

## Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 14 August 2019 in the Mission Hall

**Present:** Hilary Davidson, Peter Riley, Andy Hohne, Jackie Greet, Shirley Davies, Chris Balfe, Jill Kelsey, Marianna Dodd, David Burge, Jez Cunningham and Sue Smith

**Also Present:** Chris Hubbard,

HD, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1) **Apologies:** Linda Kirkpatrick,

2) **Review of the cream teas & veg show - anything to learn?:**

The cream teas made £155 surplus. Agreement it was a nice afternoon at which everything went well. More scones than the 60 ordered had to be obtained. The individual cream portions were too large. Perhaps 24 or 30 from a box instead of 20. Caterers and Treasurer would keep a record of quantities to aid future events. Cost for children to be made known. The hall committee have agreed to provide space for catering items to be held between events.

The veg show made £166 which was donated to TheHorseCourse charity. Again agreement that it went well. When announcing winners, give their number as well as name so voters can check against who they voted for. There wasn't room for the bunch of leaves entries, but this could be corrected by removing some classes with only one entry. The wonky veg class was well received. A suggestion of a wild flower category was felt to be not environmentally friendly. To increase the suspense, the spud in a tub weights should not be written up immediately. Agreement that there was no requirement to specify the exact proportions of the tub.

The 21 scarecrows raised £280 for the Homestart charity. Perhaps they should be left up for the whole of August? The idea of an optional theme worked well. There would be no competition in 2020 due to the Village Fayre, but in 2021 it would be combined with an Open Gardens event.

3) **Minutes of previous meetings:** The Minutes of the 10 July 2019 meeting were approved and signed.

4) **Review of actions from previous meetings (including update on village events)**

**ACTION 1/140819 JC** Contact Glen or Suzanne at Stracey's to confirm 10% discount still valid

**ACTION 8/141118 JC** A metal insert needed for the beacon basket. Cost for a suitable piece of steel £32 - £54. Contact Simon Grant-Jones for advice. Ongoing

**ACTION 1/080519 CH - MD** as events coordinator to be added to Newsbite. On going

**ACTION 2/080519 MD** ask for direct website link to MD from Calendar from Bill Egerton. On-going

**ACTION 9a CH** inform via newsletter the possibility of advertising wanted or sale items on the Top o' the Pond notice board - ongoing.

**ACTION 2/100719 SS** To discuss web sites with her son-in-law who is in the IT business

5) **Village Events/Activities:**

a. Gardening Club – ongoing

b. Pimms and Ploughman's – August 31<sup>st</sup> noon to 3pm at Mission Hall. £10 adults, £4 <16, free <5. Contact Andy for tickets asap. Pimms in ½ pint tumblers, MD offered her own stock.

Andy H to organise alcohol license

Jackie G to contact Spar shop re bread and desserts (roulade & cheesecake)

Newsbite out asap, including tickets to be ordered asap

Jez C ordering fruit

Helpers to meet on day at 9am

c. Murder Mystery Dinner – November 16<sup>th</sup> Cast and Hall booked. Catering probably chili and jacket potato. Need to clarify numbers and table layout. Details to be decided at a later meeting

**ACTION 2/140819 AH**

**ACTION 3/140819 JG**

**ACTION 4/140819 CH**

**ACTION 5/140819 JC**

6) **Correspondence:** None

7) **Treasurer's Report:** Input for month £290, expenditure £400, including pre-paid Pimms. £150 left of pond grant still to spend.

8) **Subscriptions - how are they going?** Very few left still to collect.

9) **AOB:** HD reported that the library in the Tel Box was being used by holiday makers and locals alike. A Newsbite to ask for it not to be used as a dumping ground for old or unwanted books - paperbacks and current magazines only, and please return books after reading. Debate over recycling of surplus vegetable produce, and venues for this. Ray had built a suitable wooden receptacle, but it would need to be placed on a stand, perhaps behind the box? Tony Ferrari would like produce donations for the Lantern Centre; he will approach committee with ideas for this. PR raised the state of the verge by the bus stop, which is Council Land, and that the stop was badly sited. There were some fears that complaints about the stop could strengthen arguments for the cessation of the bus service, but it was agreed that AH and PR would write to Council to express disquiet. JC said £108 had been spent on History and Walk leaflets, which are given out for free in the Springhead and Tel Box. It was agreed that if other organisations wanted these they should be

charged the cost price. AH suggested if more were needed they should be ordered immediately as the money was available. CH mentioned that he wished to research the history of HMS Bandit, the vessel whose bell is hung in the Hall. Agreement that he should go ahead.

10) **Date of next meeting:** To be decided

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

**Completed actions from previous meetings:**

**ACTION 8/250718 CH** Update to Welcome Leaflet, including adding Straceys 10 % residents discount. Will go in future Newsbite - new action arising; see above

**ACTION 7d/080519 HD/AH** Constitution amendment 2(h) and ban of household from Springhead. A reconciliation meeting would be brokered, which the Society Chair would attend in listening mode. To be allowed to lapse and raised again if required

**ACTION 10/080519 AH** Volunteers to collect subs. Only about 5 left. Complete.

**ACTION 11/080519 DB/AH** – Use £350 remaining of grant on large stones to prevent soil erosion - stones delivered

**ACTION 1/100719 MD** Booked Mission Hall for Veg Show

Minutes agreed and approved: *H. Davidson*

Date: *9.10.19*