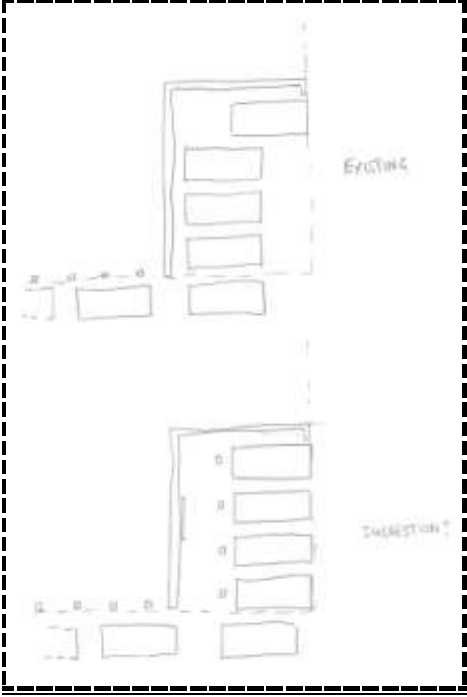


**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 20th May 2015
at the Springhead.**

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<i>Present:</i> Mike Blee; Bill Egerton; John Sutherland; Jez Cunningham; Hilary Davidson; Peter Riley; Chris Balfe and Chris Hubbard <i>Apologies:</i> Sue Wintle; Jacqui Atkinson; Tamzin Hyde; Peter Dye	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 18 th March 2015 were agreed and signed. The draft AGM minutes were discussed; as a result it was agreed to simplify the section on the “Land off Plaisters Lane” debate, so that it more clearly reflected the agreed Society response to this application.	
3	<i>Matters arising:</i> <u>Society archive:</u> BE had been in touch with the Dorset History Centre, who explained that when documents were lodged there by individuals, a gift of the documents was preferred to avoid the situation later of needing to try to find the heirs to the documents. For organisations such as ourselves, a loan was acceptable and usual. As a loan was also our preferred option, BE had arranged a date to deposit the Society archive on loan; this was approved.	BE
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> Coffee mornings; Deputy Chair; Availability of Minutes; Noticeboard keys.	
5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	<u>Handling of tree applications:</u> BE had written on the Committee’s behalf to David Evans, the Council’s Director of Environment, and outlined the rather unsatisfactory response received from the Head of Planning (David Evans having retired). It was agreed that a further letter would be sent, seeking more detailed information on how decisions were made, and pointing out the lack of protection given to trees since Nick Jackson’s departure.	BE
b	<u>WP/CA/15/00050 and WP/TP/15/00049:</u> There were two applications for tree work in Plaisters Lane, one for the felling of several trees. Details had not been placed on the Council’s website, despite BE’s request), so these would need to be dealt with by email debate once the information is available.	
c	<u>Neighbourhood Plan:</u> The Working Party (JA, BE, CB, Katrina Blee and John Crisp) has not yet met. BE will check whether John Crisp is still available.	BE
6	<i>Other village matters:</i>	
a	<u>Margaret’s Seat:</u> John Crisp is still overseeing this. The stone bench has been cut, and will be delivered in June to Eweleaze Farm, from where Peter Broatch will arrange delivery to the site. A Working Party has met at the site to discuss how to lay the bench.	
b	<u>Springhead Car Park:</u> A follow-up letter had been received by Downs from Mr Skinner’s Solicitor. Downs had sent a response on our behalf (drafted again by Paul Marsh), responding to the questions but stating that the correspondence was now closed. An invoice had been received from Downs for the two letters, for the quoted amount plus expenses.	
	A meeting will be called to discuss the relationship between the Society and SPLtd. JS, BE, MB, PD and John Allen were proposed.	

c	<p><u>Village Noticeboard</u>: John Wilson has pledged funds for a quality village noticeboard to be erected at the Springhead Car Park, as a memorial to his wife Lesley. The siting of the noticeboard was discussed, and JC outlined an idea (illustration below) which would allow some sitting space overlooking the pond, as well as parking space for the present number of cars; this layout would provide a prominent site for the noticeboard. It was agreed that we would investigate the designs of noticeboard in other villages.</p> 	All
7	<i>Village events/activities:</i>	
a	<p><u>Open Gardens</u>: JC and HD gave a short resumé of progress. The latest minutes of the Open Gardens Committee will be distributed</p>	
b	<p><u>Summer events</u>: Dates and responsibilities for Society summer events were agreed (BE to check that those delegated were OK):</p> <p>11 July Cream Teas – coordinator SW 18 July Scarecrow Competition – coordinator Dave Martin 1 August Vegetable Show – coordinator BE 22 August Pimms Evening – coordinator JA</p> <p>N.B. I apologise that I showed the wrong date for the Pimms Evening in the last minutes; as a result the wrong date has been published in the Newsletter. A correction will be needed in the next Newsletter.</p>	
c	<p><u>Village Walk</u>: BE will discuss with Richard Backwell</p>	

8	<p><i>Communications:</i></p> <p><u>Newsletter:</u> Unfortunately, printing of the May Newsletter had taken a long time, and although emailed copies had been distributed 2 weeks ago, the printed copies were only just ready. JS had prepared information on subscription collection for the distributors, who, for the record, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Dye – Sutton Road south of the fork, and Brookmead • John Crisp – Sutton Road north from the fork, Silver Street, and White Horse Lane • Hilary Davidson – Puddledock Lane • Alan Dawson-Hollis – Old Bincombe Lane and west side of Plaisters Lane to Cliffe Cottage • Bill Egerton – Mission Hall Lane, east side of Plaisters Lane up to Mission Hall Lane, Sutton Close and Sutton Court Lawns • Louise Sheaves – Plaisters Lane north from Mission Hall Lane to the bend before Wyndings • Karen Phillips – Plaisters Lane beyond the bend • Peter Riley – Preston <p>There was some brief discussion of how to maximise Society membership, and whether a subscription was needed. It was agreed to maintain the subscription.</p>	
	<p>CH is planning another Newsletter quite soon. BE will extract information from the archive on JC's committee membership and Society activities.</p>	
9	<p><i>Other Village Activities:</i></p> <p>No reports.</p>	
10	<p><i>Committee Reports:</i></p> <p>The Mission Hall Committee are planning a Village Picnic on the 2nd August.</p>	
11	<p><i>Treasurer's Report:</i></p> <p>The latest monthly account had been distributed, showing a balance of £4598.92, after payment of the final invoice to Downs Solicitors. It was agreed that the Signatories for the Society's Savings account will be unchanged (JS, BE, HD and John Bellis); it was agreed by means of the following resolution that the Signatories for the Society's NatWest current account will be Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Bill Egerton and John Bellis:</p> <p><i>It was resolved that the Authorised Signatories for the Society's NatWest current account be changed, by means of Sections 5 and 6 of NatWest form NWB50047, as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete John Crisp as Signatory • Add Mike Blee as Signatory <p><i>and that the existing mandate continue as so amended.</i></p>	
12	<p><i>Correspondence:</i></p> <p>A CPRE Newsletter had been received, and a Dorset Wildlife Trust magazine.</p> <p>Correspondence with Mr Skinner's Solicitor on the Springhead Car Park, and with the Borough Council on tree preservation, had already been noted and acted on (see above).</p>	
13	<p><i>AOB</i></p>	
	<p><u>Coffee mornings:</u> It was agreed that these were a continuing success and should continue next winter (although the thought of continuing all year was raised). The January coffee morning will be on 8th January, and the village WI will be asked if they can provide a topic for the October coffee morning.</p>	
	<p><u>Deputy Chair:</u> MB asked whether a Deputy Chair ought to be nominated. The Society used to appoint one, but had found it unnecessary, appointing as needed for single meetings.</p>	

	<u>Noticeboard key</u> : John Crisp had passed his key to BE. PR agreed to hold the key.	
	<u>Minutes</u> : After discussion, it was agreed that Society Committee minutes will be published on the village website, starting with the minutes of this meeting.	
14	<i>Date of next meeting</i> : 10 th June, in the Mission Hall. N.B. For the July meeting (8th July), the Mission Hall Trust is holding its AGM at 7.30, and our Committee meeting will start as soon as possible after that.	

Minutes agreed and approved :

Date: