

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Committee Meeting held on January 12th 2022 at MH

Present: Hilary Davidson; Jez Cunningham; Jon Waterman; Kevin Pearce; Shirley Davies; Jackie Raw; Marianna Dodd; Sue Smith; Chris Hubbard

Mike Dodd (Item 3)

	Minutes/Actions	Who
1	Apologies: Jackie Greet; Linda Kirkpatrick; Andy Hohne; Tony Critoph	
2	Minutes of previous meeting: No minutes were taken at the December informal meeting.	
3	Pond Clearance: Mike Dodd was welcomed to the meeting to give his advice from the Biodiversity group which has 40 years' experience of conservation. He recognized the value of the community effort involved in such ventures and the need to preserve the amenity value of the area but advised against the use of power tools when volunteers were involved. Apart from the obvious insurance risks, he also advised that these tools could cause damage and more clear up work at a later date. He suggested that work with power tools if and where necessary, might be used on a separate day from the village 'clear up'. Mike was thanked for his contribution and the committee asked that he approach the Biodiversity group for support and advice on the best way to achieve positive improvements to the pond area on or before the clear up. February 5 th . 9.30 start. Newsbite.	ALL CH
4	Forthcoming events: Quiz Night . It was agreed that in light of the current covid numbers, this would be postponed to 26 February. Newsbite. Book Hall. Coffee Morning. January's had been cancelled. February 4 th to go ahead. Take away service available again. Peter Jones has organised a speaker from PCSO on safer neighbourhoods. March 4 th MD to invite a presentation from the national initiative on repair cafes.	CH SS MD
5	Update new website: KP – Version 2 of the website release date is January 18 th . There will be a link to material on the old site. The Street Fayre is setting up its own site. CH to contact KP about newsbites.	CH
6	Noticeboard: Nearly ready	
7	Community Aspirations: JC has collated the committee's feedback. Some issues such as planting indigenous trees could be the subject of newsletters. Some aspirations were not achievable. JC will send the ideas to the relevant groups: Councillors; Biodiversity; History etc. A proposed way forward will be compiled.	JC
8	Jubilee: Group met on January 5 th . More jobs have been allocated. Caterers confirmed. Still waiting to hear from Wessex Water about land on which to plant orchard. AH following up. Fencing to be done by volunteers. Biodiversity group to be asked about heritage trees. No publicity on this yet. JW agreed to coordinate 'furniture', liaising with Maureen Morris. March 10 th next meeting. Jubilee dessert competition? We will consider when there are more details. HD and JW applying for a grant from Dorset Community Federation for a bench or gate for the orchard.	AH JW JW HD
11	Treasurer's Report: £188 paid to LK for Jubilee items. Half the insurance renewal for the SPS done. CIC not yet completed. Awaiting news on phone box theft insurance.	
12	AOB: ?: Is defibrillator maintained by Emergency Services? A: Yes ?: Could Biodiversity group help with grass cutting? It was agreed to leave it as it is. Concern over some comments between committee members on group WhatsApp. HD agreed they were inappropriate. Members advised to keep them relevant and respectful. Remember Advent Window idea. Autumn agenda. Strimmer has been delivered. Tamsin and Peter Hyde have been thanked for Christmas tree. ? Could we have a bench at the top of the pond? Street Fayre to be asked. Springhead Pub raised £700 at their charity 'do' for Fortuneswell Ward.	??
13	Next meeting: February 9 th 7pm. Mission Hall.	

H. Davidson