

## Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 14th September 2016 at the Mission Hall.

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Bill Egerton, Jez Cunningham, Jacqui Atkinson, Peter Dye, Chris Hubbard.  
*Apologies.* Hilary Davidson, Sue Wintle, Peter Riley, Chris Balfe.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*  
The Minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were agreed and signed, with one correction (PR for PD in the minute on item 8b).
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*  
JS would raise the renewal of the Society's Insurance Policy under item 13.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*  
The Steering Group had agreed the text of an excellent second Newsletter, with a first round of village consultation. It was intended that this would be distributed in early October; in addition the Mission Hall has been booked for the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October, for a walk-in display, where members of the village can see what has happened so far, talk to Steering Group members, and feed in comments.

For this, grant funding will be needed, and will be applied for shortly after the next Steering Group meeting. The grant money has to be held by a "Corporate body", and Sutton Poyntz Ltd is the only such body available. It was agreed that the Directors of SPLtd will open a bank account (**Action JS**) in order to receive and manage this grant funding. There was some discussion of the rather unwieldy process involved in managing this money – the Steering Group will create a budget and request expenditure by the Society (acting in its role as Neighbourhood Forum); the Society will apply for grant funding, and pass requests for expenditure to the Directors of SPLtd. Unfortunately it seemed that this process is unavoidable. Since this is the only money likely to pass through the SPLtd bank account, tracking of the grant money should actually become fairly simple.

The Borough's consultation period on our application for a Neighbourhood Area and for Neighbourhood Forum status ended in August, and the application will be heard at the Borough Council's Management Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. The Council Officer's report is available on the DorsetForYou website, along with the various public representations that had been submitted. The report recommends approval of our application. Links to the report and representations had been circulated to the Steering Group, and would be copied to the Society Committee (**Action BE**).

5. *Planning*
  - a. WP/CA/16/00089 – Tree felling at Greendown – The application form was requested but is still not available. However it was reported that the Planning Office was preparing a Tree Preservation Order to protect the two trees whose felling had been applied for.
  - b. WP/16/00593/FUL – This is for a 2-storey replacement of the various extensions at the back of Springfield Cottage (in Fox Lane). Most of the extension would be invisible from public areas, so would not be of concern. However it was noted that part of the extension would be visible from the Village Green area in the small gap between 2 Myrtle Cottages and Springfield Cottage. It was therefore requested that members study the application and feed in comments by email, in order to make a Society representation before the closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> September (**Action All**).
  - c. WP/CA/16/00106 – Tree felling and maintenance at Willowdene, Plaisters Lane – The documents are not yet available and will be requested (**Action BE**).

- d. WP/CA/16/00105 – Tree maintenance at Longmead, Plaisters Lane – It was agreed that this can be left to the Trees Officer’s judgement.
- e. Land off Plaisters Lane – It was understood that an appeal was to be lodged, and in addition a fresh application made. No action need be taken until the documents are available.

6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*

A letter from the Land Registry had been circulated, copying a further letter from Mr Skinner. No action is needed.

As a result of this letter, Paul Marsh had given advice about a car parking sign. The Secretary had asked whether the wording of our current sign would suffice, but had not yet had a reply.

7. *Other village matters*

- a. Top of the Pond – JC reported that he had planted some narcissus bulbs in the planters, for the spring. He was thanked.
- b. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.
- c. The Pond, & History Board – No progress.

8. *Village Events / Activities*

a. Coffee mornings

It is believed that John Newbould will be providing some presentation material at the October Coffee Morning (**Action BE** to check). CB and the breadmaking team had made the suggestion of having bread for sale at Coffee Mornings; this was welcomed as an idea, but the Mission Hall Committee will be contacted to get their approval (**Action JC**).

b. Winter events

- The NHS consultation has gone back to early next year, so the Mission Hall booking for 26<sup>th</sup> October will not be needed. It was agreed that this date be used for BE’s History talk. Caroline Crisp has suggested arranging a talk on the church, perhaps at the church in early spring.
- MB will contact the Jurassica project to see if a talk can be arranged (**Action MB**).

9. *Communications*

The latest Newsletter has just been distributed, but the copies of Welcome Leaflets were not printed in time, and will now be taken round to the distributors (**Action BE**). It was agreed that the latest Newsletter was outstandingly well written as a report of a busy summer for the village; CH was warmly thanked.

The website sponsors have not yet been contacted with requests for support (**Action BE**).

It was agreed that a Newsbite should be sent out with a reminder of the first winter Coffee Morning, and another with notice of the History Talk on 26<sup>th</sup> October (**Action CH**).

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

JC made the suggestion of producing a Village History leaflet, based significantly on material on the village website. This was warmly welcomed as an idea, and BE will contact History Group members to find volunteers to produce the leaflet (**Action BE**).

11. *Committee Reports*

No reports.

12. *Society Constitution*

There was a useful discussion of how the Society should action its new responsibility (agreed at the AGM) for the “economic wellbeing” of the village. A number of ideas were generated, including a Directory of local businesses, probably linked to a web page providing information to villagers and encouraging them to use their local traders. A village Business Breakfast was suggested, but it is thought the pub may already do something similar.

Other discussion focused on how we might be seen to be encouraging entrepreneurial activity in the village. It was noted that we had already informally linked at least one decision on a planning application to our need to encourage suitable economic activity, but that our Planning Policy does not at present record this as a criterion. PD agreed to try to draft a suitable amendment to the Planning Policy (**Action PD**).

13. *Treasurer's Report*

A report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £5185.23 after receiving subscriptions of £26 and the Pimms Evening profit of £232.59.

It was noted that membership numbers appeared to be down on last year but this was only because the return from one distribution area was still awaited.

JS had corresponded with our Insurers on the details of our Policy wording. The Premium being quoted was £323.40 (up from £314.76 last year). It was agreed that we would accept this, but that next year we would request our new Treasurer to seek competitive quotes.

14. *Correspondence*

The Secretary had received a letter of thanks from the Waves Project for our donation of £100, the Land Registry letter copying Mr Skinner's latest correspondence (see item 6 above), and an email from the Planning Office confirming their intention for a TPO (item 5a above).

15. *Any other business*

None.

16. *Date of next meeting*

12<sup>th</sup> October.

It was noted that SPAM had asked if they could have the Mission Hall for their Christmas party on the date reserved for our December meeting. This request was agreed, and we will ask if the Blue Duck Bar is available on the previous Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December (**Action BE**).

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***