

**SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**7:30 p.m. at the Mission Hall**

**Agenda:**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> October
3. Additional items (new and repeat) not listed on the agenda.
4. Committee Reports:  
Mission Hall Trust
5. Neighbourhood Planning  
Discussion of possible monitoring role for Society (see overleaf)
6. Village Events / Activities:
  - a. Coffee mornings
  - b. Future events
7. Other village matters:
  - a. Works to the pond
  - b. History boards
  - c. Ideas for telephone box
  - d. Benches
8. Communications:
  - a. Welcome Leaflet; Newsletter; Newsbites; Website.
9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Correspondence.
11. Sutton Poyntz Ltd.
12. Planning: for the record only (see list overleaf)
13. Date of next meeting: (12<sup>th</sup> December, to be confirmed)

## Monitoring role for Society – Extract from draft Neighbourhood Plan

*A successful Neighbourhood Plan requires provision for monitoring and management functions. Management will normally be undertaken by the Local Planning Authority, while the monitoring function traditionally falls to the parish. The Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum is unique in being a rural non-parish body. Under the local government arrangements in place when the forum was established in 2017, the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council would have managed the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan (once made), as part of the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. It would have been reasonable for the Borough Council to have delegated the monitoring role to the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum. However, with the creation of the Unitary Authority on 1 April 2019, the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council will disappear and Sutton Poyntz becomes part of Weymouth Town Council. Since it is not possible to have a non-parish forum within a parish, the Neighbourhood Forum will cease to exist with the creation of Weymouth Town Council. At the same time, the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (incorporating the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan) will become the responsibility of the new Unitary Authority.*

*The Weymouth Town Council may be unable to offer the level of oversight that would have been provided by the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum, with its unique knowledge in developing relevant local policies. The Town Council is urged to consider delegating this task to a local organisation. There are two candidates, the Neighbourhood Plan Forum Steering Group or the Sutton Poyntz Society. The former has no constitution, policies or planned existence beyond April 2019. The Sutton Poyntz Society has been in existence for fifty years, but its constitution and policies do not align with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Sutton Poyntz Society could however replace its existing policies by those set out in the Neighbourhood Plan. Consideration should also be given to adopting the associated aspirational goals. In doing so, the Sutton Poyntz Society could properly claim a democratic mandate in championing policies and aspirations formally agreed by the community. A third suggestion is the creation of a Neighbourhood Council that would meet specifically to discharge the monitoring role. Monitoring should also involve progressing the village's aspirations and continued liaison with stakeholders. The engagement with householders, landowners, farmers, developers, businesses and employees during the planning process has proved (in general) positive and beneficial. Even where there has been disagreement, it has led to improved understanding and constructive discussion. This process should not end just because the Neighbourhood Plan has been made.*

### Recent planning applications:

- WP/18/00839/CATR – The Cottage, Puddledock Lane – Fell oak and elm, and reduce sycamore
- WP/18/00855/CATR – Bramble Patch, Plaisters Lane – Reduce willow
- WP/18/00807/CATR – Mullions, Plaisters Lane – Fell robinia, eucalyptus, cypress
- WP/18/00806/CATR – Clyffe Cottage, Plaisters Lane – Fell cherry, ash
- WP/18/00778/CWC – Hawthorns, Plaisters Lane (i.e. land north of Morlands) – Compliance with planning conditions