

Minutes of the meeting of the SPS Committee – Monday 19th March 2007
at The Willows - Tony Bugler in the chair

1. Apologies – K Phillips , S Emblen.
In the absence of the Chairman, TB took the chair. John Crisp (who has indicated a willingness to stand as Chairman for the Society) had been invited to tonight's meeting but had a previous engagement.
2. After a few small typographical corrections, the minutes of the meeting of 19th February were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising –
 - Continuing - TB noted that the plaque which had fallen from the Old Court House was in the possession of Mr Fernyhaugh who was going to get it re-fitted.
SK action re possible visit to Acton Court.
 - From the previous minutes, the secretary understood that he was to write to Tom Grainger to express our interest in devolving responsibilities to local communities. However, the action was for PJ to convey our interest to Tom Grainger – action completed.
 - The local trees officer has advised PR that the two large trees in his front garden are looking fine and healthy.
 - JS reported that the bench in Sutton Road has been replaced before any action was needed by the Society. It is suspected that the removal of the seat was the result of normal maintenance procedures by the council.
 - JS advised that he had spoken to the web master of the Sutton Poyntz site (Andrew Flowers) re the obnoxious picture on the site. It was instantly remedied and procedures implemented to prevent any recurrence.
 - JS reported that he had visited the Land Registry with SE where they were advised that all land was owned by somebody and no-one could arbitrarily adopt it. Any procedures would be preceded by fencing and tending – we should keep vigilant to ensure that these procedures do not occur. It was suggested that we should ensure M Tepper is kept aware of our activities in this area. It was also suggested that we should examine the original sale notices from the Weld estate that are understood to be available within the village – perhaps with Barbara Harrison.
4. Committee Sub groups
The Mission Hall trust – no report.
The Environmental Partnership – no report.
Civic Society – nothing to report.
5. Conservation and Environment Working Group Report
Village Plan - TH reported that all actions are in hand to hold the public meeting that has been arranged for 29th March from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Waterworks museum. Following the meeting, the steering group aim to complete the report and action plan by the autumn. A bill of £625 for the work completed by DCA for analysis of the survey data has been received – treasurer actioning.
Conservation – TH reported that the third stile (by Hunt's Timber Buildings yard) has been completed.
Willows around the pond – ongoing.
TH advises that the display case and Society banner has been hung in the Mission Hall. The second small frame containing the provenance to be provided shortly. The Mission Hall Committee is considering the relocation of the pictures (displaced by the banner).
6. Liability Insurance
PJ reported that the Public Liability Insurance obtained by the Village Plan Steering Group expires on 31 March 07. They are not planning on renewing the policy – but suggest it might be appropriate to transfer to the SPS as previously discussed. The renewal cost is £340. As this figure is the same as our yearly subscriptions it was decided:-
 - a) To discuss our requirements further – Action committee.
 - b) To obtain alternative quotations – Action PJ.
 - c) To obtain details of insurance costs of other bodies – eg Civic Society, Probus, Osmington Society – Action TB.
7. Planning Matters –
 - Relief Road. Still in planning process.
 - Redevelopment of Brookberry and The Weald - Resubmission awaited.
 - Hill View – extension and conservatory – Planning approved.

- 30 Sutton Road - 0011- Replace flat roof with pitch roof, rear dormer, conservatory and detached garage. Planning approved.
- Overdale, Elm – Planning approved.

8. Social Events

AGM is arranged for Friday 20th April starting at 7.30. Possible nominations for Treasurer are John Bellis, or John Waghorn; TB pursuing. Possible nomination for Chairman is John Crisp although he is not currently a committee member. It was noted that the constitution amendment at the last AGM altered the time limit on a Chairman remaining in continuous office from 3 years to 5 years.

After the formal meeting, a presentation of Archive Film and Photographic Material, which we have called Ronnie Waite's Memories of 50's Sutton Poyntz, has been arranged - with an intro by Diana Waterman. TH has all arrangements and facilities in hand. SK to arrange nibbles and wine between the formal meeting and the presentation.

Walks – MH has liaised with Richard Backwell and proposed two Society walks; an evening walk on Thursday 31st May and an all day walk on Portland on a revised date of Monday 23rd July.

9. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported – Expenditure of £17.80 for printing the Newsletter and Village Plan flyer, leaving a balance of £2929.35 (£4324.91 available including £1395.56 held for the Village Plan funding). Report filed.

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

19/03/2007	W&PBC	Closure note for footpath 61/132	
19/03/2007	CPRE	Fieldwork - March 07	Passed to JL - PR
10/03/2007	Brewers Quay	Ad for Brewers Quay	
06/03/2007	W&PBC	Note of approval for 30 Sutton Road 07/0011	
06/03/2007	W&PBC	Note of approval for Hill View 07/0010	
27/02/2007	J Knight	Reply to comments on Barker report	
23/02/2007	CPRE	Voice - Spring 07	Passed to JL - PR
22/02/2007	J Knight	Comments on Barker report	

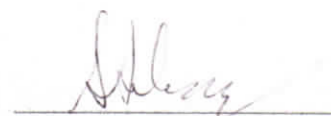
11. AOB

- TB enquired on details of seat at the end of Sutton Road (see above and previous minutes)
- TB complimented SK on the tidy area along the roadside adjacent to Corner Cottage.
- SK provided the Civic Society membership card to the Secretary as her family commitments will prevent her remaining on the committee next year.
- JS advised the committee that John Crisp has some seed potatoes (Desiree) if any aspiring "Spud in tub" contestants require them.

12. Date of next meeting – 23rd April at Hampton Lodge. (P Jones)

Thanks were given to Peter and Rita Riley for their hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

Minutes agreed and approved



Date

23/4/07