

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting: Thomcombe Village Trust.

Date: May 14th 1986. Venue: Village Hall. Time: 7.30 pm.

No. in attendance 50 approx.

1. The meeting was opened by the steering committee co-ordinator, Ron Hankses, in a welcoming speech he indicated the origins & early history of the Trust. A copy of this speech is attached to these minutes. Such a copy together with an agenda, draft constitution was supplied to all ~~members~~ who attended this meeting.
2. A financial statement was made by the Treasurer, John Whitbread, which indicated that to that date: £196. — had been received in membership fees and donations, £66.79. had been spent mainly on printing and other forms of publicity. The number of members were also given: 62 individuals arising from 21 family memberships, 7 individual and 11 senior citizens.
3. The Secretary of the Trust, John Whitbread, read to the meeting a list of nominees together with proposers and recorders for officers and other committee members. These were unanimously received by the membership. A copy of nominees, proposers & recorders is attached to these minutes.
4. The title & constitution of the Trust offered in draft form was accepted by membership. (Copy attached).
5. The annual subscriptions were announced & accepted by the membership — copy attached.
6. Date of the 1st AGM. was confirmed as to be held in May 1987.
7. The response to the N.D.S.C. Planning Proposals: it was indicated^{by the chairman} that copies of correspondence on these matters were available for the Trust membership to view. As the issue of outline planning

permission for Higher Farm was not yet dealt with, the Trust awaited with great interest judgement on this matter.

At this point the Trust was informed by a member of the audience, Mr Warren, ^{the} chairman of the West Dorset Conservative Association, that it was hoped that the planning sub-committee would decide on a "site visit" which would be made open to the public.

Ken Frampton spoke from the floor requesting information on local flora & fauna. In particular the need to conserve locally endangered species.

The chairman indicated the Trust's intention to set up study groups under various headings e.g. Flora & Fauna, Local History, Footpaths & Bridleways, Recycling & Littering. Membership forms were invited to place their names on lists being compiled in order to ~~organise~~ organise such sub-groups.

The meeting then took refreshments & awaited the arrival of the speaker from the C.P.R.E.

After a brief interval Mrs Jack from the Somerset Branch of the C.P.R.E. of the aims & objectives of the Council. She indicated its involvement with national issues such as the siting of Nuclear Power Stations and the route for the Channel Tunnel.

The extent of its local concerns were also given. The Council's sometimes solitary role as a voice for rural communities in the face of pressure for increased building programmes was shown. Mrs Jack indicated the Council's full support for the activities of the Trust and said that she personally had been the author of a letter on behalf of the C.P.R.E. with observations on the proposed Higher Farm development to the W.D.C. planning sub-committee. She felt the ~~situation was~~

The chairman then invited questions from the floor. A lively discussion ensued. The meeting end at 9.30 pm.

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