

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 10th August 2016 at the Mission Hall.

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Bill Egerton, Hilary Davidson, Sue Wintle, Peter Riley, Chris Balfe, Peter Dye, Chris Hubbard plus Jill Kelsey.
Apologies. Jez Cunningham, Jacqui Atkinson.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 13th July 2016 were agreed and signed. It was noted that our application for Neighbourhood status would be heard by the Borough Council's Management Committee (not Planning as stated in the Minutes).
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
A question was asked about whether the Street Fayre Committee had yet made a decision on a village Defibrillator; it is understood that there is an allocation in the Fayre accounts, but a firm decision has not yet been made.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*
CB and BE gave an update. The latest Steering Group meeting had held a brainstorming session to discuss the likely topics that a Neighbourhood Plan would deal with. After that, two members of the Steering Group had produced a first draft of a Consultation Newsletter, which would be discussed at the next Steering Group meeting on 16th August.

The Society had made an application for a Technical Support package for the Steering Group, to help the Group with the first steps of project planning and budgeting. BE and Katrina Blee had had a long telephone conversation with the organisation that provides this support, but there was no word yet on when the support might be made available.

We had raised the question of Society Committee representation on the Steering Group, but the Group's view was that it would try to find new members to achieve a good balance, rather than discouraging any willing volunteers.

The Borough Council's consultation period on our application for Neighbourhood status had ended recently; there was no word yet on what representations the Borough had received.

5. *Planning*
 - a. WP/CA/16/00089 – Tree felling at Greendown – No documents are available on the website yet. BE will chase for documents and circulate them when available.
 - b. WP/16/00554/OBL – This is a request to modify the "Section 106" condition (related to payment towards affordable housing) that had been applied to the consent for a new house next to White Horse Cottage, and arises from a recent Appeal Court judgement. This was merely listed on the Agenda for completeness; no Society involvement is needed.
 - c. 84 Sutton Road – It was noted that the new owners of the Hunts' house next to the Cart Shed were planning some changes, and would like to discuss their ideas with the Society. HD will contact them (**Action HD**).
6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*
We heard on 19 July that the Land Registry have ruled in our favour, confirming our Title and entirely rejecting Mr Skinner's application. Following that, the Police have dismissed Mr Skinner's allegations of fraud by Sutton Poyntz Ltd and its Solicitors.

7. *Other village matters*

- a. Noticeboard – Thanks were expressed to Bill Davidson for fitting pinboard inside the noticeboard; this has made things much easier for those wanting to display notices.

A plaque had been supplied by the Wilson family and fitted; it was agreed that the wording of the plaque was wonderful, and a note will be included in the next Newsletter to bring it to villagers' attention.

- b. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.
- c. Pond & History Board – No progress.

8. *Village Events / Activities*

a. Summer events:

- Cream Teas – Despite clashes with other events, this made a profit of £113 and was much enjoyed. Great thanks were expressed to Sue Wintle and her helpers.
- Vegetable Show – This made a profit of about £85 (after allowing £15 for the hire of the Mission Hall). It was agreed (proposed MB, seconded HD) to round this up to £100 for the purposes of a donation to the Childrens Society Waves project. The Vegetable Show had been held at the Mission Hall for the first time, and it was generally thought that this made it more enjoyable as a village event.
- Pimms evening – The accounts had been distributed, showing a profit of £220 – this includes an allowance for the hire of the Hall in the morning, double accounting with the payment made out of Vegetable Show income, so the eventual figure will probably be £235. There was much praise for the food, and it was agreed that puddings are not necessary for this event. It was also agreed that we need more alternatives next time for those that don't like Pimms Great thanks were expressed to JA and the other organisers. Next year it was agreed that a date in late June should be found, to avoid calendar conflicts in August.

The idea of buying tumblers for the Mission Hall from the Pimms Evening proceeds had been discussed, but was not thought necessary. There was support for the idea of purchasing a projector for the Mission Hall, when Society funds are next sufficient.

- Summer walk – Thanks were expressed to Richard Backwell for organising the morning walk on 22nd July, greatly enjoyed by 18 villagers. A longer walk later in the year is still being considered.

b. Coffee mornings

These start again in October (October 7th). It was confirmed that entry would be £2 per person, and that reimbursement for cake bakers would be £3. Ideas would be sought for display material (**Action All**); PD will see if the Biodiversity Group have any material. PD is away for the October Coffee Morning; BE will deputise.

c. Winter events

- A talk on the Dorset NHS consultation will be held in October, to coincide with the start of the consultation period. MB will ascertain suitable dates, and CB will liaise with the consultation team (**Action MB/CB**).
- A talk on the Jurassic project has also been proposed. MB will seek a suitable date (**Action MB**).
- The History Group have a couple of ideas for events, including a requested repeat of BE's talk on "Owners of Sutton Poyntz" for newcomers to the village; they will also seek suitable dates.

- BE has been contacted via the village website by a charity called the Windrose Rural Media Trust, who are members of the Dorset AONB's South Dorset Ridgeway Partnership. They seek to develop media skills among young people, and are starting a project where young interviewers talk to people who have lived in South Dorset Ridgeway villages for a long time; the interviews will be edited and broadcast on Air 107.2, Weymouth's local community radio station. They intend to book the Mission Hall for a Saturday morning Coffee Morning; BE has offered the Society's publicity machine to let local people know.

9. *Communications*

There was some discussion of how newcomers to the village are identified, and how Welcome Leaflets are provided. The front line responsibility lies with the Newsletter distributors, to spot when houses are for sale or to let, and to contact newcomers when houses are newly occupied. BE will print a number of Welcome Leaflets and distribute them when the next Newsletter is available (**Action BE**).

HD noted that her collection round had not been completed – she had thought someone else would complete it when she went on holiday. JS will supply her with an updated distribution list (**Action JS**).

The next Newsletter will be available next month. CH will be sending out a Newsbite shortly reminding people that there are still some tickets available for the Mission Hall's Alfresco Lunch.

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

No report.

11. *Committee Reports*

No reports.

12. *Treasurer's Report*

A report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £4925.64 after receiving subscriptions of £88 and the Cream Teas profit.

13. *Correspondence*

The alcohol license for the Pimms Evening had been applied for and received. A CPRE Newsletter had also been received

14. *Any other business*

Jill Kelsey expressed her willingness to join the Committee; it was enthusiastically agreed to coopt her onto the Committee (proposed BE, seconded CB).

HD noted that Jackie Greet may also be interested in joining the Committee – she will contact her to find out.

15. *Date of next meeting*

14th September.

Minutes agreed and approved :

Date: