

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

7pm Wednesday 12th April at The Mission Hall

AGENDA

6.30 Doors open: Subscriptions for this year most welcome but to be collected at the end of the AGM, subject to the motion being carried to increase to £2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household

7.00 Guest Speakers – Richard Backwell will give us an update on his charity in Nepal, and Bill Egerton will give us a demo of the (still in development) new village website

7.45 Break for drinks and nibbles

8.00 AGM

1. Apologies

2. Agree Previous Meeting Notes

3. Chair's Report

4. Treasurer's Reports: Sutton Poyntz Society and Sutton Poyntz CIC

5. Election of Officers:

Chair – Hilary Davidson (**note, Hilary has reached her maximum term, as per the constitution**)

Treasurer and Company Secretary – Andy Hohne

6. Election of current Committee: Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Shirley Davies, Jackie Greet, Andy Hohne, Linda Kirkpatrick, Kirsty Masone, Jackie Raw, Sue Smith, Jon Waterman

(Note, there are two spare seats available to be on the committee – so far, Charles Collins has stated that he would like to join)

7. Election of Independent Examiner

8. Motion to increase subs to £2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household

9. Update on local buses by Councillor Louie O'Leary

10. Any Other Business:

Grant Leighton – reducing Sutton Road speed limit to 20mph or funding for "20 is plenty" signs

Sutton Poyntz Society – Chair: Hilary Davidson Secretary and Treasurer: Andy Hohne

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY AGM
Wednesday 27th April 2022
Draft Minutes

Hilary Davidson (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared the sad news of the recent death of Sue Jones.

Guest speakers Dave Emery on our Biodiversity Group and Colin Marsh on the Village Neighbourhood plan including Community Aspirations then addressed the Society.

Dave Emery gave us a fascinating insight on how the group started with a "Green Audit", a Biodiversity report being carried out 12 years ago. Wessex Water helped with this project. Some 73 species of birds, 30 species of butterflies, 20 of moths and 11 of bats were identified. Also recorded were: a large range of wild flowers; insect life in the streams 500 'bugs'; all within 10 minutes' walk of housing.

The aim of the group is to get interaction with the villagers. About 5% are actively involved and 80% profess an interest in the group. John Newbould produces a monthly newsletter. Villagers should ask him if they wish to be added to his distribution list. The intention is to help people learn more. The group wants to help interested people by sharing their expertise and teaching recognition techniques. There is a garden watch scheme which is aiming to be inclusive. The group is also involved in Habitat Management, formally leasing land from Wessex Water - the Veterans' wood and rare habitat wet woodland. They coppice and protect boundaries. They have had some problems with vandalism and wild camping but these issues are largely under control.

Looking forward, they will be re-laying hedges and collaborating with the school and village in tree planting. They are always happy to show people around.

Colin Marsh gave an update on the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan and the monitoring of the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan. The latter was adopted in May 2020 with Weymouth Town Council as the Qualifying Body, the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum submission having previously been rejected due to the reorganization of Local Government. Colin manages to maintain contacts with the local councillors and steering group. The community can access the Aspiration section via the village website. Some of them such as the 'walk leaflets' have already been achieved.

And what does the Weymouth Town Plan mean for the village? There are no perceived problems at the moment but 'housing' may prove contentious in the future. There will be public consultation.

Colin invited questions. Cllr. Tony Ferrari thanked Colin and Peter Dye for their work on the plan. He will keep people abreast of proposed sites for development.

Hilary Davidson (Chair) thanked both Colin and Dave for their informative and interesting talks and for all their hard work to improve the village environment.

Part 2 AGM

(All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting)

1. **Apologies:** Mike and Pat Haine; Jackie and Roger Greet; Jon Pierre Lambert; Cllr Peter Dickenson; Jan Bergman; Kevin Pearce; Hazel Bruce; Anthea and Tony Heathershaw.
2. **Minutes of AGM** September 29th were accepted
3. **Chair's Report:** Hilary referred to her written report making particular note of: the successful quiz night, with another one being planned for later this year; the installation of the village bench; a proposed summer walk starting from the 'Black Dog'. She also referred to the hard work Kevin has put into the new village website to be launched soon. It is hoped that another Open Gardens in aid of charity might be run in 2023.
She concluded by making especial mention of Chris Hubbard who has written the newsbites and previously the newsletters for many years.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Andy presented the accounts for adoption; nominated by Ian Bruce; seconded by Peter Jones. Andy made mention of the fact that the accounts are in a healthy state in spite of no subs being collected for 2 years.
5. **Election of Officers:** Hilary Davidson as chair; nominated by Andy Hohne, seconded by Jackie Raw.
Treasurer and company Secretary: Andy Hohne; nominated by Hilary Davidson; seconded by Sue Smith.
6. **Election of committee:** Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Shirley Davies, Jackie Greet, Andy Hohne, Linda Kirkpatrick, Kevin Pearce, Jackie Raw, Sue Smith, Jon Waterman. All returned. Lizzie Bergman Peck, nominated by Andy Hohne; seconded by Peter Jones.
Kirsty Masone, nominated by Ian Bruce, seconded by Sue Legg.
7. **Election of Independent Examiner:** John Bellis, nominated by Shirley Davies, seconded by Jackie Raw.
8. **AOB:** Coffee morning on Friday May 6th will have a representative from the Safer neighbourhood police. Peter and Rita Riley have been the coordinators for the neighbourhood watch they wish to relinquish this task. Anyone who is willing to take on this role please contact Peter Jones.
July 3rd Village Fayre: Jez Cunningham is the contact for helpers.

The meeting ended with a presentation being made to Chris and Jane Hubbard in thanks for all their work for the Society.

Sutton Poyntz Society Chair's Report April 2023

Our last AGM was held in April 2022 and we have had another very busy year since then. Our monthly coffee mornings have been well attended and on occasions have included talks on various topics. Our thanks go to Sue and Linda for organising the cake and kitchen helper rotas and for the bakers of the delicious cakes.

During the year we have held many successful social events the highlight being our activities to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee year. A beautiful Jubilee bench was installed at the top of the pond and a Jubilee tree planted in the village, many thanks to Jon for organising these additions to the village. Many villagers climbed up to the beacon to share a glass of bubbly, which the Springhead kindly provided for us, and toast the Queen under the blazing beacon. In spite of the rain 200 of us gathered in Tony and Erica's garden for a noisy but fun lunch with entertainment from the 'Ukeladies' and our own star Charlie. So many people pulled together to make the day a success, it was a real community effort. Special thanks go to the Ferrari's for letting us use their lovely garden at such short notice, a much nicer venue than the waterworks and also thanks again to the Springhead for the loan of tables and chairs. Also thank you to Caroline for organising a very interesting Coronation exhibition in the Mission Hall.

Around the village we have planted hundreds of snowdrops and daffodils to enhance the beauty of the village and with the Biodiversity group have planted over 1500 native hedging plants along the Millenium Walk to encourage wildlife. Recently we have had a pond clearance and tidy up fuelled by bacon butties from the pub. Thanks to Jon for organising us. Trinity Christmas trees again provided us with a beautiful tree, we purchased lights and held a lighting up ceremony with mince pies and mulled wine.

Other social events during the year include challenging quiz nights, some people are so competitive!!!! A dog racing night, very noisy, and a very entertaining and an exhausting Barn Dance. The annual veg show was held, the highlight being 'spud in a tub'

S and J have regularly kept us informed of events and news throughout the year with their entertaining newsbites.

Looking ahead in June we are holding an Open Gardens weekend in aid of Cancer Research and Dementia UK. A village display of scarecrows is planned alongside the gardens. The veg show, cream teas and another popular quiz night are already planned and hopefully a Murder Mystery evening in the Autumn.

Kevin Pearce has done a huge amount of work updating our village website, unfortunately due to work commitments he has had to resign from the committee but several members of the committee have continued to work on the website with the help of Bill Egerton. Many thanks to them.

Finally thanks very much to all the committee for all their hard work and thanks to everybody in the village who support our events and work so hard to make our village such a lovely place to live in.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Wednesday 12th April at 7pm. Subscriptions for this year would be most welcome (subject to our motion to increase subs being agreed, £2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household).

Hilary Davidson

Treasurer's report for the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM, April 2023

The financial year runs from the 1st April to the 31st March.

We recommenced collecting subs this year following a couple of Covid years off, collecting a good £100 less than pre Covid years. The committee is proposing increasing subs for 2023/24 to £2.50 pp (max £5 for a household), the first increase in 16 years.

We had another busy year events wise, making the majority of our surplus from the coffee mornings and the Jubilee party. In retrospect, we believe we made too much surplus on the latter and should have spent more on food. We don't envisage making such a surplus on events going forward.

We've received some generous donations / grants during the year including £650 from the Street Fayre to pay for the Jubilee bench sited beside the pond, and just under £1,500 from Dorset council for the fledgling trees / fencing erected by the Biodiversity group along the Millenium Walk.

There wasn't a lot to "mend" around the village but we did plant hundreds of snowdrops / daffodils and a Medlar tree on the green. We're anticipating some maintenance will be required around the village over the next year or two.

The cash balance at the end of the year therefore improved versus last year to £7,212.

The usual annual running costs of the society - predominantly insurance premiums and website hosting / companies house expenses - were broadly in line with prior years.

Sutton Poyntz CIC is a stand alone company, whose sole purpose is to own the small piece of land at the end of the pond and the phone box in the middle of the village. For ease, its minor costs (mostly insurance premium) are paid for by the society.

Its net asset position did not change in 2023.



Andy Hohne

April 2023

THE SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Income:		
Subscriptions	434	-
Surplus from events	1,882	1,701
Donations / Grants received	2,375	-
Interest	2	-
	<u>4,694</u>	<u>1,701</u>
Expenditure:		
Insurance	408	404
AGM expenses	58	69
Companies House & Website Expenses	113	90
Donations made	-	1,136
Leaflets	-	216
Maintenance & Repairs	74	894
Jubilee / Coronation inspired costs	937	274
Biodiversity spend	1,489	
Other	268	154
	<u>3,344</u>	<u>3,237</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure on Ordinary Activities	1,350	(1,536)
Opening Reserves b/f	7,732	9,268
Closing Reserves c/f	<u>9,082</u>	<u>7,732</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Loan to Sutton Poyntz Ltd	2,070	2,070
Current assets		
Petty Cash	75	1,028
Current Account	4,659	2,007
National Savings Account	2,478	2,476
Jubilee event prepayments	-	160
	<u>7,212</u>	<u>5,670</u>
Creditors due within 1 year:		
subs paid in advance	0	(8)
finger post repair grant received	(200)	-
	<u>9,082</u>	<u>7,732</u>

Explanatory Notes

1. Subscriptions resumed this year. We collected less than pre Covid years but we'll be chasing harder next year.
2. Donations received included £650 kindly donation by the Street Fayre to pay for the Jubilee Bench sited on the pond, and £1,489 received from Dorset Council for the trees and fencing planted / erected by our Biodiversity group.
3. The Jubilee / Coronation inspired costs included the bench, bulbs and Medlar tree.
4. The society remains in a comfortable cash position, with cash at bank and petty cash totalling £7,212.

Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to confirming that the accounts reflect the underlying accounting records.

I have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J Bellis

**SUTTON POYNTZ CIC
BALANCE SHEET - 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	2,070	2,070
Current assets	88	88
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(88)	(88)
Net current assets	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities	2,070	2,070
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2,070	2,070
Net assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes to the accounts

1. The Long Term Creditor is a loan made by the Sutton Poyntz Society to enable the company to acquire the land and telephone box held in Fixed Assets.
2. The cash held in Current Assets was received from the Sutton Poyntz Fingerpost Renewal Project and is being held as a creditor to be only used for that project.

Directors' responsibilities and audit exemptions:

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on behalf of the board,

A R Hohne
Director



Date.....1/4/2023..