be difficult. This requirement will be discussed with David Evans. If it will strengthen our case, it will be carried out.

Bill Egerton

It is alleged that piping and water taps have been installed at a number of points within the camp site. Planning implications for this will be verified with W&PBC

Bill Egerton

The caravan park planning appeal was rejected partly because of the impact on the AONB. This should be emphasised in our Article 4 submission. Bill Egerton and John Crisp will review the format of the Article 4 submission.

John Crisp
Bill Egerton

Bill Egerton has arranged meetings with David Evans Head of Planning at WPBC, David Manning. Bill Egerton and John Crisp will meet Councillors David Manning, Peter Chapman to discuss the Council's support for an Article 4 Direction, the content and timing for a submission to give the best chance of success. A meeting will be held with Teresa Seall of the Osmington Society, to discuss the opportunity to agree a joint submission.

5. Village Website

Access problems with Internet Explorer versions 8 and 9 were identified.

6. The vehicle to allow the Society to purchase and hold land, prior to transfer to W&PBC, and the costs involved will be investigated

John Crisp

7. Road Grit

Hazel Bruce is investigating the supply of road grit in the winter. It is believed that the Council will supply grit into the correct bins provided by the community. Progress to be reviewed

John Crisp

8. Trees around Pond

A note will be sent to the council to inspect the trees and advise the maintenance action required. John Crisp

9. Events

Organisers for Society village events were sought:

Cream Teas - nobody present was prepared to accept this task. The importance, to the Society, of the funds raised by this event was emphasised. Karen Phillips will be asked to organise this event.

Bill Egerton

David Martin agreed to organise the Scarecrow competition.

Bill Egerton agreed to organise the vegetable show.

10. Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported income from subscriptions £60 and sale of village leaflets £28. Expenditure was on AGM expenses £44 and biodiversity equipment, covered by the OPAL grant, £259. General funds are £4969 and village plan funds £428.

11. Correspondence

Nothing urgent. Deferred to next meeting.

12. Any Other Business

It was agreed to modernise the Society logo and letterhead. Anne Dye and Alan Dawson-Hollis will present suggestions to the Committee. To avoid delay in publication, the May newsletter will be issued in the present format.

Anne Dye
Alan Dawson-Hollis

A request to place a memorial bench near the village pond was received. The writer will be advised of the Society's view that seating at the pond be on a replacement basis. An alternative site in the Mission Hall garden will be suggested

Sara Knight suggested that The Society renovate the cart at The Springhead and organise a village clean up. It was agreed that the cart is privately owned and on private property, therefore, outside the control of the Society. Sara Knight be requested to organise a team to tidy the village.

Bill Egerton

13. Next Meeting

16 June 2011 at The Springhead, venue to be confirmed.

Minutes agreed and approved _____ Date _____