

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 14th December 2016 at The Springhead.

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Peter Riley, Hilary Davidson, Jill Kelsey, Sue Wintle, Jez Cunningham, Peter Dye, Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Hubbard
Apologies: Bill Egerton, Chris Balfe, Jackie Greet.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 9th November 2016 were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
Village defibrillator – to be discussed under item 10
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*
PD gave a summary of the current situation. Briefly, the first grant has been received (£2200) and part of this will be used for external consultant(s). A specification for work has been written describing the requirement for analysis of the data collected from the survey and the drop-in days at the Mission Hall. (The Steering Group have been advised that it's very important that this is done in an independent way, as it's the foundation for a lot of the future work.)
5. *Planning*
Plaisters Lane development: In parallel with the running appeal there has been a new plan submitted. It attempts to address many of the (minor) issues raised against the first proposal but it cannot overcome the fundamental problem that the site is outside the Development Boundary. Around the table there were various views for and against the (new) proposal but it was agreed that these personal opinions are not what we are debating which is what the SPS position should be, taking into account our published planning policy.

It was agreed that the SPS formal submission will be to reiterate that we are fundamentally opposed due to the breaching of the Development Boundary, and that we still have other concerns, for example, the capability of the rain/foul-water system to cope. We will also mention that the village is in the early stages of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. **Action BE to draft a submission.**

It was agreed that we don't need to call on Richard Burgess (but may re-use some of his words), and we don't need to call for any village-wide meeting. The next Newsletter will advise villagers that there are new plans submitted.
6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*
Nothing particular to report, except that the bank account is holding the grant for the Neighbourhood Planning work.
7. *Other village matters*
 - a. The Pond, & History Board – Isolde Martyn has agreed that a History Board might be a very suitable memorial to her parents, Joyce and Fredy Litschi. Further discussion needed to decide what and where.
It was previously 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 open for BE).
This leaves the possibility open for a new bench to be installed if/when someone wants to fund it. JA suggested that the grass bank outside Riverside Cottage would be preferable to the pub side of the pond as it is away from traffic and there is access for young children to the stepping stones. All agreed.
 - b. Bins & Dog bins – No progress.
8. *Village Events / Activities*
 - a. Coffee mornings
Attendance was significantly down this month – maybe weather related? No immediate cause

for concern. No displays planned for next month yet.

b. Winter events

Next event - Talk organised by Caroline Crisp on St Andrew's Church (both the history and building), at the Mission Hall on 22nd February.

9. CB arranging for Karen Kirkham to give a briefing on the NHS reorganisation to villagers; JC noted that the doctor's surgery has detailed brochures and survey forms available. Consultation ends Feb 28th 2017.
10. *Communications*
December Newsletter just published.
11. *Other Village Activity reports*
 - a. Village Defibrillator. The Street Fayre organisation might be able to provide limited funds to contribute towards a defibrillator but JC has also submitted an application for a grant. Watch this space.
12. *Committee Reports*
The Mission Hall Trust Carol Service is on the 19th December, outside the Mission Hall starting at 6.30 p.m. SW also mentioned that the Mission Hall rental is being increased by £1/hour. This will also cover a commercial gardening service (it's not easy organising volunteers to do it).
It was reported that Maureen Morris's "Pop in 4 Pudsey" in aid of the Children in Need appeal raised over £900 – an amazing amount for a few hours in a small village!
13. *Treasurer's Report*
A report had been tabled by email, nothing specific to be mentioned.
14. *Correspondence*
Nothing to report (in the absence of BE)
15. *Date of next meeting*
11th January, location to be advised. HD and BE apologise in advance. CH will take the minutes.

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: