

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 14 November 2018 at the Mission Hall.

Present: Bill Egerton, Hilary Davidson, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe, Jackie Greet, Andy Hohne, Jill Kelsey

Also Present: Chris Hubbard.

JK, as acting Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1) **Apologies:** Shirley Davies

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes for the 14 October meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

It was decided that the draft minutes would be circulated to all committee members. Comments from those present at the meeting would be incorporated as necessary, with others added as PMN, as appropriate. CH then to circulate the final draft minutes to all.

It was noted that although Peter Dye had not appended a report of his account given to the October meeting, it had been superseded by the general issue of the Neighbourhood documentation.

Completed actions from previous meetings:

ACTION 1/171018 BE Discussion of Society Monitoring Role, whereby it was ensured that NPF planning policies as written were being applied properly, as agenda item for November meeting.

ACTION 5/130618 BE Liaise with Wessex Water re. possibility of drinking water tap in the Box. JC reported that a tap would require planning position, which was not worth the expense/effort as there was a water tap available for public use at the Mission Hall (on the ramp up to the orchard).

ACTION 16/150818 CH A Newsbite asking for volunteers to help BE with the website. Three Newsbite requests had not resulted in any response.

ACTION 1/120918 BE Draft letter informing WPBC of the current SP Soc Planning Policy. Committee agreed that this item should lapse.

ACTION 3/120918 JC To determine ideas for use of box. This item well in work.

ACTION 6/120918 AH Formal Committee vote to change of signatures on Society's Bank and National Savings accounts

ACTION 4/120918 JC To investigate the maintenance of benches and refixing of the no parking sign at the top of the pond

3) **Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda:**

None

4) **Committee Reports;**

Mission Hall Trust. On behalf of the Trust, Sue Wintle reported that some hall painting had been done by the Community Pay Back Scheme, but that the soffits on the entrance needed scaffolding and would be done professionally. The MHT Carol Service would be on Monday 17 December at 6.30pm. She thanked JC and Dave Burge for their work on the bench. Kevin Sandrey is making a large wooden Christmas tree for outside the hall which would have lights added. The next MHT committee meeting was due at the end of November. JK thanked Sue for her input, and she then left the meeting.

5) **Neighbourhood Planning - Discussion of possible monitoring role for Society**

An extract from the draft Neighbourhood Plan on monitoring role for Society had been attached to the agenda, with the aim of maintaining close village involvement in monitoring of planning matters. Otherwise the new Weymouth Town Council might carry out the role without reference to any other body. The extract mentioned three possible candidates for this role - the Neighbourhood Plan Forum Steering Group, the SP Society or a Neighbourhood Council (NC). BE said first of these would not exist after their work was complete, so there were only two options. JC asked to whom these would report? And what would happen if action was required? AH also queried the scale of the activity, as every policy would need monitoring. The was general feeling that Council would have trouble monitoring its own policies, without any additional load, though PR suggested that it might be just an after the event reporting role. BE said that the Unitary Authority had a duty to consider the Plan during planning applications, but that it was normally a Parish role to be responsible for the Plan. CB thought this logical as the Plan creators knew it best. Counter opinion felt that this gave them a vested interest with risk of bias. There was also feeling that opinion was split in the village between those would like to monitor actively and frequently whereas others were happy with assessing longer term trends. JC said that the Plan would give the SP Soc new policies but the Steering Group should clarify what they expected from the Society. This received general approval.

Request more explanation of monitoring role from Steering Group

ACTION 1/141118 BE

6) Village Events/Activities

6 a. Coffee Mornings

PR said the Christmas Coffee Morning would be on Friday 7 December. This would be staffed by gentlemen, and the refreshments would comprise equal amounts of mince pies and cakes. He had received no response to his request for more cake makers, but it was felt generally that there were enough names on the existing list to meet future requirements without overburdening any particular individuals.

6 b. Future Events

HD felt that more were needed which would raise the profile of the Society. In addition to a proposed history talk by Pru Bollam in February a number of suggestions were made - work with Dave Burge along the lines of the curry night; village walks; race night.

Get information from Clive on organising race night

ACTION 2/141118 JC

7) Other village matters

7 a. Works to the pond

JC said quotes from 2 tree surgeons had been sought, with site visits imminent. Pollarding is cost effective, something the Council are not keen on although they have done some themselves elsewhere in the village. The results may be unsightly for a while, which may cause village comment. AH wondered whether the pond edging abutting the road at the bottom was actually a Highways Dept problem. HD said there were stones under the edge, and Dave Emery is reported as saying that the wall supporting the bank is 8 - 10 feet high but the silting makes this look less. See continuing action.

7 b. History Boards

See continuing action.

The voluntary donation towards the cost of a board was thought to be still available. Some graphic design would be needed. Also a previous board, now in BE's barn, could perhaps be refurbished and installed.

JC to ask Dave Burge for help with this

ACTION 2/141118 JC

7 c. Ideas for telephone box

The box has been cleaned, painted and the light inside is working.

A letter of thanks for his work on the box to be sent to Colin Marsh

ACTION 3/141118 BE

Suggestions to date include - information storage, book exchange, site for another defibrillator. The last is unlikely due to the £1600+ cost of the item. Some leaflets have already been installed, and Sara Knight is known to have produced a walking leaflet/map in the past.

Newsbite to ask if anyone has a bookcase that can be adapted to fit the box

ACTION 4/141118 CH

In addition it was agreed that JC would order a leaflet rack costing £20

ACTION 5/141118 JC

HD volunteered to ask Ray about installing a planter and trellis on the box rear.

ACTION 6/141118 HD

Thought might be given to a 'Grand Opening' for the box, and perhaps decoration for the festive season.

7d Benches

Completed action refers.

Discussion turned to the lighting of the beacon on Remembrance Sunday which had gone well, with a goodly number of villagers in attendance. Very atmospheric with the lights of those approaching and the beacon itself. On repairing to the Springhead there were no beef rolls or area set aside.

CH assured members that he had not made up the idea, and he would contact Karen at the Springhead about the breakdown in communications.

ACTION 7/141118 CH

It was noted that a metal insert would be needed to strengthen the basket of the beacon before any future blazes. JC agreed to ask Simon Grant-Jones for advice/assistance.

ACTION 8/141118 JC

8. Communications

Welcome Leaflet: Action Continues

Newsletter & Newsbites: Nothing to report

Website: No volunteer to help BE with the web site. He re-iterated that assistance was needed with the content of the site, (e.g. Jack Winsper adds Bio Diversity Newsletters) not with the technical side of managing its structure. At this JC volunteered some assistance. The maps on the site do not work now and replacement s/w is not available. A radical change might be needed. Changes to the responsive s/w (i.e. so the site can be viewed on any platform) had been made so that it's use can be user controlled, allowing access by older platforms. It was noted that the house name list on the site is out of date, and JC commented that there is an up to date version in the telephone box.

9. Treasurer's Report

AH tabled his comprehensive report, which establishes the baseline following on from Terry Pegrum.

The subscription to the Campaign to Protect Rural England should be stopped. **ACTION 8/141118 AH**

This had been agreed previously but too late to avoid paying the subs for 2018/19.

10. Correspondence

- Wessex Water intend to complete work to the pipes along Preston Road in January, Sutton Road bottom end at end January/beginning February, the rest of Sutton Road in February.
- Thanks from Wave for the donation
- Letter of reply to Mr D Skinner and his reply to that. BE to draft a further reply **ACTION 9/141118 BE**

11 Sutton Poyntz Ltd

BE had dealt with the bureaucracy of changes to directorships and a true address added for the CiC.

At this point the question posed by BE email of 12 November was raised:-

Here is the latest account for Neighbourhood Planning, whose money is administered via the SPLtd account. Some of the expenses were originally paid from the SPSoc account, with a balancing payment between SP Ltd and SPSoc.

The grant income was lower than expected because of changes to the Government grant rules, which meant we were suddenly only entitled to the standard grant of £,9000 rather than the extended grant of £,17000 that we were expecting. The Borough Council gave us a grant of £,3200 which filled part of the gap. Peter Dye has been managing the money very carefully, and we were expecting to come in just within the £,12200 available. However, our usual printers let us down at short notice in printing the latest Newsletter, and we had to get the printing done locally, incurring a cost around £,50 more than expected. We still may be able to come in on budget, but the £,50 overspend on printing will make things very difficult in meeting the remaining consultancy fees.

I will therefore be bringing a plea to Wednesday's meeting, to see if the Society would be willing to act as guarantors for this small overspend of up to £,50.

HD asked why it had been thought necessary to go ahead with the 'glossy' documentation when it was known that the cost was going to exceed the budget, and said that Society money was supposed to be used for the benefit of the local community. JC pointed out that although £50 was a small amount in terms of the Forum budget, it was much more significant to the Society, representing quite a bit of hard won fund raising. The committee questioned whether this would be the only overspend. AH & BE intimated that remaining consultant activity has not been paid and is not fixed price, and also there is nothing in the budget for the printing of any further Forum Newsletters, which would mean that there would be no further communication with participants until the Local Authority did so at some distant time in the future.

BE was requested to ask Peter Dye whether budgets could be trimmed to remove the requirement for the extra £50.

ACTION 10/141118 BE

Continuing Actions

January Committee meeting to discuss timing of Cream Teas and inclusion of raffle **ACTION 2/250718 BE**

JC/BE to investigate and cost proposals for work to pond **ACTION 3/250718 JC/BE**

Update to Welcome Leaflet **ACTION 8/250718 CH**

A calendar of forthcoming events to help select optimum dates for events **ACTION 13/150818 BE**

The text content of the History Boards to be supplied by the History Group **ACTION 2/120918 BE, JK**

15) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12 December at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: