

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 13 March 2019 at the Mission Hall

Present: Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Jackie Greet, Chris Balfe, Bill Egerton, Peter Riley, Jill Kelsey, Marianna Dodd and David Burge, with Linda Kirkpatrick as a potential committee member

Also Present: Chris Hubbard,

HD, acting Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1) **Apologies:** Andy Hohne, Shirley Davies

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes for the 6 February 2019 meeting were approved and signed by HD.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising

Continuing Actions from previous meetings

ACTION 8/250718 CH Update to Welcome Leaflet, including adding Straceys 10 % residents discount

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

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

ACTION 3/060219 AH Ask John Bellis to examine the accounts prior to the AGM

ACTION 4/060219 BE The AGM agenda to be produced by BE.

ACTION 5/060219 JC/CH Notices about the AGM would be produced by JC and Newsbites sent out.

3) **Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda:** None

4) **AGM arrangements**

The date of the AGM was announced in the last Newsletter and posters giving details will be posted shortly. Before the AGM Peter Broatch will give a 20 minute talk entitled "The challenges of farming in the 21st century", followed by questions.

It was decided no nibbles, but AH will procure wine/soft drinks

ACTION 1/130319 AH

All 'backward looking' topics, including constitutional changes would come first, followed by the election of officers. Documentation packs including the Annual Report, the Minutes of the 2018 AGM, the Finance Report and the constitutional changes would be available at the meeting and on the Website. BE to produce a draft of these for consideration by the committee and issue them two weeks before the AGM.

ACTION 2/130319 BE

In keeping with past AGMs, there would be no formal time limit on speakers from the floor. This would be under the control of the Chair. Newsbite giving details of AGM and the need for any items to be raised being with the Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting and that subs can be paid on the night to be issued asap.

ACTION 3/130319 CH

BE to advise on the latter section of the Committee Report referencing Neighbourhood Planning

ACTION 4/130319 BE

5) **Neighbourhood Planning - Update**

AH reported that when the Borough Council was dissolved the SP NP would have to be resubmitted to the 'new' Borough Council. This should ultimately culminate in a referendum on the Plan. BE proposed that the Society should write to Peter Dye, Colin Marsh and Katarina Blee expressing gratitude for their hard work.

ACTION 5/130319 BE

The Place Appraisal will be available in hard copy form at a cost of £4.50 to anyone who wants one. This would be mentioned at the AGM and in the next Newsletter.

ACTION 6/130319 BE/CH

6) **Village Events/Activities**

6a Coffee Mornings

The March Coffee Morning was reasonably well attended, but it was felt that it was the same faces at most of these events. PR asked whether it was proposed to continue next winter, the answer being yes; was the cost right, again yes; had the 'sideshows/presentations' been missed - general feeling that it was good to have some, but they were not essential. The summer coffee mornings would start on 5 April.

6b Summer Events

The Horse Racing Evening had been well received, with excellent feedback. More events where attendees could join activities in was a common request. A History Evening is planned for 27 March.

6c Event Calendar

MD was updating the Calendar which would be on-line shortly. HD and JC suggested an additional meeting before the AGM to discuss possible events.

ACTION 7/130319 MD

A number of events were discussed - Vegetable Show on 3 August; Cream Teas 20 July with start of Scarecrow Competition; formal opening of the Village Information Centre/Telephone Box; Duck Racing; chef demonstration; SP Bake-off;

HD to ask Richard Backwell for ideas and dates for Village Walks.

ACTION 8/130319 HD

MD reported that the 4 Halls Fete committee were asking for volunteers to run a stall and help set up before

and take down after the event. She would report back after the next planning meeting with them.

ACTION 9/130319 MD

7) Other village matters

7a Works to the pond

It was agreed that the work had achieved the desired result and that the pond area was looking very presentable. PR asked if enough tree pruning had taken place. As the trees are the responsibility of the Highways Authority it was pointed out that there were significant Council restraints on what could be done, the tree surgeon having had to submit three planning applications before agreement was reached. AH would be reporting to the Council on all of the funded work.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Tony Ferrari and the councillors involved in awarding the grant for the work.

ACTION 10/130319 BE

A large number of people helped with the pond clearing, including newcomers and friends of newcomers. PR was thanked for kindly allowing the use of his land for the pond debris. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Springhead for their generous provision of refreshments.

ACTION 11/130319 BE

7b History Boards

The boards were under construction and would be installed shortly. BE reported that the Walking Route Leaflets were ready and could be printed at a cost of £45 per 200. It was agreed to print 200 for distribution at no cost, with some going into the SP Tourist Centre. This is being used extensively.

7c Benches

The bench refurbished by DB has a broken slat. He will investigate replacing it. Some slabs were needed in front of this bench, and in front of the current board opposite the south of the pond.

ACTION 12/130319 DB

JC tabled alternatives for the replacement bench at the beacon being funded by Wessex Water; most were made from recycled plastic. He would circulate his preferred option.

ACTION 13/130319 DB/JC

ACTION 14/130319 JC

8) Communications

Welcome Leaflet: ACTION 8/250718 CH Continues.

Newsletter, Newsbites & Website: Nothing to report

9) Treasurer's Report

The income for the month came from the Horseracing evening, £130, and the March Coffee Morning, £60. All expenditure has been debited to the pond grant account - Clearance of the reeds (£376); Trim of the willows (£1,700); Sign for the Tourist Information Centre (£69). The work on the drainage / wall fixing / re pointing around the top of the pond is ongoing (£2300) with some additional tarmac laying agreed (£200). This leaves just over £500 from the grant, with quotes for more work being sought.

10) Correspondence

A reminder from DCC that the OS mapping licence has expired, but this is no longer required.

11) Sutton Poyntz Ltd

JK does not now wish to become a Director of SP CiC, so this matter would be addressed at the AGM.

12) Committee Reports

Mission Hall Trust: None

13) Any other business

Potential committee member, Linda Kirkpatrick, was invited to join the committee and agreed to do so.

14) Date of next meeting

The AGM will be on Wednesday 13 April at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall

Completed actions from previous meetings:

ACTION 2/120918 BE, JK The text content of the History Boards has been supplied by the History Group

ACTION 2/121218 CH A Newsbite asking ideas for coffee morning sideshows/demonstrations

ACTION 6/121218 BE Checked with Isolde nee Litschi that money for history board is still available

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

ACTION 1/090119 BE The Society to seek to nominate one volunteer to the Town Council Monitoring Group, It was agreed that this Action should lapse

ACTION 1/060219 BE/AH BE reported on Steering Group meeting

ACTION 2/060219 AH Peter Broatch confirmed as a speaker at the AGM

ACTION 6/060219 JC An updated quote for the supply of the boards obtained

ACTION 7/060219 HD Signs installed at the Telephone Box.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: 8.4.19.

H. Davidson