

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9th November 2016 at the Mission Hall.

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Bill Egerton, Peter Riley, Chris Balfe, Hilary Davidson, Jill Kelsey, Sue Wintle, Jez Cunningham, Peter Dye, Jackie Greet.
Apologies. Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Hubbard.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 12th October 2016 were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
Village defibrillator – to be discussed under item 10. Feedback on the Springfield Cottage application was also requested, under item 5.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*
The Steering Group had had a Consultancy/Training afternoon on the 24th October, paid for from Government funds. PD suggested this had been a generally useful exercise, although it dealt with process and not with the specifics of our case. The title of the seminar was “Creating a Neighbourhood Forum” which of course we had already done, but the firm had taken on board to some extent where we had got to.

The second Neighbourhood Planning newsletter had been distributed, and the consultation period had ended. Just over 70 forms had been returned, some jointly from couples so in all about 80 people responded. In addition about 70 people attended the Open Days at the Mission Hall, and made about 400 comments on post-it notes (including ticks to show agreement with previously posted notes). A number of the 70 attending the Open Days also submitted forms, so there is an element of double counting, but the total number responding was probably around 100 – maybe 20% of villagers which was thought reasonably successful.

All these responses are currently being transcribed and made available to Steering Group members, so that the Group can make decisions at its next meeting (next Tuesday) on how to analyse the returns and identify the key themes for the next stage. It is thought likely that a consultant will be employed for part of this job, to ensure an independent view. Grant funding is available for this.

Modified Terms of Reference for the Steering Group had been circulated, taking into consideration the discussion at our previous meeting. These modifications were approved (proposed PD, seconded JC) and will be passed to the Steering Group for their agreement.

The budget had been circulated to Committee members, and a grant based on that budget had been approved (except for a training element which the grant providers thought duplicated the seminar). The grant cannot be paid until the Sutton Poyntz Ltd bank account has been opened, and it was noted that NatWest need chasing as nothing has been heard since the forms went in on the 20th October (**Action BE**).

5. *Planning*
 - a. Springfield Cottage – Revised plans had been circulated to Committee members, who had agreed that the revision successfully overcame our slight concerns about the original plans. The Secretary had contacted the cottage owners verbally and by email, to let them know we were happy with the revision and to give them authority to use that information in their dealings with Council Officers.
 - b. WP/16/00755/FUL – Works at 84 Sutton Road – These were considered carefully, with individual members commenting on design details including the wall topping, the railing and the window material. Overall, the unanimous view was that the proposals were a welcome improvement and it was good to see the house being cared for.

- c. WP/CA/16/00138 – Fell oak at Peveril, Plaisters Lane – We had been informed that a temporary TPO had been placed on this tree, but the Council website now showed the application as having been approved. It was agreed that we should make a general representation to the Council expressing concern that processes were being shortcut and that opportunities to make representations were therefore being denied. It was suggested that we should contact the Civic Society first to see if they had the same problem, and if so to make a joint approach (**Action BE**).
- d. WP/CA/16/00139 – Fell ash and prune birch at 2 Sutton Close – This was another instance where we were concerned about the process, as it had been approved by Council Officers very soon after being put on the Council website. It was agreed that had we been able to comment we would have happily left this to the Trees Officer's judgement, as the ash was believed to be suffering ash die-back.
- e. WP/CA/16/00147 – Fell horse chestnut and work to fig and bay at Blue Shutters, Silver Street – The horse chestnut in particular was discussed, and it was agreed that the decision should be left to the Trees Officer who could take a professional view of the tree's state.

6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*

The original documents had been recovered from the Land Registry and were passed to JS.

7. *Other village matters*

- a. The Pond, & History Board – An email had been sent to Isolde Martyn with the suggestion that a new History Board might be a very suitable memorial to her parents, Joyce and Fredy Litschi. A reply was awaited.

It was agreed that the Council be contacted about the old History Board, to discuss re-installing it (using metal posts if possible) on the other side of Sutton Road (**Action BE**).

- b. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.

8. *Village Events / Activities*

- a. Coffee mornings

Sales of home-made bread at the November coffee morning had raised £41, to be donated by CB to a charity of the bread-making group's choice. In addition, the left over bread had been donated to the Lantern Centre.

The December coffee morning will be run by the men – a number of people volunteered to help. Seasonal fare will be purchased, along with some home-made cake, but it was agreed that fewer mince pies should be bought than last year when a number were left over. It was agreed that a local display was not necessary for the December coffee morning.

PR noted that we need more cake makers for the coffee mornings, and will contact CH to get an appeal sent out.

- b. Winter events

- The History Evening on 26th October raised £55.30, almost entirely from the sale of Fredy Litschi's books. Caroline Crisp has arranged a talk on St Andrews Church (both the history and building), at the Mission Hall on 22nd February.
- A talk by the Jurassic project now looks unlikely, at least in the short term.
- The NHS Consultation will now start in December. CB will try to arrange for Karen Kirkham to give a briefing to villagers, preferably some evening in February.

9. *Communications*

JC had displayed the latest Agenda on the village Noticeboards.

It was anticipated that the next Newsletter will be distributed in December.

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

- a. Village Defibrillator. It was agreed that this would be a valuable facility for village and visitors. It is understood that the Street Fayre organisation have not held money back for a defibrillator (**Action JC** to check with Guy Bridge). If that is the case, then it was agreed that we should discuss with the Village WI fund raising activities to purchase a defibrillator; it is believed the cost is around £1000.
- b. Homewatch. JC will put up on the village noticeboards information he has received via a Homewatch email on a driving course.

11. *Committee Reports*

The Mission Hall Trust have arranged the village Carol Service to be on the 19th December, outside the Mission Hall starting at 6.30 p.m. It was also reported that Maureen Morris is organising a “Pop in 4 Pudsey” event at the Mission Hall on 26th November, in aid of the Children in Need appeal.

12. *Treasurer’s Report*

A report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £5105.65, up £250 on the previous month; the main movements in the month were receipts of further subscriptions and income of £167 from events.

13. *Correspondence*

The Secretary had received a Dorset Wildlife Trust hedgerows appeal, and a Dorset CPRE newsletter. He had also received an acknowledgement to our submission on the “Land off Plaisters Lane” planning appeal – it was not known when the appeal would be heard.

14. *Date of next meeting*

7th December, at the Blue Duck Bar. It was noted with great gratitude that the Springhead make the Blue Duck Bar available without charge for village meetings.

Minutes agreed and approved :

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