



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM

Meeting held at the Mission Hall 7.30 pm Thursday 3 April 2003; Joyce Litschi in the chair.

34 members in attendance.

- 1) **Apologies** - Mr & Mrs Wynne Williams, Mr F Litschi, Mr R Birch, Mrs L Randall, Mr and Mrs Bugler.
- 2) **Previous minutes** - The minutes of the AGM held on 9 April 2002 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Richard Meech and seconded Hazel Hogg.
- 3) **Matters arising** - Peter Jones enquired of the conclusion to the Rooks problem discussed at the last AGM. The Chairman advised that some trees were lopped as requested to the apparent satisfaction of all parties.

- 4) **Chairman's report** - The Chairman, Mrs Joyce Litschi, reported that on this 35th AGM, the Society have maintained their useful and amicable relationship with the W&PBC - in particular the planning department.
We had also continued to support the activities of Council for the Protection of Rural England, Weymouth Civic Society, Dorset Wildlife. She outlined the past years activities including the Jubilee lunch, Tombola stall at the Victorian Fayre, Cream teas in the orchard and the Christmas coffee morning. Particular thanks were mentioned for David Emery for leading the team of workers at the orchard, Julia Allen for providing our Jubilee cake, Sue Branch for organising the Treasure Hunt and Richard Backwell for arranging the Society walks.

A wooden seat was donated to the orchard from the Society, with further seats donated by Mr & Mrs Willis and by Wessex Water.

The commemorative stone for the Millennium trees is not yet in place but should be shortly. We are also continuing discussions with the W&PBC on maintenance of the pond and surrounding willows.

In concluding, the Chairman expressed her sorrow on losing one of the committee, Vic Farrant, who unexpectedly passed away last year.

The chairman thanked her committee during this three year term.

- 5) **Secretary's report** - The Secretary, Mr John Sutherland, advised that some 151 items of correspondence had been dealt with during the 9 committee meeting held. Most correspondence was with the W&PBC - mainly planning notices which were discussed at several ad hoc meeting of the planning group. Several items of recent correspondence were highlighted including that from BT relating to the possible removal of the local telephone box.

He advised that we had issued 5 newsletters over the year - and reminded members of the next months activities.

A copy of a list of the house names along Plaisters Lane was provided for anyone interested.

6) **Treasurer's report** - The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement which was accepted by the meeting. Proposed Peter Jones, seconded Terry Tebbutt. In reply to a query on the uses for Society funds, the Treasurer advised of the intention to retain a working fund in case it was required. All other funds are used to the benefit of the Society. The funds included a £500 commitment promised to the MHT when required. The Treasurer also gave a brief report on the other bodies where he represented the Society - The Mission Hall Trust, Environmental Partnership and Community Groups. A vote of thanks was proposed for the 10 years service provided as treasurer – Proposed Peter Jones, seconded John Allen.

7) **Resolutions**

- a) Introduced by the committee - The following changes were agreed to the constitution from 1969:
 - Ten days notice to be given of a Special General Meeting (was 3 weeks).
 - Chairman's continuous term in office limited to three years (previously no limit).
 - Nominations for committee and officers permitted from the floor (was in writing).
 - Minimum committee size set of seven (was no minimum).
- b) Introduced by Mr Brown - The meeting confirmed unanimous support to the Mission Hall Trust in their attempts to obtain funding for a new kitchen for the Mission Hall.
- c) Introduced by Mrs Hogg -, The Society was requested to ask the bus company to consider moving the bus stop, currently at the Cart Shed, to an area around Old Bincombe Lane and Silver Street where there is more space. Passed on a vote of 15 for and 7 against

8) **Election of Officers and the Committee** – The following officers and committee were elected:-

Chairman	Mr Simon Emblen
Secretary	Mr John Sutherland
Treasurer	Mrs Sarah Knight
Committee Members	Mr M Haine, Mrs J Allen, Mr A Bugler, Mr D Emery, Mr P Riley, Mr K Knight, Mrs Joyce Litschi

9) An amusing and informative talk was given by Richard Backwell on his experiences on the Coast to Coast walk (Irish Sea to Robin Hood Bay).

10) **AOB** –

- a) Mrs Meech expressed concern that matters of significance were raised without prior knowledge of the membership. Suggestions that such matters could be deferred to a SGM or a full agenda published prior to the meeting.
- b) Mr Jones suggested that future AGM's should start at 7.00.
- c) There were several suggestions that AOB should precede any talk or presentation.
- d) Mr Jones outlined his concern on the plans for Regional Assemblies. Similar concern has been expressed by CPRE.

11) The meeting closed at 9.45 pm