



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM

**Meeting held at the Mission Hall 7.30 pm Thursday 13 April 2005; Simon Emblen in the chair.**

- 1) **Apologies** - Mr & Mrs Caddy, Mr & Mrs Knight, Mrs Bugler, Mrs Gates, Mr and Mrs Riley, Mr de Carteris.
- 2) **Previous minutes of AGM 2004** - The minutes of the AGM held on 23 April 2004 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Mr P Jones and seconded Mr N Brown.
- 3) **Matters arising** - There were no matters arising.
- 4) **Previous minutes of SGM 24 Sep 2004** - The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 24 Sep 2004 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Mr K Knight and seconded Mr J Allen.
- 5) **Matters arising** - Mr Brown asked if the matter had been discussed with other parties as suggested at the meeting. The Chairman advised that the Borough Council had been approached and advised that the trees stood in private land. He advised that the RSPB were against any preventive measure relating to the rooks. It was also indicated that various other parties had been approached for advice on "the rooks" and the advice varied between, net the trees; use a Scarer with sufficient sounders and appropriate sounds; cull them; erect model raptors; poke out the nests during the nesting period; feed them contraceptive feed. All suggestions received have been passed on to Mr Maton and copied to Mr Pressly (who proposed the motion at the SGM). Mrs Litschi suggested that perhaps sufficient hours have been spent discussing the rooks within the Society and we should now put the latter to rest.
- 6) **Chairman's report** - The Chairman, Mr Simon Emblen, reported that he was very proud to be Chairman of the Society and it gave him the opportunity to do something for the community. He also represented the Society on two Borough committees – Environmental and Community.  
Most social functions have been passed onto the Mission Hall Trust who use them as fund raising activities. The few events run by the Society however have been most successful due to the efforts of committee and their helpers.  
The Chairman paid tribute to the three members of the committee who are departing this year. Ken Knight has been a stalwart of the committee with many years of active involvement including a period as secretary.  
David Emery has been the doer – if something needs to be done, he has acted appropriately – driving the Mission Hall orchard renovation and more recently organising the pond de-silting.  
Julia has organised social events of the society – including our nibbles tonight.  
The chairman requested the meeting show their appreciation to these retiring committee

members.

7) **Secretary's report** – The Secretary, Mr John Sutherland, advised that some 170 items of correspondence had been dealt with during the 10 committee meeting held. Over half of the correspondence was with the W&PBC –mainly planning notices that were also discussed at several ad hoc meeting of the Society planning group led by D Emery. We have also held meetings with the Council planning group and with Bournemouth university. Conclusions and summaries have been included in the 5 newsletters published during the year together with any relevant details of the other committees on which the Society is also represented. The committee and Mrs Gates have distributed newsletters; Mr Haine has prepared the posters used. Recent correspondence included a letter from First Buses who are planning to reduce the frequency of the bus both into the village and to the Spice Ship. A petition has been started – held in the Cart Shed. He concluded by reminding members of the future events planned as shown in the latest Newsletter and also two more walks (which were being organised by Richard Backwell). The first around Langtree Herring on 19<sup>th</sup> May and the all day walk from Corfe to Swanage on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

8) **Treasurer's report** - In the absence of the Treasurer (Mrs Sara Knight), the Chairman presented the Financial Statement which was tabled. The background notes supplied by the treasurer explained the differences from the previous years figures and there were no questions. She proposed that the subscriptions remain at £2 for a further year. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mrs Litschi and seconded by Mr Allen - carried.

9) **Election of Officers and the Committee** – The following officers and committee were elected (Proposer – P; Secunder – S):-

Chairman	Mr Simon Emblen - (P - Mrs J Litschi, S – Mr F Litschi)
Secretary	Mr John Sutherland – (P – Mr P Jones, S - Mrs M Morris)
Treasurer	Mrs Sara Knight – (P - Mrs J Allen, S – Mr KK Knight).
Committee Members	Mr M Haine, Mr T Heathershaw, Mr A Bugler, Mr P Riley, Mr P Jones, Mrs Joyce Litschi (P - Mrs D Emblen, S - Mrs F Litschi)

10) **AOB** –

- a) Mr Emblen noted that was to be a public meeting at the Springhead on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – “The police getting to know the public”
- b) Mr Hubbard advised that there was also a councillors surgery at the Preston Village Hall on Saturday.
- c) Mr Jones expressed some concern on the attendance of the AGM – it was not getting new villagers. An action the committee may have to address.
- d) Mr Bugler noted that the Council had planted a tree at the end of Sutton Road as requested by the Society resulting from the recent Council tree initiative.

11) A fascinating illustrated talk was given by Mr Backwell on his recent trip to Okhle village. His three pronged talk focussed on the mountains of Nepal followed by an outline of the people and concluded on the activities with the village.

12) The meeting closed just after 9.30 p.m.