

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9 January 2019 at the Mission Hall V2

Present: Jez Cunningham, Andy Hohne, Hilary Davidson, Jackie Greet

Also Present: Chris Hubbard.

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

1) **Apologies:** Chris Balfe, Bill Egerton, Peter Riley, Jill Kelsey, Shirley Davies

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes for the 12 December 2018 meeting 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 8/250718 CH Update to Welcome Leaflet, including adding Straceys 10 % residents discount

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 2/121218 CH A Newsbite to ask for ideas for coffee morning sideshows/demonstrations

ACTION 6/121218 BE Check with Isolde Litschi that money for history board still available

ACTION 9/121218 JC Request Wessex Water for funding for new bench at beacon site

ACTION 10/121218 BE contact Janet Craig re photos of Miss Harrison's Old Orchard House.

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

None

4) **Neighbourhood Planning - Update**

By email BE reported:

4a. Peter Dye met with the Town Clerk, as a result of which there is a revised section on monitoring - attached to these minutes below. The suggestion is to have a Monitoring Group run by the Town Council, with a mix of councillors, unitary authority representatives and local volunteers. The tasks suggested for the Monitoring Group would be along the lines established at Alton; essentially to monitor progress on Community Actions in the Plan, to check that the Plan's policies are being applied and to ensure that the Plan's policies and actions continue to be valid and proper. I would suggest that it would be entirely appropriate for the Society to seek the right to nominate one volunteer. **ACTION 1/090119 BE**

4b. The Steering Group are reasonably confident of coming in within budget.

5) **Village Events/Activities**

5 a. **Coffee Mornings**

It was agreed that the January coffee morning had been very well attended. All cake makers had waived payment and the morning made a good profit for society funds. AH said the brownies were excellent.

5b. **Future Events**

HD reported that she had most of the necessary equipment, that it would be a fish & chip supper from Straceys with homemade desserts and bring your own drink. It would be held on 16 February, hall availability permitting. Dave Burge was holding a Pie Night on 2 February in the Mission Hall.

5c & d **Event Calendar**

By email BE reported: I have added the dog show and four halls fete, but I have no information on other bodies' AGMs.

Some discussion took place as to the best means of presenting the events, with separation of SP Society and others. An A3 printout of the calendar to be produced **ACTION 2/090119 JC**

6) **Other village matters**

6 a. **Works to the pond**

AH reported that a contractor had been chosen to perform a **“material trim” to the willows** at a cost of £1700, which sum was agreed by the committee. Because he is registered to work near high voltage wires the electricity will not need to be switched off. Planning permission for this work had been sought in late December. A quote of for drainage, blocking the hole and other repairs and pointing to the **wall at the Top o' the Pond** of £2300 had been received, which was agreed by the committee. Regarding **de-silting the pond**, 3 specialist companies had been approached and advice sought from Dave Emery and Colin Marsh. A longer term solution was also investigated including dropping in gravel and bio engineering to speed up the water flow which should reduce silting. However the initial cost is prohibitive, even assuming the silt can be pumped onto land locally, and preventative measures even more so. Obtaining the necessary planning applications is also expensive

in terms of time and cost. He recommended that no de-silting of the pond, or bio engineering should take place. Further ideas for additional work were still being explored, including a quote requested for the erection of standing stones to prevent parking at the bottom of the pond.

6b. History Boards

The present quotes are expensive.

6c. Ideas for telephone box

It was decided to press ahead with the book exchange use for the box, which HD was progressing.

6d Benches

The action to request Wessex Water for funding for new bench at beacon site should have been an action on JC.

7. Communications

Welcome Leaflet: Action Continues. The Straceys 10% discount for residents to be added to Leaflet.

Newsletter & Newsbites: Nothing to report

Website: Nothing to report

8. Treasurer's Report

Expenditure on Christmas lights and paint for box.

9. Correspondence

In absence of Secretary none reported

10. Sutton Poyntz Ltd

None

11. Committee Reports

Mission Hall Trust: None

Completed actions from previous meetings:

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

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

ACTION 1/121218 BE To inform Peter Dye before he visits the Town Clerk that the Society might be interested in ongoing activity.

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

ACTION 4/121218 ALL To consider future events calendar for possible omissions/additions

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

ACTION 7/121218 AH Investigate possible alternative uses of telephone box.

ACTION 8/121218 JC Purchase paving slabs for use at frontage of bench

15) Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 February at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date:

Revision to Neighbourhood Plan as result of Peter Dye visit to Town Clerk. See Item 4 above

1.7 Management and Monitoring

A successful Neighbourhood Plan requires provision for monitoring and management functions. Management is normally undertaken by the Local Planning Authority, while the monitoring function traditionally falls to the parish. The Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum is unique in being a rural non-parish body. Under the local government arrangements in place when the forum was established in 2017, the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (WPBC) would have managed the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan (once made), as part of the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. The WPBC would likely have chosen to delegate the monitoring role to the Sutton Poyntz Society – as the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum. However, with the creation of the Unitary Authority on 1 April 2019, the WPBC will disappear and Sutton Poyntz becomes part of Weymouth Town Council. Since it is not possible to have a non-parish forum within a parish, the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Forum will cease to exist with the creation of Weymouth Town Council. At the same time, the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (incorporating the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan) will become the responsibility of the new Unitary Authority.

The Weymouth Town Council is urged to set up a small group to monitor the Neighbourhood Plan (once made) and to produce an annual report on its implementation and effectiveness. Membership should comprise a balance of town councillors, local authority representatives and volunteers from the community. A similar system has been successfully employed by Alton Parish Council (<https://www.adra.community/residents-associations/alton-neighbourhood-plan-monitoring-group>). An alternative approach might be to task The Sutton Poyntz Society with undertaking the role. It is envisaged that any monitoring group would function with a 'light touch' - it has not proved practicable to develop metrics for each policy. Whatever arrangements are put in place, the monitoring group should also be responsible for progressing the village's aspirations, advising on priorities for allocating the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and continued liaison with stakeholders. The engagement with householders, landowners, farmers, developers, businesses and employees during the neighbourhood planning process has proved (in general) positive and beneficial. Even where there has been disagreement, it has led to improved understanding and constructive discussion. This process should not end just because the Neighbourhood Plan has been made.