

THE GATEACRE SOCIETY

18 OCT 1978 Registered with the Civic Trust for the North West.

Chairman: Mr.T.Brakell, Linden Cottage, Halewood Road.

Hon Sec: Mrs.S.Lewis, Grange Lodge, Grange Lane.

MINUTES of the third Annual General Meeting of the Gateacre Society, held on the 1st November 1977 at Gateacre Chapel Hall, Sandfield Road at 8.pm.Present: Mr.T.Brakell (Chairman), Mr.A.Wilson (Vice-chairman), Mr.H.Winsor (Acting Treasurer), Mrs.S.Lewis (Hon. Secretary).Committee; Mr.G.Olsen, Mr.L.Shepherd, Mr.S.Prince, Mr.McCann.Members; Miss J.B.Gnosspeilius, Mrs. Downey, Mrs.E.Castle, Miss M.K.Hare, Mrs.E.Wilson, Mrs.I.Cope, Miss R.Harris, Mrs S.Bee, Mr.A.Globe, Mr.J.Brakell, Mr.P.Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. M.Jones (22).

The Chairman - Mr. Tim Brakell, welcomed members to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence had been received from - Miss A.Lythgoe, Mrs.P.Inman, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Brakell, Mr. and Mrs. A.Ellis, Miss Lewis.
2. Minutes of the second Annual General Meeting were confirmed and signed.
3. SECRETARY'S REPORT - A joint exhibition had been held with the Woolton Society in the Exhibition Hall at the City Planning Office on the 14th December and at the same time a small exhibition had been shown at the Gateacre Comprehensive School.

On January 11th we were invited by the Woolton Society to see the Heritage Bureau's film "Liverpool's an altered Town" and on January 25th there was a meeting at Gateacre Chapel when the Reverend John Keggen talked about the history of the building and the congregation from the year 1700.

A Jumble Sale, in aid of the Society's funds, was held at the Chapel Hall on the 26th February.

On March 22nd Miss Janet Gnosspeilius gave a lecture with slides on "Architecture in Gateacre", opening our eyes to the many interesting buildings there are in the village.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in Gateacre on June 4th when three of our local schools - Gateacre CofE, Our Lady of the Assumption and Gateacre Comprehensive Schools took part with a parade, songs, tableaux and music on the Village Green. Miss McAndrew and Miss Crinnon from the Post Office planted two trees and the Chairman - Mr. Tim Brakell unveiled plaques commemorating both the Jubilee and the Coronation in 1953.

A Jubilee Exhibition, theme- "Gateacre 25 years and Gateacre today", was held in the Chapel Hall for four days, and later on July 9th this exhibition together with the Woolton Society's Jubilee exhibition was shown at the Gateacre Comprehensive School's Fair, and retained for the following week to be used by teachers and pupils.

The first Gateacre Walk took place on the 16th July when about 70 people walked round the village guided by Miss Gnosspeilius and Mr.John Dewsnap, looking at a considerable range of architecture under expert tuition.

On the 20th September there was a social occasion when we met in the Gateacre Institute to say "farewell" to our Treasurer and founder member John Keggen who was leaving Gateacre to live in the Isle of Man.

As well as meetings, exhibitions and two newsletters the Society has worked closely with the Planning Department regarding Tree Preservation Orders, the hot take-away food shop in Grange Lane, extensions to the Conservation Area and shop signs.

We sent written representations to the Department of the Environment and the City Solicitor regarding Woolton Hall and the Albany in Old Hall Street.

We have been in constant touch with the Recreation and Open Spaces Department over the rehabilitation of the Village Green, and with the County Engineer's Department regarding the ban on HGV's along King's Drive and Belle Vale Road which has still not been implemented.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee and members who have given me so much help during the year, and Miss Gnosspelius of the Woolton Society who is always ready with her support and advice.

1. TREASURER'S REPORT - The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending 31st October 1977, and in his report noted that we began the year with £130.74 of which £90 were outstanding expenses whereas this year has finished with £87.82 in the Society's account and no outstanding expenses.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - The Chairman wished to record the Society's thanks to John Keggen for all his work in the past and to the Secretary for her work for the Society. He went on to say that interest in the Society was growing as more people became aware of its existence, and he mentioned several instances of where the Society had been able to influence the local authorities for the benefit of the village - notably the great improvement in the Village Green. But there was still much to be done and he stressed the need for the ban on heavy vehicles through the village which had recently caused a great deal of damage to the water mains in Belle Vale Road.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The Chairman, Vice-chairman and Honorary Secretary were all re-elected, and the Acting Treasurer, Mr. Harry Winsor proposed by Mr. S. Prince and seconded by Mrs. S. Lewis was elected Treasurer nem. con.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE - Mrs. P. Inman, Miss E. Lewis, Mr. G. Olsen, Mr. S. Prince, and Mr. A. McCann were all re-elected nem. con. and two new members - Mrs. Sheila Bee, proposed by Mr. Waterman and seconded by Mrs. Lewis. Miss A. Lythgoe, proposed by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Waterman, were elected nem. con.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Various suggestions were made regarding future activities - events involving local schoolchildren, an outing to Speke Hall, a Christmas Party, a hot-pot supper, a fete on the Recreation Ground, a talk about antiques and another Jumble Sale in February or March.

Mr. Shepherd suggested that in the New Year, when we had a programme worked out, that we should have a campaign to advertise the Society and circularize the district.

An appeal for members to help with the delivery of notices and newsletters was made and Mr. P. Dawson said he would be willing to assist.

It was agreed that a donation of £10 should be made to the Chapel Committee who were thanked by the Chairman for the continued use of the Hall and facilities at the Society's meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9 pm.

Mr. Lionel Shepherd then showed members the slides of the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations on the Village Green.

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