

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 11th November 2015
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Sue Wintle, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Chris Hubbard, Bill Egerton.
Apologies: Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Balfe, Tamzin Hyde.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 14th October 2015 were agreed.
3. *Matters arising*
BE had talked to Karen at the pub about the parking difficulties for the dog show. Karen was well aware of the problem, and would try to make better arrangements next year. BE said the village might perhaps be able to find volunteers to help.
4. *Items to be raised under AOB*
Dog bins.
5. *Planning*
 - a. WP/CA/15/00135 – Tree maintenance, Old Bakehouse, Sutton Road – Agreed that we are happy to rely on the Trees Officer’s judgement.
 - b. WP/CA/15/00149 – Tree maintenance, Cork Hill, Plaisters Lane – A letter had been received from Ray Aggett explaining the background to this application. We agreed that we are happy to rely on the Trees Officer’s judgement. The Secretary will respond to Ray Aggett.
 - c. WP/CA/15/00162 – Tree maintenance, 6 Sutton Close - Agreed that we are happy to rely on the Trees Officer’s judgement.
 - d. WP/15/00749/FUL – Replacement porch at side of 7 Sutton Close – Happy that this complies with Society policy.
 - e. WP/15/00760/FUL – Revised plans for development at 42 Sutton Close – After discussion, it was agreed that our earlier response had not sufficiently expressed our concerns about overdevelopment of this site, the impact of the houses immediately up the slope above Sutton Road, and the insufficiency of parking on site and on the roads in the immediate vicinity. The revised plans were not sufficient to overcome our objections, and a fresh representation would be written, setting out our opposition.
 - f. Neighbourhood Plan – Based on the information in BE’s email, it was agreed that we would go ahead with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Sutton Poyntz (proposed BE, seconded PD). The next step would be to meet with Council Officers and to get their agreement in principle to a Neighbourhood Plan, to a geographical area to be covered by the Plan, and to any changes to the Society constitution to allow it to act as a Neighbourhood Forum. **Action BE/MB**. It was agreed that we should invite a representative of the Dorset Association of Parish Councils, to give advice. **Action BE**.
6. *Other village matters*
 - a. Sutton Poyntz Ltd – JS had produced a draft amendment to the Society Constitution, to clarify the powers of the Committee and the relationship between the Society and SPLtd. The wording was welcomed, and should be put to the next AGM unless an amalgamation of the two bodies proves possible. It was agreed that we should contact the Civic Society to understand the process they went through in becoming a Limited Company (**Action BE**). If we go ahead with the constitutional changes suggested by JS, then the Directors of SPLtd should also change its Articles of Association to specify that Directors are appointed by the Society.
 - b. Top-of-the-Pond
In response to the emails and poster giving information about our proposals, two emails had been received from the Pressly’s and Emery’s with concerns about the changes. The Pressly’s

were most concerned about the idea of benches, and the Emery's about limiting available space for the occasions when lorries need access to the houses nearby. It was agreed that no decision was in any case going to be made about benches for some time, and that villagers would be very understanding if the area was needed from time to time for lorries.

It was agreed that we would go ahead and order the materials needed for the planters. A sum of £1600 was agreed for the whole scheme (proposed PD, seconded MB), although it was very much hoped that nearly 50% of this would be reimbursed by the Wilson family in memory of their parents, and another 30% from David Mannings' County Councillor Fund.

It was agreed that a final leaflet drop to people living nearby would inform them of what was happening, and that the Secretary would respond to the Pressly's and Emery's.

- c. The pond – BE was awaiting a response on the disposal of silt from the pond, and would talk again to Ian Bruce. He had received an email offering a meeting on making the litter bins gull-proof, but no date had been set; he would chase this.

7. *Village Events / Activities*

- a. Coffee mornings – Manpower for the December coffee morning was sought (by tradition the men serve the coffee in December). Street Fayre material would be on view. In January, a Jurassica display had been arranged, and in February archaeological material from Wyndings. Nothing had yet been arranged for March.

It was agreed that the charge will change next October to £2.

There were some difficulties with the hot water maker and the coffee maker, but the Mission Hall was dealing with this.

- b. Social events – Ideas for a late winter event would be discussed at the next meeting. For the spring/summer, a village walk was suggested (we had not arranged one in 2015), and a “Farmers evening” was discussed briefly.

8. *Communications*

- a. Newsbites and Newsletters – The next Newsletter was due in January, but would probably be produced a little early.

CH asked about access to emails responding to Newsbites; BE will consider how to arrange this.

9. *Other Village Activity reports*

No reports.

10. *Committee Reports*

No reports.

11. *Treasurer's Report*

The report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £4,778.53.

12. *Correspondence*

A newsletter from CPRE, and an appeal from Dorset Wildlife Trust.

13. *AOB*

- a. Dog bins – At present, the ones that have been in the village for a long time are getting emptied by Dorset Waste Partnership, but not the new ones. It was thought that this is an informal concession by the DWT people, rather than part of what they are actioned to do. The topic will be discussed with Ian Bruce. **Action BE**

14. *Date of next meeting*

9th December at the Mission Hall.

Minutes agreed and approved :

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