

## Sutton Poyntz Society

Draft minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

In the Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz.

1. Present – John Bellis, Peter Riley, Tony Bugler, Ann Dye, John Crisp (Chairman).
2. Apologies – Karen Phillips, John Sutherland, Louise Sheaves, Bill Egerton.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – agreed
4. Matters arising – the outcome of the planning application relating to land in the green wedge was not known. John Crisp to establish what the decision was.
5. Planning – Fuschia Cottage. The W&P Planning Committee approved both applications. The Society were allowed to circulate a written statement and pictures to the committee members at the meeting for which we were too late to register to speak. The pictures showed that the hills should still be visible over the roof of the garage. John Crisp reported that although the planning officer's written report seemed well structured and balanced, the meeting and comments made did not seem at all well focussed on the Conservation area and the standing planning policy relating to it. Agreed that the evening with the planners set for 15<sup>th</sup> December would be a good start to highlighting some ideas the planners might consider for future Planning Committee meetings.
6. Evening Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December – Debbie Redding and Andrew Galpin from the W & P Planning Office have agreed to give a talk in the Mission Hall on planning and then to answer questions from the floor. Start time will be 7:30, tea and coffee will be available for a small charge (Pat Bellis and Caroline Crisp were volunteered to organise this). John Crisp will produce posters. Agreed to have questions in advance by 7<sup>th</sup> December, a small sub-committee will select from the questions supplied to ensure a range of topics is covered on the night (probably on the 8<sup>th</sup>). Agreed that on the night the Chairman will allow follow up questions if appropriate and time permits. *(PMN John Crisp has confirmed date and time with Debbie Redding. Debbie Redding will ask Peter Farrell if he will also attend).*
7. Coffee Mornings. December – Louise will make arrangements (also for January) for coffee and cakes. Bill has agreed to provide a display on the village website. In January John Crisp hopes to arrange a display of recent archaeology carried out in the village. Tony Bugler suggested "Bring a 'photo of your grandparents'" for February. Agreed that committee members will let people know and suggest a short note with the pictures giving perhaps

names, dates, places. Peter Riley offered to ask Rita if she would provide a display of embroidery for one of the coffee mornings in the New Year.

8. Question Time Evening – agreed John Crisp to make a further attempt to organise this event to take place in the New Year. Also agreed to hold the AGM on a separate evening.
9. Newsletter – agreed that John Crisp will produce a rough draft for inclusion in the next Newsletter asking for views on future directions for the Society to be discussed at the AGM. This rough draft to be circulated to committee members for editing. Also agreed to include in the Newsletter a request for volunteers to join the committee in 2011 (we need about two). John Crisp asked committee members to be proactive in finding volunteers.
10. Finance Report – the Chairman apologised for omitting this item from the agenda. The Treasurer reported expenditure in the month on the website and for the Biodiversity Group. The Society was very fortunate in that both these items were funded from grants to the Society. The November coffee morning raised £41.
11. A.O.B.
  - Following discussion on trying to ensure Society members are aware of committee activities it was agreed to display the date of committee meetings in the noticeboard.
  - A Tracey Haynes had written a letter to the planning department on the Fuschia Cottage planning application which appeared on the Council website. The letter contained a derogatory statement about the Society. The committee decided to ignore the letter.
12. Dates of future meetings
  - December 15<sup>th</sup> – Evening Open Meeting with planners
  - January 19<sup>th</sup> – Committee meeting, 8:00 p.m.
  - February 16<sup>th</sup> - Committee meeting, 8:00 p.m.
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> – Question evening
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> - AGM
  - After that the Hall is booked on the following dates 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 17 August, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 21 December.