

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9th August 2017
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, Terry Pegrum, Bill Egerton, Jez Cunningham, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Chris Hubbard.
Apologies. Hilary Davidson, Jackie Greet, Jill Kelsey, Sue Wintle, Liz Balfe.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes for the meeting of 12th July were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
Springhead car parking. Traffic around top of pond. To be dealt with under Item 7.
4. *Neighbourhood Planning*
 - a. Update
PD reported that the Steering Group would have its next regular meeting next Tuesday, 15th August. The Place Appraisal subgroup had completed a draft document, which would be issued to the Steering Group and consultants for comment on Friday.

Other subgroups had held meetings and were continuing their work planning more detailed questions for the next round of consultation, planned for late Autumn. As part of this planning, a meeting of the Steering Group and subgroup members with the consultants had been set up for Saturday 23rd September, at which the subgroups will be able to discuss the key issues with the consultants; in particular this meeting will consider how stakeholders (particularly landowners) should be consulted with. For this consultation, a map showing the landowning units around the village was being compiled.

- b. Assets of Community Value
Being considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Facilities subgroup of which PD is a member.
- c. Local Government consultation for Dorset
Weymouth's consultation on future Local Government arrangements will close on the 1st September. Some Committee members have responded individually – the web address to be used for responses will be circulated (**Action BE**). It was not felt there were any issue that the Society needed to respond on, but members were asked to feed in comments by email.

On the issue of Parish Council status for Sutton Poyntz, there was some discussion on whether anything more needed to be done to notify villagers of the Committee decision; this had been well reported in the recent Newsletter, but this is not distributed to non-members. There was also some further discussion on the implications of Town Council status for Weymouth on our village Neighbourhood Plan, and also on the potential cost implications of calling for a Local Government review just for Sutton Poyntz if we decide at a future date to try to go that way.

5. *Planning*

There were four tree maintenance planning applications: WP/CA/17/00085 (2 Sutton Court Lawns), WP/CA/17/00088 (fell plum tree at 3 Silver Street), WP/CA/17/00084 (fell 2 cypresses at Sutton Court Lawns) and WP/CA/17/00101 (fell hornbeam at 11a Old Bincombe Lane). It was agreed that these could all be left to the Trees Officer's judgement.

TP had made the suggestion of commissioning a tree survey for the village, in order to identify important trees and to apply proactively for TPO's for those trees. This suggestion will be passed to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (**Action BE**).
6. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*
No matters to report.

7. *Other village matters*

- a. The Pond – History Boards – Being looked at by the Neighbourhood Plan Heritage subgroup.
- b. Defibrillator – The insurance position has been verified; there is no cost impact for this year. The defibrillator is being checked weekly by JC. One extra sign has been put up; leaflets will be printed for distribution with the next Newsletter.
- c. Kissing Gate above Reservoir – Peter Broatch has been contacted about this; action closed for the time being.
- d. Top of the Pond drainage – A meeting has been arranged for 11th August with Dave Carey.
- e. Bus Service – MB and Colin Marsh had met with Dave Carey of the Highways Authority. It was suggested that we should write to First Bus asking about their plans for a winter service, and suggesting that a sensible option would be for some Service 4 buses (perhaps 2 or 3 a day) should be routed by Sutton Poyntz (**Action BE**).
- f. Springhead car parking – It was noted that the field next to the Springhead is being used quite regularly over the summer for car parking by the Springhead. This use is presumably allowed under the 28-day permissive planning right, but it was thought likely that the 28-day allowance was close to being exceeded. It was agreed that use in this way is beneficial for the village, reducing pressure on roadside parking. However, the Society would be very concerned if regular use in this way brings the risk of any automatic planning right beyond the basic 28 days. It was agreed that the Council Planning Enforcement team would be contacted for advice (**Action BE**).
- g. Traffic at top of pond – Anne Kemp had expressed concern to MB about traffic at the top of the pond. She was concerned that traffic went on past the Mission Hall Lane junction, and perhaps the No Through Road sign was not at the best height. She had also noted cars going down the top end of Silver Street, and thought an additional No Through Road sign would help. BE will seek advice about the height of the existing sign when he meets Dave Carey on Friday. On the question of an additional sign, the Committee felt there were too many signs rather than too few, but the whole matter is being looked at as part of Neighbourhood Planning.

8. *Village Events / Activities*

- a. Summer events: The Vegetable Show raised £150.90. It was agreed that donations of £75 each would be made to Waves and the St Andrews Angels.
- b. Coffee Mornings: PR is planning the rota for the Coffee Mornings, starting in October.

9. *Communications*

CH and TP are looking at the membership list, with a view to increasing significantly the use of email for distributing Newsletters and Newsbites. CH is also planning a Discussion Paper on the Newsletter format.

The next Newsletter will include information on the St Andrews Angels.

10. *Other Village Activity reports*

It was noted that some information passed to the Homewatch system from within the village had later reappeared in a Homewatch email. The system seems to be working well.

11. *Committee Reports*

Nothing to report.

12. *Treasurer's Report*

TP had distributed a report before the meeting, showing income of £193.97 from the Cream Teas and Pimms Evening. One payment had been made, of £710.40 to Brian Wilson Associates – this is a Neighbourhood Plan cost and therefore reimbursement is needed from the Sutton Poyntz Ltd

account. The current account and cash balance stands at £2614.57.

13. *Correspondence*

A CPRE Newsletter had been received.

14. *Date of next meeting*

Wednesday 13th September in the Mission Hall (advance apologies received from PR).

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: