

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9 October 2019 in the Mission Hall

Present: Hilary Davidson, Peter Riley, Shirley Davies, Chris Balfe, Jill Kelsey, Marianna Dodd, Jez Cunningham, Linda Kirkpatrick and Sue Smith

Also Present: Chris Hubbard,

HD, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Andy Hohne, Jackie Greet, David Burge

2) **Review of the Pimms and Ploughmans - anything to learn?:**

A pleasant and much enjoyed event. Catering had been for 60, 58 paid and there were some no-shows. There was a lot of cheese left over, and some excess butter. The ham was delicious but the plated cheddar portions were too large. The individual rolls, although big, were thought to be the right size. Apart from the Branston type pickle, other pickle types were unpopular and these could be omitted. Too much orange juice and lemonade, but the Pimms ratio of 1:1 was ideal! The dry weather helped, but it was a little chilly. Future advertising need to specify that 'food will be served at....' Some attendees queried the mid-day timing, but a ploughmans is a lunch time meal, although a previous Pimms and Kebabs, which took place later in the day, had been a success. AH asked by text whether one or at most two people should be in overall charge, to avoid multiple discussions and to assist with decision making. MD suggested a November debate on future events so she could put them on the calendar, and the organisers of each event could be nominated at that time. The Mission Hall already have some events on the calendar. To ease the future load on JC it was agreed that he should continue with the Veg Show but not the Pimms event ordering. Some event profits were needed to build up the 'fighting fund' e.g. for future pond tree pruning.

3) **Minutes of previous meetings:** The Minutes of the 14 August 2019 meeting were approved and signed.

4) **Review of actions from previous meetings (including update on village events)**

See completed actions

ACTION 8/141118 JC A metal insert needed for the beacon basket. Cost for a suitable piece of steel £32 - £54. Contact Simon Grant-Jones for advice. Ongoing

ACTION 2/100719 SS Son-in-Law can't help. To discuss web sites with her daughter. Ongoing

Village Events/Activities:

a. Gardening Club – ongoing

b. Murder Mystery Dinner – 'Next of Kin' by the Dorset Nomads Community Theatre on November 16th. Cost £15/head. The occasion is a 1967 launch party for the Distillery built after Springhead knocked down. The actors serve the food. Dress code on a black and white theme, dinner suit/little black dress or 60s gear, though MD will contact Props supplier for ideas.

ACTION 1/111019 MD

Starts at 7.00 prompt followed by 7.05 Scene 1; 7.25 First course; 7.50 Scene 2; 8.15 Main course; 8.45 Scene 3 with Q&A; 9.30 Desserts. Certificates for the winner(s) and losers? Set up will be at 2pm on the day.

Herringbone pattern of tables, each with a tablecloth bought by LK, who will check if cast do an 'events of 1967' card on each table.

ACTION 2/111019 LK

Tickets will be printed by JC

ACTION 3/111019 JC

Money taken and tickets distributed by SS

ACTION 4/111019 SS

5) **Correspondence:** A request for printing of a newly produced Village Hardy Walk was agreed.

JC will order.

ACTION 5/111019 JC

An email from a 'concerned resident' about parking around the pond was discussed. It was felt that : a) the question of cones by the Springhead car park entrance should be taken by the individual with the Springhead personally b) The stones were placed at the pond edge to protect it, not deter parking c) the Top 'o the Pond is not public parking as the land belongs to the SP Society. AH would respond appropriately.

ACTION 6/111019 AH

6) **Treasurer's Report:** By text: Small £12 loss since last meeting. The insurance expires on on 22 October. Renewal quotes look identical to last year, but the defibrillator will have to be added. In addition the first very enjoyable winter Coffee Morning made a £90 profit. Debate on a reduced rate for those not wishing to partake of cake with their coffee. MD was in favour of a vote on this, but HD pointed out that an earlier text vote had decided the cost at £3. It was agreed that a reduced rate of £2 would be available, but only on request. A Bakelite camera had been left behind on the display table. A Newsbite to appeal for the owner.

ACTION 7/111019 CH

7) **Subscriptions - how are they going?** PR had £28 of collected subs which he retained until a future meeting with AH present.

8) **AOB:** JC asked if consideration should be given to an event for 5 November. Not this year as too short notice, but MD to add the topic to the event discussion in November.

ACTION 8/111019 MD

PR offered use of his paddock for a bonfire event.

9) **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 13 November
The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Completed actions from previous meetings:

- ACTION 1/140819 JC** Stracey's confirm 10% discount still valid
- ACTION 1/080519 CH** Newsbite mentioned MD as events coordinator
- ACTION 2/080519 MD** now has direct website link from Calendar
- ACTION 9a CH** Newsletter mentioned advertising wanted or sale items on the 'Top o' the Pond notice board
- ACTION 2/140819 AH** Alcohol license organised
- ACTION 3/140819 JG** Spar shop contacted re bread and desserts (roulade & cheesecake)
- ACTION 4/140819 CH** Newsbite went out with details of event
- ACTION 5/140819 JC** Fruit ordered

Minutes agreed and approved: *H. Davidson*

Date *13.11.19*

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