

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Corner Cottage, Plaisters Lane  
Simon Emblen in the chair

1. Apologies – M Haine, Peter Riley and John Sutherland
2. The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April were read and approved.
3. Matters arising
  - a. Action Continues re siting of large stone(s) on which to mount a single plaque for the millennium trees. TB reported that L Jolliffe had vehicle available and the siting of the stones was now imminent. SE to cut grass in area. It was agreed that a contribution would be made to L Jolliffe for doing the work.
  - b. Clearing out the old “Wash Area” by the Waterworks to be undertaken shortly – JS to organise a date. A plaque will be needed later. – Action continues.
  - c. TH had meeting with DE re Bournemouth University’s possible heritage studies on Sutton Poyntz and other environmental issues. Findings addressed later in meeting.
  - d. JS not yet ascertained donor of flowers at the entrance to village – action continues.
  - e. TH followed up pond issues with regard to restocking pond with fish – both Dorset Wildlife Trust and Environment Agency advised not to do so – their advice was to let pond revert to natural state. Agency approval would be required to restock as water feeds into River Jordan – very limited range of breeds of fish would be allowed and to get authority would be complicated and time-consuming. **Agreed a note to this effect would be included in next newsletter.**
  - f. JL reported that re the complaint on water continually running down Sutton Road in the proximity of Camelot, the Borough Engineer and Wessex Water had been out to look at the problem and agreed that the work required was extensive but would be carried out at an unspecified time.
  - g. SE reported that the siting of the revised signs at the Springhead was now imminent.
  - h. The wheel from cart at the Springhead had now been renovated by PR and was back in place.
  - i. SK reported that subscriptions to Weymouth Civic Society had not been made since 2001. It was agreed that SPS should subscribe. SK to be provided with payment details.
4. Committee Sub groups

The Mission Hall trust – £5,000 grant from “Awards for all” has now been announced. Work progressing on extension – foundations now in.  
Floribunda Festival attended by over 180 people despite the torrential rain. £350.00 profit made.  
The Environmental Partnership – Meeting to be held later this month  
The Community Group – Nothing to report
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report

The Group, comprising JS, TH and PJ met with DE for a handover briefing on 11<sup>th</sup> May, the main considerations being: -

  - How best to carry forward the good work on the pond (see notes above re fish) and
  - How best to carry forward the findings of the 1999 Village Survey.

TH and PJ briefed the committee on their investigations on Village Design Statements, etc. It was agreed that the preparation of a Village Design Statement for Sutton Poyntz was worth pursuing. TH advised that this was a large undertaking, with PJ confirming that this would need to be a community wide project – not just the SPS. TH and PJ to liaise with JS with regard to preparing a mailshot to all Sutton Poyntz inhabitants to gauge support. Funding may be available for such a Statement.

PJ noted that SPS was not a consultee on the Local Plan – whereas it had been in the past. PJ to liaise with JS with a view to registering as consultee.

PJ advised that while the SPS was well regarded by the Planning Department, there was a need to be more proactive in our dealings with them.
6. Planning Matters – PJ reported:
  - a. 7 Sutton Road – no comment
  - b. Blue Shutters – basically this is a tidy up of the rear of the property – query access for works vehicles
7. Social Events

Cream Teas to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August in the rear garden of Fuschia Cottage, Mission Hall Lane – due to the Orchard being unavailable.

8. Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported that expenditure since the last meeting had included newsletter printing (£24.20), Dorset Wildlife Trust Subscription (£24) and AGM speaker costs (£25). £152 of subscriptions had been received, giving total funds available (incl £500 commitment to MHT) of £3,540.57. Report filed.

SK read out note of thanks from Richard Backwell re his AGM fee. Note to be passed to Secretary.

9. Correspondence - The following correspondence received / sent in the period was reported.

01/06/2005	cpre	voice and fieldwork
01/06/2005	W&PBC	comments on bus stop
10/06/2005	brewers quay	ad for christmas
10/06/2005	W&PBC	temporary footpath change
30/05/2005	WCS	Newsletter 44
30/05/2005	W&PBC	Reply to Statement of community involvement – query <b>Further letter to be sent – PJ to draft</b>
27/05/2005	W&PBC	Statement of community involvement - query
05/05/2005	Black and Veatch	Query on evidence of flooding
19/05/2005	Black and Veatch	Note replying to query on evidence of flooding
11/05/2005	W&PBC	Reply on road closures
11/05/2005	Notes	CEPWG notes from Tony Heathershaw
11/05/2005	W&PBC	Telecon - Simon Williams re Springhead signs in hand to be replaced this month
16/05/2005	DWT	Spring Raffle
16/05/2005	Doris Harbor	Card sent to hospital
16/05/2005	DWT	Membership card
16/05/2005	DCC	LID database
29/04/2005	W&PBC	Closure of Coombe Valley for 4 months!
29/04/2005	W&PBC	Area adjacent to bus stop in Sutton Road - paved
29/04/2005	W&PBC	45 Sutton Road - no objection
29/04/2005	W&PBC	Springhead signs
29/04/2005	C Gates	cc letters to First & W&PBC re bus petition
29/04/2005	W&PBC	Spring in Sutton Road and Road bank
29/04/2005	D Emery	Note of thanks re pond de-silting

10. AOB

SE raised the application for changes to the licensing at the Springhead. Various members had expressed their concerns. After discussion the general consensus was that the extra hours would not be so much of a problem if the music/karaoke license was not granted, as the pub was unlikely to stay open later without music. It was strongly felt that the centre of the village was not an apt location for such types of entertainment, being closely surrounded by residential area, and that it would detract from the tranquil environment of the village pond. Previous events held at the Springhead had caused a nuisance. JS to write.

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 at Hampton Lodge (Peter Jones)

Thanks were given to Roy and Sara Knight for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

