Notes on meeting with Jeff Chartrand 29th November 2004 at Bournemouth University

Present David Emery, John Sutherland

Object - to investigate potential of University undertaking a Conservation Study of Sutton Poyntz

Jeff Chartrand runs the Heritage Conservation faculty at Bournemouth University. He indicated that other universities also run similar courses – but DE pointed out that we thought being local was important.

DE outlined the general position of the village, introduced the Village Survey and spoke of the desire to produce another document directed at conserving the village. The survey was a general walk around the village illustrating the attractiveness but not identifying specific spaces that should be protected. It identified some of the problems of traffic, development and flooding; but did not include an action plan to develop the village in line with the aims of conservation.

Noted that an SSI has much better protection than an ONB.

It was noted that the village did not have a church nor shop (although it was important that it had a pub (or hotel)). Without these things it was not considered a self contained village – but perhaps a "bedroom development".

Possible areas to be considered:-

- a. Inventory of trees
- b. Survey of the wildlife habitat, bio diversity and environmental issues
- c. Archaeological survey
- Regression study on how the village has developed, what problems are revealed and potential solutions

Other areas that could be considered were car parking, the amenity value of the area, the existing footpaths in the area.

Other topics which must be considered are:-

What areas are suitable for future development? What are local builders looking for?

What potential is there for low cost housing?

The meeting concluded with JC stating that he would produce a couple of paragraphs on about four topics (shown above a-d) for students to consider for their final year dissertation. They shortly break up for Christmas. The students need to select their dissertation subject next term. He will keep in touch.

cc S Emblen Planning sub group