

## Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 8th June 2016 at the Mission Hall.

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Bill Egerton, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Sue Wintle, Chris Hubbard.  
*Apologies:* Chris Balfe, Jacqui Atkinson.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*  
The Minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*  
None.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*  
Our Application for a Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Area, with the Society acting as Neighbourhood Forum, had been submitted to the Borough Council on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The Borough will carry out formal consultation before judging our application.

It was noted that the first Steering Group meeting had failed to appoint a Chairman but it was hoped that one would be appointed at the second meeting, tomorrow.

JS noted two concerns about the Terms of Reference: firstly that although the Terms of Reference express an aspiration for the Steering Group to be representative, it does not provide a mechanism for ensuring this; and secondly that the financial delegation terms could be interpreted as requiring the Society to approve any expenditure. It was noted that the Steering Group itself was aware of the need for better representation of some groups. On balance the financial delegation terms were thought good enough.

5. *Planning*
  - a. WP/16/00348/FUL – Smithy Cottage extension – This was thought to be compliant with our Policy.
  - b. WP/16/00361/FUL – 3 new houses at Hunt’s Yard – There was some relief that the developers had not tried to cram more houses in, and it was thought the design was of good quality and sympathetic to the local environment. In particular the Design & Access statement was noted as an excellent example. The development was assessed as compliant with our Policy, and in particular the impact on views of the village would (compared with the present Brownfield state) be beneficial. It was agreed that we would contact the lady who may be buying in White Horse Lane, explaining our decision.
  - c. WP/CA/16/00044 – Fell 26 ash at Valley Cottage – This application was approved. We submitted an enquiry as to the reasons, and the Trees Officer responded, saying that this was merely a repeat of application WP/CA/14/00093, which was approved but never implemented. Even a casual reading of the two applications shows that this is simply untrue. It was agreed that we would send a strongly worded objection to Jean Marshall (the Trees Officer’s manager), with copies to our Local Councillors regretting that shortage of funding and manpower is leading to such calamitously wrong decisions.
6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*  
The Limited Company’s Annual Return needs to be completed, for which a fee of £13 is due. This payment was authorised.
7. *Other village matters*
  - a. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.
  - b. Pond & History Board – No progress.  
The planters at the top of the pond need watering. JC will try to arrange a rota (**Action JC**).

8. *Village Events / Activities*

a. Summer events:

- Cream Teas (16 July 2.30 to 4 p.m.). The entry price was discussed. It has been £3, but it was agreed to increase this to what was still thought a very reasonable £3.50. JC volunteered to design some posters.
- Pimms evening. The original date (3 September) was thought too late in the year, and clashes with the County Show. It was proposed that this should be held on 6 August (5 to 8 p.m.), on the same day as the Vegetable Show.

- b. Summer walk – JC has talked to Richard Backwell who is willing to organise a walk. A date in late August or early September will be sought.

9. *Communications*

- a. Newsletters – The latest Newsletter has been sent to Goadsbys for printing. CH will check progress.

- b. A Newsbite will be sent out with a reminder of the Cream Teas.

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

No report.

11. *Committee Reports*

a. Mission Hall Trust

A request was made that the Village Picnic on the 21<sup>st</sup> August should be given good advance publicity.

b. CPRE

CPRE had requested, via Peter Jones, that we consider writing a letter to our MP in support of their campaign on a number of national Planning Policy issues. After discussion, it was agreed it was not part of the Society's remit to get involved in such campaigns. The CPRE letter also discussed some potential problems with Localism; it will be passed to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for information.

12. *Treasurer's Report*

A report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £4499.67.

JS reported that he and BE had revised the Newsletter distribution rounds, to even numbers up. Doug & Polly Watson had agreed to look after the far end of Puddledock Lane as a new round.

JS reminded the Committee that they should be actively seeking a new Treasurer for next year.

13. *Correspondence*

An appeal had been received from the Dorset Wildlife Trust for a new initiative, the Dorset Marine Conservation Fund. It was suggested that this be passed to the Street Fayre Committee.

A Dorset CPRE Newsletter had been received.

14. *Date of next meeting*

13<sup>th</sup> July.

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***