



# 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 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007; Simon Emblen in the chair – 48 members attending.**

- 1) **Apologies** - Mr & Mrs Newbould, Mrs Gates, Mr & Mrs Brierley, Mr & Mrs Kirk, Mrs Allen, Mr & Mrs Bryant, Mr Bugler, Mrs Tamblin, Mrs Thomas.
- 2) **Previous minutes** - The minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Mr Heathershaw and seconded Mrs Emblen.
- 3) **Matters arising** - The Chairman commented on the final part of his previous years report relating to the licensing application from Punch Taverns and noted that he thought we now had a sound landlord who he considered was developing the Springhead as a village pub. There were no other matters arising.
- 4) **Chairman's report** - The Chairman, Mr Simon Emblen, reported solely on the rejection at the planning appeal with Bourne Leisure where the Society contributed to the rejection of the request for addition hard standing for 30 caravans. He extended his thanks to all those who had given their support to the opposition to the appeal. He expressed surprise at how firmly the planning enquiry report rejected the application.
- 5) **Secretary's report** – The Secretary, Mr John Sutherland, advised that the committee had collected subscriptions from 181 members last year. The committee had met 10 times with a 90% attendance record. Mrs Karen Philips had been co-opted onto the committee in November. The Society had handled some 103 items of correspondence with 75 items received and 28 despatched – around one third of the correspondence was with the W&PBC. In addition there had been numerous telephone calls and e-mails. Most of the correspondence relating to planning was effected by e-mail.  
Over the last year, Richard Backwell led two walks. The evening walk was well attended on a lovely evening; the day walk was not very well attended due to the day being very hot. By contrast the Victorian Fayre, where the Society ran the Tombola stall, suffered from incessant rain although the contributions from members still raised £658 for the Fayre.  
The committee has been keeping aware of any proposed changes in the local paths (applications for conversion to BOATs – Byways open to all traffic). We have also remained vigilant in the camping activities at Redcliff Point where camping encroached onto the coast path in previous years.  
In the local environment, David Emery (and helpers) have been clearing debris from the pond but we have still not yet managed to get either the Local council or the electricity board to trim the trees around the pond. Tony Heathershaw has been instrumental in getting three stiles around the village changed into kissing gates and the Society has planted more daffodils around the pond. Sara Knight has arranged Cream teas in July and a coffee morning in February – both of which were well attended. Attention was drawn to the Society banner now displayed in the hall and donated by Mr and Mrs Litschi.  
The meeting was reminded of the ongoing activities in the generation of the Village Plan (see below).  
Planning matters have been reviewed by a sub committee of four, led by Peter Jones. All planning applications within the village are considered. Conclusions are published in one of the five Newsletters issued throughout the year.  
Finally, the secretary pointed a few coming events with two more walks being arranged – the first at the end of May - and the Village Vegetable show being organised by John Crisp.

- 6) **Treasurer's report** - The Treasurer, Mrs Sara Knight, presented the Financial Statement which showed an increase in the accumulated funds from last year but this is mainly due to the grant for preparation of the Village Plan (not yet fully committed) which is held in the accounts. The Treasurer concluded by recommending that the current subscription level of £2 be maintained for the ensuing year.
- Mr Jones proposed that the subscriptions be increased to £4 to provide further funds for potential expenditure of projects identified in the Village Plan action list. They would also provide sufficient revenue to meet ongoing costs, some of which are met by committee members and also provide better prizes in events held.
- A second suggestion to increase the subscription for single house holds from £1 to £2 was proposed and rejected by 11 votes to 10.
- The amended proposal to increase subscriptions to £4 (£2 for single household) proposed Mr Jones, seconded Mr Wyn-Williams was carried by 19 votes to 4.
- A vote of thanks was given to the retiring Treasurer - Proposed by Mr P Allen and seconded Mr Litschi..
- 7) **Election of Officers and the Committee** – The following officers and committee were elected (Proposer – P; Secunder – S):-
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| Chairman          | Mr Simon Emblen - continuing   |
| Secretary         | Mr John Sutherland – continuing  |
| Treasurer         | Mr John Bellis – (P – Mr Bugler, S – Mr Sutherland)  |
| Committee Members | Mr A Bugler, Mr M Haine, Mr A Heathershaw,<br>Mr P Jones, Mrs Joyce Litschi, Mr P Riley, Mrs K Phillips. |
- 8) **Village Plan** Mr Heathershaw outlined the progress of the Village plan from the initial meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 06 with a survey being conducted in April. An open day was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July with around 200 visitors and a meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March to report on the results of the survey. Additional volunteers are now requested to assist in the completion of the Village Plan report and Action Plan by the autumn.
- 9) **AOB** –
- The meeting agreed to the suggestion from Mrs Crisp that a note of appreciation be sent to Graham Embley and Norman Day following their sound efforts during the Bourne Leisure planning appeal.
  - The meeting also agreed to a letter be sent to Dr Hanson following the recent death of Mrs Hanson, a previous committee member of the Society. It was also agreed to send a card to Mr Shires who is currently in hospital.
- 10) Following the formal business and refreshments, the members were entertained by a video assembled by David Broad entitled “Life at the Local”. The original material was filmed by Ron Waite when he was the landlord at the Springhead back in the 50’s. Ron, now in his 90’s, sent his best wishes to all and particularly any of his locals. The video was introduced by Ron’s daughter, Diana Waterman. As the pictures were originally filmed without a sound track, Diana recounted the names and interesting local stories as they were shown. It was quite fascinating to see and hear many familiar local names together with local workers like Mr Handsford who was running a working mill.
- Thanks were expressed to David Broad and Diana Waterman for showing us these 50’s pictures of Sutton Poyntz and also to Geof and Dee Wareham for providing and operating the projection facilities.
- 11) The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.