



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM

Meeting held at the Mission Hall 7.30 pm Wednesday 12th April 2006; Simon Emblen in the chair – 52 members attending.

- 1) **Apologies** - Mrs Gates, Mr Litschi, Mr & Mrs Tyson, Mr and Mrs Allen, Mr Morris.
- 2) **Previous minutes** - The minutes of the AGM held on 13th April 2005 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Mrs Joyce Litschi and seconded Mr T Tebbutt.
- 3) **Matters arising** - There were no matters arising.
- 4) **Resolution** The secretary introduced the resolution proposed by the committee to delete item 7e from the constitution:-
“The Chairman shall not serve a continuous period in office exceeding three years” which was adopted into the constitution in 2003. After some discussion an amendment was proposed by Mr D Caddy, seconded Mr N Brown “To keep the existing item limiting the duration of the chairman’s period in office but amend the time period to 5 years”. This amendment was adopted and the amended resolution passed with 32 members in favour.
- 5) **Chairman’s report** - The Chairman, Mr Simon Emblen, reported that the committee had worked hard over this year with some fiery meetings but with final agreements always being reached.
He reported that the review of planning applications was a major function of the committee – overseen by a sub group of 4 members. Plans are now published on the internet for all to see – but the need still arises to visit the council offices to view the full scale plans. He congratulated the sub-committee on their good services on behalf of the village.
The oak trees planted for the millennium are still healthy in spite of the dry summer – the plaque noting the tree sponsors is now fixed to the stone blocks provided by Mr Jolliffe. Village clean ups have been led by the committee with a recent tidy up completed by the village stone.
Various other items have been completed by committee members such as the notice board by the pond, which has been recently repaired and reinstalled.
The SPS do not hold many social events now (these are generally arranged by the Mission Hall Trust) but the Society cream teas was a great success with some 97 people attending. Thanks were due to Sara Knight for the organisation and also Sue and Dave Buckley for the use of their garden.
The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Victorian Fayre was in June and the Society would again be running the tombola stall - any potential prizes would be gratefully received. He closed his report with his personal view that the charity Julia’s House, which supported a hospice for terminally ill children, was especially deserving of our support.

Mr P Jones advised that the Chairman had been a little modest in not mentioning the work completed by him and the secretary regard the recent licence application from the Springhead. A comment was passed that the millennium plaque did not mention the contributions from Wessex Water (land); and a misspelling of Mrs Cathy Pressly.
- 6) **Secretary’s report** – The Secretary, Mr John Sutherland, advised that some 129 items of correspondence had been dealt with during the 9 committee meeting held. Nearly half of the correspondence was with the W&PBC, although planning notices are no longer sent as they are now available (to all) on the internet. Planning was also discussed at several ad hoc meetings of the Society planning group. 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. Pictures, which do not reproduce very well in the Newsletter, are displayed in the notice board.

The secretary reminded the meeting of some of the items pursued by the committee in addition to those reported by the Chairman:- reaction to attempts to alter bridle paths and farm tracks into Byways Open To All Traffic (BOATs) – ensuring the camping activities at Redcliff Point do not interfere with the coastal path and remain within the time limits of the licence – remedial work to control the spring in Sutton Road (having ensured a local supply of salt was provided during the winter) – trimming of the trees around the pond – replacement of 3 stiles by kissing gates – renovation of the wheel to the cart at the Springhead – launch of the Village Plan in November.

In response to a query, Mr Heathershaw advised that the council were currently contacting the landowners and users regarding the proposal to install kissing gates. Mr Heathershaw also advised that the 3 stiles affected were behind Mr Knight, alongside Wyndings and on the footpath by Mr Hunts old shed works.

- 7) **Treasurer's report** - The Treasurer, Mrs Sara Knight, presented the Financial Statement which showed a reduction in the accumulated funds from last year. Major differences from the previous year were the payment of a donation of £500 to the Mission Hall, the purchase of a tea urn for cream teas (or similar events) and the purchase of plaques for the Oak Walk and Trafalgar beacon. In spite of the reduction in funds, the Treasurer concluded by recommending that the current contribution level be maintained for the ensuing year. Proposed by Mr P Jones and seconded Mr J Croydon – carried.

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

Chairman	Mr Simon Emblen - no other candidate
Secretary	Mr John Sutherland – no other candidate
Treasurer	Mrs Sara Knight – no other candidate
Committee Members	Mr A Bugler, Mr M Haine, Mr A Heathershaw, Mr P Jones, Mrs Joyce Litschi, Mr P Riley (P - Mr R Meech, S - Mr Wyn Williams)

- 9) **AOB** –

- a) Mrs Meech deplored the loss of the hedge alongside Mission Hall Lane where two new houses are planned to be built. She indicated that the builder had also constructed houses near her (off Seven Acres) and she felt he implemented many changes from the original approval. Mr Saunders indicated that the hedge was in fact only some 12 years old. Mr Brown noted that there are many areas being developed across the village and beyond. Mrs Litschi noted that there could have been much more building in the village without an active SPS. Mr Bugler commented that much recent development resulted from directives from the office of the deputy PM.
- b) The secretary advised that he had received a request to raise the danger of parking close to the pond at the mill end where the side was undermined. To be passed to the committee for their attention.
- c) The secretary requested the members to be vigilant to counter some vandalism which occurred in the village – road signs damaged near the Cart Shed and off Coombe Valley Road; paint sprayed on the stones at the entry to village and by the Oak Walk. Mrs Pressly reported that she had reprimanded someone damaging the daffodils. Mr Morris advised that he had forwarded photos of the damaged road signs to the local police station. Mr Maton advised that there appeared to be a market for the finger road signs.

- 10) Following the formal business and refreshments, the members were entertained by the reminiscences of Mr Dennis Ackroyd on his “Travels with a dog collar” from Pudsey through a virtual world tour.

- 11) The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.