



Sutton Poyntz Society

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PLANNING

Camping – Weymouth and Portland Planning Department have not progressed any further with their deliberations on the appropriateness of an Article 4 directive. Photographic evidence of the impact on the AONB has been provided to assist them. Following a query about the state of the latrines we understand that the facilities have been properly run and there are no environmental health issues associated with the camping this year.

Society Planning Policy – the Society's policy regarding planning decisions affecting the village will be reviewed in the next few months. If you would like to contribute, please email newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

Planning Applications – your committee commented on the application to build a house on the land opposite Wyndings. In fact two comments were made; the second corrected the first and pointed out those areas where the application conflicted with the Society's published policy.

Applications on trees are usually left to the Tree Officer. The Council have been informed of felling that may have required authorisation.

The new stable in the land off Plaisters Lane is not a fixed building, has no floor or foundations, and therefore does not require planning permission.

CPRE – Peter Jones reports that the CPRE have urged the Government to rethink the wording of the Localism Bill in so far as it relates to planning. Peter points out that the Weymouth and Portland Plan currently under review is central to the new planning policy. The Society is participating in the preparation of this plan which is required to specify development sites to be valid. Peter's full report is on the village website.

COMING EVENTS

Coffee Mornings – 10:30 am on the first Friday of every winter month: a chance to catch up with your friends over coffee and home made cake.

Christmas Carols – The Mission Hall Christmas Carols will be on Monday, December 19th outside the Mission Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!

New Year's Eve 'Pot Luck' Party -- In the Mission Hall. Limited places. Contact Ruth Davies (833798) or Yvonne Emery (832907) for details.

Question Time – Another evening of your questions put to a carefully selected panel. 8th February, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Mission Hall.

NEWSROUND

Road Gritting – Last winter, Sutton Road was closed by snow and ice for a short period, preventing the bus from running. Hazel Bruce and Brian Ellis (our local Borough and County councillors) have been asked to make the case for the gritting lorry to divert off the Preston Road and clear the bus route. Just a ten minute diversion would keep the bus running. Failing that, and very much as a second best solution, we have asked for grit bins to be provided so that residents can take matters into their own hands. We also contacted Christine James (the councillor responsible for highways) who is taking the problem on for us. Things seem to be moving so hopefully we will see the bus running through the winter.

Village Spring Clean – Would you volunteer to help tidy up the village in the New Year? This will involve the litter collection as previously but also some clearance of undergrowth on the banks and verges. The Council used to do this, and are still responsible for it but seem unwilling despite very many requests. If you would be prepared to help out please email newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

Phone Box – BT wish to remove the phone box at the end of Plaisters Lane. There is an option for the village to “adopt” it, keeping our iconic red box. The village would become responsible for its upkeep, but BT would remove the phone equipment! Please email you view a.s.a.p. on whether or not we should adopt the box to newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch – Peter Jones (Homewatch Coordinator) reports on a presentation by a senior police inspector, giving reassurance that even under budget cuts community policing will remain a major thrust. The Chief Constable reports that overall crime is down in Dorset but there has been a recent rise in burglary, so we need to remain aware. The Safer Neighbourhood Team continues with PC Kevin Eames and PCSO Clive Joyner. The team will be at the Mission Hall at midday on Wednesday 23 November. Come and talk to them about your concerns or suggestions.

Biodiversity Group - The group will undertake a major project this winter, clearing dead elms and replanting the hedge to the east of the waterworks property. Volunteers are wanted to help with this project, which will be done with hand tools. A stout pair of gloves is also required. If you can help for two hours or so, please contact Peter Sheaves (phone number below). The SP Biodiversity Group has been running for three years thanks to the efforts of David Emery in co-ordinating events and obtaining funding for equipment and projects.

Street Fayre – The Village Stalls organisers – Ruth Davies (833798) and Pat Haine (832995) are asking for your donations as follows:

Street Fayre Stalls

BOOKS – good quality books to Ian and Sue Locke (4 Sutton Court Lawns, 835116), after Christmas please. *RED WHITE and BLUE* – treats for the youngsters to buy in Union Jack livery. *JEWELLERY* – a favourite stall always profitable, your saleable valuables to Jean Kirk please (834759). *ART and PICTURES* – any paintings and prints not wanted after redecorating. *SPORT and GAMES* (very Olympic) tennis racquets, cricket bats, golf clubs, football kit, yachts, kites, walking boots and maps. *WEDDING FINERY* – the vintage clothes stall was a great success last time. In 2012 we need clothes with a wedding theme. Not *jumble* please but stylish handbags and hats, shoes, and wedding gear. *GARDEN STALL* – cuttings, filled pots, garden implements. *PERFECT PRESENTS* – Unwanted good quality presents especially toiletries for men and women. Pat Haine will package them beautifully. *SHABBY CHIC FURNITURE* – this stall made £900 profit in 2010. Search your attic for wooden furniture which helpers will paint and smarten up. Must be of a size to be carried away on the day! Take it to Pat Bellis (Sutton House, Puddledock Lane, 837162). *ANTIQUES & BYGONES* – jugs, bowls, vases, ornaments but not bric-a-brac. *TOMBOLA* – good prizes please; but not too many bottles of wine!

Finally, Clive Davies will be needing more people to help control car parking following the change of ownership of the field by Plaisters Lane. If you haven't helped before please contact Clive on 833798 or email clive@royalmanor.co.uk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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