

Fleet Study Group

Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Fleet Study Group, held at the Dorset Wildlife Trust HQ at Brooklands, Forston, Dorset on the 20th July, 2001

Present: D R Seaward (Chair), S Eden, J Fitzpatrick, E Green (Ilchester Estates), D Moxom (Ilchester Estates), G Poole; David Bucke was welcomed as a new member.

Apologies for absence: B Betts (Joint Dorset Marine Committee), A Bruce, K Coombe, V Copley (EN), M House, G LePard, P O'Sullivan, J Whittaker.

1. **Notes of last meeting** (23 March 2001) were accepted as a correct record.
2. **Matters arising;** none not already on the agenda.
3. **Reports from representatives;** none about the 10 May Dorset Coast Forum meeting since no-one present today attended that. Of the two Joint Dorset Marine Committee meetings, the only matters of particular relevance to FSG were in relation to (a) Dorset Central Marine Database which is now transferred to Dorset Environmental Records Centre, and volunteers will start inputting data, (b) **DRS** has contributed to a JDMC response to the planning application for a fuel bunkering proposal in Portland Harbour.
4. **FSG Symposium Proceedings:** joint editors (DRS, JW, PD) have now received all the papers which have been or soon will be sent for peer review.
5. **Alan Carr – obituary and memorial:** JW has produced a full obituary and list of papers for publication in next year's *Dorset Proceedings*. DRS, DM and GLP are identifying appropriate survey points (see last minutes).
6. **Current research:** nothing to report.
7. **Research proposals:** nothing to report.
8. **FSG pamphlet:** In view of the research nature of FSG and the fact that we do not recruit, it is now felt inappropriate to have a pamphlet. Membership is by invitation to those expressing an interest and offering a specialism to further the group's objects. Instead it is proposed to produce a note for potential members about the aims and objectives of FSG. A draft will be available for discussion at the next meeting.
9. **FSG Web Page:** In view of the small attendance, this item was postponed to the next meeting.
10. **Future meetings:** 23 November 2001 at West Yard, Abbotsbury.
Presentation by Paul Chester, ecologist, Portland Port Ltd.

22 March 2002, ? venue? Presentation possibly by Vince Giavarini on Chesil lichens.

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19 July 2002. ?venue? Presentation possibly by
Environment Agency on programme of water quality monitoring.

11. AOB: EG expressed some concern felt by the Ilchester Estate that eventual World Heritage designation may considerably increase physical and other pressures upon the Fleet and hinterland with damaging effect and requiring the diversion of resources to counter which are presently used to the benefit of the Fleet and Chesil.

12. Presentation by Geoff Poole on the Western limits to the Fleet and Chesil Beach.