

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting on 13th June 2018
7.30 p.m. at the Mission Hall.

1. *Present:* Hilary Davidson, Bill Egerton, Jill Kelsey, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham.
Apologies. Apologies had been received from Jackie Greet, Terry Pegrum, Chris Hubbard.
Hilary Davidson took the Acting Chair.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The amended Minutes for the meeting of 9th May were agreed and signed.
3. *Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda*
None.
4. *Policies*
 - a. Application of Planning Policy: A special Newsletter had been issued and, to-date, no new negative responses had been received. Bill had reviewed the committee position with Mike Pressly who is still unhappy and Bill has sent a holding response subject to discussion at this meeting. Unofficially there are reports back from Subs-collecting-committee-members that some villagers are positive and some negative about the subject. The action is still open to call a Special General Meeting but no new committee members who might want to take on any planning review responsibilities have come forward. (Shirley Davies has agreed to join the committee to work on social events, and it was unanimously agreed by those present to co-opt her on as a committee member.) Bill will draft a reply to Mike - **Action BE** - noting that if we hold a meeting and there is any sort of call for a vote of no confidence in the committee, then there will be no committee!
 - b. Code of Conduct & Data Protection Policy: These (draft) policies were accepted and will be published on the village website, for formal adoption at the next General Meeting.
5. *Village Events / Activities*
 - a. Cream Teas: It was agreed that July 28th is too close to other events and it was proposed to bring it forward to the 14th July. Hilary will see Sue Wintle - Action HD - for all the relevant information, Jackie (and Shirley) have said they will be pleased to help.
 - b. Vegetable Show: 4 August agreed, Jez will organise as per last year, Bill will assist as necessary and the other committee members will do the refreshments.
 - c. Scarecrow Competition: Hilary had spoken with Liz Balfe who would still be keen to do it if she had help because she is away a lot. It was agreed not to attempt it this year, due to the current effort required for the Fayre.
 - d. Society 50th Anniversary celebration: It had been discussed with some Mission Hall committee members to do a joint Picnic/ 50th party, and we were awaiting the outcome of their committee discussions running concurrently in another location. The MH are proposing a Hog Roast with salad, we would do a welcome Pimm's and desserts. Also we'd jointly make a special birthday cake. Bill proposed that we should consider subsidising the cost if necessary, to keep it down to the usual price. To be reviewed later.
6. *Neighbourhood Planning Update*
The Steering Group meet next week and it seems they are nearly at the first draft of a neighbourhood Plan. It could be ready for consultation in September. The previously discussed financial problems have been resolved, thanks to the intervention of Tony Ferrari and the County/District Councils who contributed £3500.
7. *Other village matters*
 - a. Dorset National Park proposal: Bill has been unable to find anyone to put the case against a Dorset National Park, although he has obtained a Purbeck document examining the pros and cons. He will circulate it to the committee - **Action BE** - and perhaps attempt to publish a

summary via a Newsletter.

- b. History Boards – No progress.
 - c. Top of the Pond drainage – No progress.
 - d. Ideas for telephone box – A novel suggestion for a drinking water tap for passing walkers had been received – we might bounce the idea off Wessex Water - **Action BE**. It was agreed we would go ahead with the re-painting and a £35 budget was approved.
 - e. Defibrillator – Weekly checks continue, no change to the poor accessibility, otherwise ok.
8. *Communications*
- a. Welcome Leaflet: Bill has collated comments and will ask Chris - **Action BE** - to draft a revised version.
 - b. Newsletters: Peter Riley apologised for the delay in distributing his round (and collecting subs) due to his sciatica. Hilary and Bill agreed to do it this time.
 - c. Newsbites: Following a request for a funeral notice, there was a discussion about whether we should do this as a matter of course. It was agreed that we wouldn't do it spontaneously but only on request. In the case of news about any particularly notable figures, a short mention in the Newsletter would be included. (A recent example was Elizabeth Saunders.)
 - d. Website: Feedback had been received about the timeliness of publishing the Committee Minutes. There had been delays around the time of the AGM but the current position was up-to-date.
9. *Treasurer's Report*
- a. Report: Received in advance, no issues.
 - b. Subscriptions and Membership list: 2018 subscription collections still in progress. One or two refusals to be included on society database (GDPR form) – we will have to review the membership distribution lists soon.

Bill advised that he had several small bills to be refunded (for stationery, website, printing for AGM, SPLtd fees) totalling £77.15. Unanimously agreed Bill can take this from the subscription cash in hand. Also suggested (and agreed) that Phonebox paint can be advanced to Jez.

10. *Correspondence*
CPRE News. Summary of discussion with Pub concerning on-going use of the adjacent field.
11. *Sutton Poyntz Ltd*
Bill is progressing the application but has to nominate a like-minded organisation to receive SP funds if SPcic should ever fold. It was suggested that the Mission Hall would be a good candidate and they would be discussing it tonight. If not, the Weymouth Civic Society could be suitable.
12. *Other Village Activity reports*
Homewatch; History Group; Biodiversity Group. No reports received.
- Hilary reported that she had looked into the possibility of starting a Film Club, but it turns out that we'd be very unlikely to get enough interest to cover the costs.
13. *Committee Reports*
Mission Hall Trust; CPRE; Civic Society: No reports received.
14. *Planning*
For the record only, there is one planning application, WP/18/00410/CATR, felling of one cypress at 3 Sutton Court Lawns. Not reviewed.

15. *Date of next meeting*

11th July.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: