

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 11th January 2017
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Peter Riley, Jill Kelsey, Jez Cunningham, Peter Dye, Chris Hubbard
Apologies: Bill Egerton, Chris Balfe, Jackie Greet, Hilary Davidson, Sue Wintle, Jacqui Atkinson
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 14th December 2016 were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
None
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*
PD reported that there had been no meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum since the last SP Soc Meeting. Two consultants would be outlining their proposals for the way forward at a meeting on Monday 16th January, with a meeting of the NF the following evening to discuss these proposals. The spreadsheet containing views already expressed would be analysed by the chosen consultant. There was considerable discussion of the relationship/interaction between the SP Society and the NF (one and the same thing but also distinct) in the future, without resolution. Voting on the Neighbourhood Plan would be restricted to those inside the identified geographical boundary of the village.
5. *Planning*
18 Wilmslow Road, Extension to Bungalow, WP 16/00872/FUL : It was decided not to comment on this out of area, relatively modest, extension.
Two tree reductions WP/CA/1600179 and WP/CA/1600177 : would be left to the decision of the tree officer, with letter sent to this effect. **ACTION BE**
Plaisters Lane development : An email had been received stating that both applications - for the higher and lower sites - had been withdrawn.
6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*
Nothing particular to report.
7. *Other village matters*
 - a. The Pond, & History Board – Nothing to report
 - b. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.
 - c. Defibrillator - There was a vote of thanks to JC for his success in obtaining the funding for and supply of a defibrillator for installation in the village. He said that there were requirements contingent on this supply e.g. notices to be put around the village indicating where the defibrillator was located. These would be dealt with after delivery. It was also hoped to hold drop-in sessions in the Mission Hall for demonstrations on the use of the equipment.
8. *Village Events / Activities*
 - a. Coffee mornings
Attendance was significantly down again this month – perhaps illness/weather related? In February the theme would be Neighbourhood Watch hosted by Peter Jones with PCSO Clive Joyner in attendance, and in March it was hoped to showcase the defibrillator.
 - b. Winter events
Next event - A talk on St Andrews Church (both the history and building), at the Mission Hall on Wednesday 22nd February.

The AGM of the Society would be held on Wednesday 12th April in the Mission Hall. The possibilities of providing refreshments and speakers - the Neighbourhood Forum consultants? - were discussed.

9. *Communications*

9a. MB tabled an email he had received from a Society member. In this she said that there had been slanderous gossip and lies against her daughter and her husband; the Plaisters Lane proposals had led to an hysterical response and personal abuse; there had been an attempt by SPS members to stir up resentment; zealous members of the SPS were observed with their clipboards drumming up the level of protest; the services of a planning consultant had not been sought with the planning application for the Wilmslow Road site, but had with the Plaisters Lane one.

After discussion over these remarks it was decided that no slanderous gossip and lies had been reported to the Committee nor had there been any criticism of individuals. No activities - surveys or lobbying - had been authorised or undertaken on behalf of the Committee and the level of the Society response to the application had been governed by Society policies. It was felt that the fine line of maintaining equality towards all points of view had been maintained and great care had been taken in deciding the necessary action. The Committee considered that it took its responsibilities very seriously and adhered closely to established Society policies. The Secretary was asked to convey these feelings to the member concerned. ACTION BE

9b. MB tabled email correspondence from another member asking why the Planning Inspector's decision on the Plaisters Lane Planning Application had not been circulated to SP Members via the Newsbite email system. The Committee noted that the result of planning applications had not been transmitted via Newsbites in the past and that this type of communication traditionally focussed on forthcoming village events or on significant events which had occurred primarily due to extensive SP Society involvement e.g. the Top of the Pond land purchase. The Secretary was asked to convey these views to this member. ACTION BE

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

a, b None

c Biodiversity. MB reported that he had recently assisted with work in the coppice behind the Waterworks. It was decided that Dave Emery/ John Newbould should be approached to discuss how the Society might help in the future regarding establishing a longer term policy on the coppice. ACTION BE

11. *Committee Reports*

None

12. *Treasurer's Report*

A report had been tabled by email. Input from the Coffee Morning and Subscriptions had been received, and the Mission Hall Trust had been paid for the use of the hall for the presentation in November. There were no questions of the Treasurer.

13. *Correspondence*

Nothing to report (in the absence of BE)

14. *Date of next meeting*

Wednesday 8th February in the Mission Hall

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: