

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3 Nov 76  
at 3 Silver Street.

Apologies for absence were received from William  
Wherrett, Joyce Hitchi, Molly Hanson, John Allen and  
Margaret Brown.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and approved.

### Matters Arising

Christmas Cards. The Treasurer  
reported that Christmas cards had cost a total of  
£180.51 since the first were obtained in 1972,  
and that a total of £177.36 has been taken, with  
stock to the approximate value of £50 now in hand.

Finance The Chairman expressed concern that  
some 22 members had not yet paid for the current  
year's membership.

### Boulders around the Pond

It has been suggested by  
some Sillages that stones should be laid on  
the West bank, to prevent further erosion of the  
grass ledge in front of the cottages but it  
was felt that this would be too obtrusive  
visually. One newly laid stone is already broken.

presumably by a lorry, but Mr Saunders ~~also~~  
~~expressed concern~~ suggested it could be repaired  
with cement, as a stone trough on his farm  
had held well after such treatment. Mr Saunders  
also expressed concern that the Borough Engineer's  
Department had emptied the pond 3 days before  
repairing the sill, and so our last remaining  
goldfish had perished. The Chairman said he  
would write a letter of appreciation for the work  
on the sill, tree lopping, grass cutting and for  
the supply of materials and stores around the  
pond.

November 5

The Chairman reported on the social  
arrangements for Bonfire night, the lighting  
of the bonfire, supply of hot dogs, treacle toffee,  
hot soup, lamps, sparklers. Many members not  
on the committee were helping.

Social Evening Sat 13 Nov.

Plans for this event were  
finalized as follows:- Chairman to oversee  
tickets sold and the Treasurer offered to stand by  
the Door, collecting tickets and money and

selling Christmas cards. Posters completed by  
Valerie Dotts. Flago got Stage - Chairman hoped  
to get these on Friday 12 Nov. Bal - arranged  
by Chairman with Ship Inn. Band - King  
confirmed. Spot Prizes and Raffle Prizes - Adrian  
Whesett has asked for promise of prizes to be  
delivered before Saturday 13 Nov. butler - Chairman  
has arranged to borrow 100 sets.

### Any Other Business

Committee nominations for 1977/78.  
Mr Presley declined through pressure of work, but  
will help out when able. Mr Harcombe  
will stand. Mr Smith has still to be asked.  
Mr Grief, nominated by Adrian Whesett who is  
standing down. Simon Emblem and Mr Ingham  
have been asked but have decided not to  
be nominated. Mr Pike has still to be asked.

### Committee Membership:

The Chairman asked for  
views on this, feeling that it was inappropriate when  
called upon to make decisions about Sutton  
Poetry, to be other than residents. Should this  
be added to the constitution? While agreeing

to the desirability of committee members being of Sutton Poyntz, the committee was divided as to whether it was necessary to make a point of this. The matter was postponed in order to have the views of a fuller committee.

### Social Events

Members discussed the style of social events. There was agreement about the importance of continuing to provide events which would attract the village centre, as did Jack Waiter's evening of films, but it was recognised that it was difficult to achieve participation. Valerie Morris suggested an after Christmas children's party to take place in the village itself. This was welcomed and it was proposed that it should be held in the Mission Hall for members children up to the age of 10 years, and could be a co-operative effort involving the parents concerned and not an expense to the Society. Valerie Morris agreed to make enquiries about possible entertainers.

### Planning Applications

The chairman departed

on the  
~~that~~ a likelihood of a planning application  
in relation to land owned by the late Miss  
Luff. The committee resolved to resist any  
application involving change in designation  
of land and to make full use of opportunity  
to influence development which is "infilling",  
and if necessary to employ expert help as in  
the case of Mr Sephcott's plan for Old Bincombe  
lane. We were again reminded of the value of  
a "fighting fund" to this purpose.

There being no other business the meeting  
closed at 9.30 PM.

The next meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.30 PM at 3 Silver Street.

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