

Minutes of last meeting dated 29th May 2012

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Thorncombe Village Hall, 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29 May 2012

Present

Committee members: John Whitbread, Lynn Kinsey, Ruth Jacobson, Mark Shelley, Rachael Whitbread

By invitation

Sheila Moreland (President)

Election of new officers

Chair: John Whitbread (JW)

Vice Chair: this post to remain vacant for time being

Secretary: Ruth Jacobson (RJ)

Programme Secretary: John Whitbread (JW)

Treasurer/Newsletter Editor: Lynn Kinsey agreed to continue in this post

Membership Secretary: Rachael Whitbread (RW) agreed to continue in this post

Role of Secretary: it was agreed that the role of Secretary should for the present not include drafting communications regarding planning applications and that a planning sub-committee would fulfil this role. It was further agreed that Eve Higgs should be formally asked to continue to her valuable role as Minutes Secretary **[Action JW]**.

Recruitment of new Committee members: it was agreed that this remained a priority, and attention will be paid to this during the forthcoming programme of activities.

John Whitbread then took the Chair

1. Apologies for absence: none
2. Minutes of meeting held on the 24th April 2012 minutes approved subject to minor corrections, and signed
3. Democratic period for Trust members: no members present
4. Matters Arising:
 - a) Feedback to the talk following the AGM: "Adventurous Journeys" by Ann Moss crop. JW reported strong positive feedback (72% - 4 stars; 28% - 3 stars) It was agreed that although the topic fell outside the Trust's locally-based interests, it would be appropriate to invite this speaker again in the future
 - b) Members' Programme for 12-13. Next event is hoped to be the visit to Kingcombe Nature Reserve, scheduled for June or July. RW reported that past visits had been able to arrange for a guided tour but this might not still be possible. It was agreed that this would be the best format, even if it meant restricting numbers. RW to contact Kingcombe to establish position and date then to be finalised and information circulated to members. **[Action: RW]** Other arrangements: small charge to be made for members and their guests; if numbers have to be limited, members to have priority. RW to also establish if Trust needs any kind of disclaimer for insurance purposes. **[Action: RW]**
Farm visit is provisionally scheduled for August: JW to continue to liaise over date and arrangements and report to next meeting. **[Action: JW]**
 - c) "Our Village" – Photo Exhibition by Village School. JW reported that there

has been general appreciation of the exhibition from the school community and that the acting head will be recommending the continuation of this activity.

- d) Spring Sale. LK reported on outcome of sale (in Financial Report, which forms part of these minutes). It was noted that the total was £40 down on last year's, due at least in part to less profit on cakes and that some rethinking of arrangements for Autumn/Winter sale will be necessary
- e) Tree Maintenance. JW reported that Richard Taylor would be continuing to undertake necessary maintenance and that they were together planning a tree survey.
- f) Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Tree. Mark Shelley reported that the Social Club Chair was in agreement in principle but that more specific information was needed before the specific site could be agreed. RW to provide MS with this and necessary action to be taken in time for planting season. **[Action: RW & MS]**

5. The Treasurer provided the Committee with a written Financial Report as at 20 May 2010, in summary:

Income: £599.50
Expenditure: £261.66
Current Account: £ 1,118.54
Scottish Widows: £ 5,533.03
Santander shares: £ 311.95

6. Current Planning Applications:

- (i) Home Farm, Sadborow Lane, alteration to sawmill to create brewery. JW reported that this work was now underway but did not raise any issues of concern for the Trust
- (ii) Upperfold, Saddle St. Internal works only
- (iii) Licence for alcohol: this has been granted
- (iv) Certificate for civil ceremony weddings at Magdalen Farm has been refused
- (v) Parish Plan. MS reported that this was now in the process of being drafted for response/feedback from Parish Council and other interested parties. It was noted that there is still uncertainty as to when the final Neighbourhood Plan will be in existence.

7. Co-opting new members: it was agreed that this should be a priority for the Committee but that it would be best to integrate this with forthcoming activities.

8. Committee members' items for inclusion: no items raised

9. Report on Parish Council meeting held on the 1st May 2012: not available. However, it was agreed that since regular attendance at these meetings was relevant for the Trust, there should be a regular rota for forthcoming meetings, to be started at next Committee meeting in June.

10. Any other business:

- (a) LK reported that she would need to make arrangements for changing signatories
- (b) RW proposed to continue the former Chair's practice of sending brief 'thank yous' to members who had helped with fund raising events, giving total raised. This was agreed and RJ to do for Spring Sale **[Action: RJ]**

11. Next meeting: 26 June, 2012, 7.30

Signed..... Dated: 26.6.2012