

## Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 12 December 2018 at the Mission Hall.

**Present:** Bill Egerton, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham, Andy Hohne, Jill Kelsey, Shirley Davies

*Also Present:* Chris Hubbard.

JK, as acting Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1) **Apologies:** Hilary Davidson, Chris Balfe, Jackie Greet

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes for the 14 November 2018 meeting were approved and signed.

The Minutes for the 6 December 2018 meeting, as per email sent by JC, were approved and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **Continuing Actions from previous meetings**

**ACTION 2/250718 BE** January Committee meeting to discuss timing of Cream Teas and inclusion of raffle

**ACTION 3/250718 JC/AH** To investigate and cost proposals for work to pond.

**ACTION 8/250718 CH** Update to Welcome Leaflet

**ACTION 2/120918 BE, JK** The text content of the History Boards to be supplied by the History Group

**ACTION 8/141118 JC** A metal insert needed for the beacon basket. Contact Simon Grant-Jones for advice

**ACTION 8a/141118 AH** The subscription to the Campaign to Protect Rural England to be stopped.

**ACTION 10/141118 BE** Ask Peter Dye if NF budgets could be trimmed to remove the need for £50 from Soc

3) **Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda:**

Repair to ground in front of new bench to be discussed under agenda item 6d

Car Parking to be discussed as new agenda item 6e

4) **Neighbourhood Planning - Discussion of possible monitoring role for Society**

Peter Dye is talking to the Town Clerk on the matter and investigating how other organisations deal with the topic e.g. Alton set up a monitoring group comprising Councillors and other interested parties to meet occasionally, their main output being an annual report. Discussion covered a possible review of plan aspirations, consideration of how Council applying policies, the currency of the plan as time progresses. It was thought that an SP committee would not get Council representation, and anyway was such a committee necessary? If no Neighbour Plan involvement in ongoing activity how would any update be achieved as knowledge would be lacking. No decisions were taken, except that BE should inform Peter Dye before he visits the Town Clerk that the Society might be interested in ongoing activity. **ACTION 1/121218 BE**

5) **Village Events/Activities**

5 a. **Coffee Mornings**

PR said the December turn-out had been disappointing. There were mitigating circumstances for this, and it had still more than covered costs. No format changes were thought necessary. No sideshows/demonstrations were planned. A Newsbite to ask for ideas. **ACTION 2/121218 CH**

AH enquired why the Society coffee mornings did not continue through the summer. This due to the initial format.

5b. **Future Events**

JC sent information on possible race night format from Clive to HD for action **ACTION 3/121218 HD**

Future events might include an official opening of the Telephone Box, a village car boot sale and a History evening. The Scarecrow competition end to coincide with the Cream Teas, bringing in more punters?

5c **Event Calendar**

BE tabled a future events calendar. All to consider for possible omissions/additions **ACTION 4/121218 ALL**

The Fours Halls Fete, Springhead Dog Show and various AGMs to be added **ACTION 5/121218 BE**

6) **Other village matters**

6 a. **Works to the pond**

AH reported that a meeting with the preferred contractor for tree trimming was imminent. Also a quote was being sought for repairing the wall at the Top 'o the Pond, including rendering plus drainage channels in the road surface which would allow the hole in the wall to be closed up. Two meetings with firms regarding removing the silt in the pond were planned. The side at the lower end of the pond would be examined when the work was carried out. The removal of the silt is a major problem (last time it went behind the Stables as then was), and Wessex Water help would be needed with water flow, and Southern Electricity with the power lines through the trees. AH would also be seeking advice from Dave Emery. JK mentioned the short (10sec) power cuts suffered by parts of the village recently, and wondered whether this was related to the lines in the willows. The consensus was no, these happened over a wide area.

### **6b. History Boards**

BE to check with Isolde Litschi that money for history board still available **ACTION 6/121218 BE**  
JC and Dave Burge had refurbished the old board and it would be installed at the south end of the pond shortly.

### **6c. Ideas for telephone box**

A letter of thanks had been sent to Colin Marsh for his work on the box. A Newsbite had resulted in the offer of a bookcase, and a trellis and planter had been installed. JC said not many ideas for a use for the box had been received. Books inside became damp, and there was a risk of unwanted books being left outside. Also the book exchange inside the Mission Hall was working well.

AH agreed to investigate possible alternative uses.

**ACTION 7/121218 AH**

### **6d Benches**

It was reported that Karen said there had been a breakdown of communication between staff at the Springhead which resulted in no beef rolls after the lighting of the beacon.

JC said that paving slabs were needed in front of telephone box bench. Agreement to purchase.

**ACTION 8/121218 JC**

**ACTION 9/121218 BE**

No reply from Wessex Water re request for new bench at beacon site

### **6e Car parking**

JC had spoken to Karen at the Springhead. Extra parking was difficult to find, especially if not permitted along side of pond on aesthetic grounds. There seems no easy resolution to this problem.

### **7. Communications**

**Welcome Leaflet:** Action Continues. JC reported that some newcomers along Plaisters Lane had not received a leaflet. AH volunteered to service these properties

**Newsletter & Newsbites:** Nothing to report

**Website:** The website maps now do not work at all. BE can correct this but it is a lot of work.

### **8. Treasurer's Report**

Nothing significant to report. Some problems with consultant fees being paid through the Society account. This is a difficulty for the NF/Consultant to sort out, as the money has left the Society account normally.

### **9. Correspondence**

Further letter of reply to Mr D Skinner intimating that he is requesting information not in the public domain.

Following an email from Janet Craig who has lots of photos of Miss Harrison's Old Orchard House, BE to contact her.

**ACTION 10/121218 BE**

### **10. Sutton Poyntz Ltd**

A letter received from Companies House reminding of the need to file accounts.

### **Completed actions from previous meetings:**

<b>ACTION 13/150818 BE</b>	A calendar of forthcoming events was tabled.
<b>ACTION 1/141118 BE</b>	Tabled more explanation of monitoring role from Steering Group
<b>ACTION 2/141118 JC</b>	Information obtained from Clive on organising race night forwarded to HD
<b>ACTION 2a/141118</b>	JC asked Dave Burge for help refurbishing previous board
<b>ACTION 3/141118 BE</b>	A letter of thanks sent to Colin Marsh
<b>ACTION 4/141118 CH</b>	Newsbite sent to ask if anyone has a bookcase that can be adapted for the box
<b>ACTION 5/141118 JC</b>	A leaflet rack ordered at cost of £20
<b>ACTION 6/141118 HD</b>	Ray contacted about installing a planter and trellis on the box rear.
<b>ACTION 7/141118 CH</b>	Breakdown in Springhead staff communications meant no promised beef rolls.
<b>ACTION 9/141118 BE</b>	Further letter of reply sent to Mr D Skinner

### **15) Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9 January at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

**Minutes agreed and approved:**

**Date:**