

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 14th June 2017
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Hilary Davidson (who took the Chair in Mike Blee's absence), Terry Pegrum, Bill Egerton, Jackie Greet, Jill Kelsey, Liz Balfe, Sue Wintle.
Apologies. Mike Blee, Jez Cunningham, Peter Dye, Chris Hubbard, Peter Riley.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes for the meeting of 10th May were agreed and signed; the amended Minutes of 8th March were also signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
None.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*

- a. Update

BE reported that a number of subgroups are now working on particular topics, working to Terms of Reference which included advising the Steering Group on material for further Newsletters and consultation exercises. These sub-groups are reporting back regularly to the Steering Group.

The Place Appraisal subgroup had just had a very useful meeting with Julie Tanner, one of the two Consultants being employed using the grant funds. This had included a walk round the village, to identify how the village can be subdivided into areas with reasonably coherent character.

- b. Assets of Community Value

In MB and PD's absence there was no report.

- c. Parish Council Statement

A Village Meeting had been arranged for Saturday 24th June, to be attended by the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils and also by Cllr Ian Bruce, who had all been asked to give information on the implications of seeking Parish Council status. The Newsletter had advertised this meeting and a Newsbite was to be sent out. Posters would be put up around the village.

There seemed to be some confusion in the village about the status of any vote that might be taken at this meeting, and concern was expressed that people not able to attend the meeting might feel disenfranchised if a vote was taken that would affect the way forward. At the very least it was felt that having any form of vote would need much more in the way of advance publicity, including to non-members.

After discussion, it was concluded that the Village Meeting should be for the purpose of information gathering only, and should not be seen to be decision-making in any form. Therefore no vote would be taken at the end of the meeting. It was agreed that a summary leaflet would be produced for wide distribution later, to allow a fuller village debate on the topic.

5. *Planning*

- a. Trees officer communication

BE confirmed that he had passed information to the Borough Trees Officer, as requested at the last meeting. It was not known what action if any had followed.

- b. WP/17/00379/LBC Formation of en suite bathroom at Sutton House: The work is all internal, so it was agreed that no comment was necessary.

6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*

Revised Membership forms had been produced, providing for membership of SP Ltd for as long as

a person is a member of the SP Soc Committee. These were distributed, and a number were signed and returned.

7. *Other village matters*

- a. The Pond – History Boards – In progress.
- b. Bins – Ray Aggett had produced a revised lid, which was pronounced a complete success. It was agreed this topic can be removed from the Agenda.
- c. Defibrillator – The defibrillator is installed at the back of the pub. The insurance position still needs to be verified.
- d. Kissing Gate above Reservoir – Wessex Water have been advised of the state of the gate; however there were some questions about whose ownership it is in (perhaps Peter Broatch) (**Action BE**).
- e. Top of the Pond drainage – Action continues.

8. *Village Events / Activities*

- a. Summer events: The summer walk was very successful – Richard Backwell would be thanked (**Action BE**).

Plans for the Pimms Evening (8 July) are in hand, being organised by BE. For the Cream Teas (29 July), the source of scones was discussed. It was agreed not to hold a raffle. It was agreed to wait until next year before trying to restart the village Scarecrow event. JC will now be organising the Vegetable Show (5 August).

- b. John Willows retirement: There was no new information.

9. *Communications*

The next Newsletter will be issued shortly.

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

It was noted that the History Group will be running a film show event on 9th September, being shown by the Windrose Trust as part of their Ridgeway activities (the same people as did a number of interviews in the village recently on village life). The films will illustrate rural life in Somerset and Dorset, and will be a trigger to interviews on the topic “Handing down your Heritage”.

11. *Committee Reports*

The Mission Hall Trust are organising a Picnic Lunch on the 6th August. Their AGM would be held on 28th June at 8 p.m.

12. *Treasurer’s Report*

TP had distributed a report before the meeting, showing subscription income of £524.40 and AGM expenses of £57.38.

The revised bank account signatory mandate has been partly completed but not yet been submitted.

13. *Correspondence*

None

14. *Date of next meeting*

Wednesday 12th July in the Mission Hall.

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: