

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of November 16th 2011
at the Mission Hall**

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<i>Present:</i> Bill Egerton; John Crisp; Tony Bugler; John Sutherland; Dave Martin; Shirley Davies; Peter Riley; Dave Martin. <i>Apologies:</i> Anne Dye (resigned); Peter Sheaves.	
2	<i>Minutes of Previous meeting:</i> Addition to Item 3 – Grit bins requested for Plaisters Lane. Agreed and signed	
3	<i>Matters Arising not listed on the agenda:</i> New Local Plan: BE to attend workshop on November 21. It was requested that he e-mails committee of any critical outcomes. He outlined thoughts on development boundaries and the importance of trying to protect the conservation area. He will give a report at the next committee meeting.	
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> See item 12	
5	<i>Committee Reports:</i> Village Fayre : A meeting was held in November. Details of the Fayre are in the newsletter. Civic Society: There is an award ceremony on 14/11. Anyone can attend. Mission Hall Trust: Anne Dye has been our representative. A new one is needed. BE to speak to Anne. CPRE: Latest magazine to be circulated for the Committee to read. There was some discussion as to whether local organizations might carry more weight in the new planning framework. Is the plan to simplify planning a threat to us?	BE
6	<i>Village Events/ Activities:</i> AGM booked for 18/4/2012. idea to book speaker on Olympics. December coffee morning – invite Chris Hubbard. If he cannot attend, there was some discussion about a suitable substitute. 8/2 Question Time: Panellists to be invited.	BE
7	<i>Planning:</i> i.Land South of Wyndings: Planning permission given. The cladding was mentioned at the meeting but the risk of flooding was not alluded to. It was agreed that we would like to meet representatives from the Council Planning Committee, (Mark Tewkesbury Chair, and perhaps Christine James Vice Chair), to discuss planning and conservation. It could be an ‘open’ meeting but BE will seek the councillors’ opinion on this. ii.Strategic Thinking: The ‘sub group’ are meeting next week. iii.Rose Cottage trees. Usual comment to be made.	BE SD
8	<i>Other Village Matters:</i> Springhead car park: JS has been pursuing enquiries with deVere/Devenish (who had said they would be willing to sell the land), and with Mr Stockhouse; no response from him. BE is to request copies of letters sent by Chris Berry. Once these have been received, JS will phone Mr Stockhouse. Red phone box: Comments have been sought in the recent newsletter. Christmas carols: Tree not settled on. BE to contact Trinity Street Trees (re tree) and the Maidments, (power for lights). A trip hazard in the road by the ‘village green’ was mentioned. Council will be approached. Gritting: JC has asked that bus route be kept clear by grit lorries, with a grot bin in Sutton Road as the fallback solution should gritting be impossible. He has also asked for a grit bin for Plaister’s Lane so that some access can be maintained	BE JS BE

	beyond the end of the bus route. No response yet. Trees around pond: There has been no development since last meeting. They are the responsibility of the Council. In the past, the Council has said it is not their policy to pollard trees. There was discussion about the Society paying for their trimming or cutting down and planting something more suitable. It was felt that a long term solution is needed. A tree surgeon being employed under Dave Emery's biodiversity funding is to visit and will give advice.	
9	<i>Other Village Activity reports:</i> i. History Group: recent meeting was well attended ii Homewatch: details in newsletter. iii. Website: BE to collect sponsorship money. In future, there will be items for discussion – 'Hot topics' as well as events.	BE
10	<i>Treasurer's Report:</i> Gross funds available - £5,567,70; Village plan implementation - £306.55	
11	<i>Correspondence:</i>	
12	<i>AOB:</i> i 'Keston': JS cited this as an example of a development that was looked at by the committee but the extent of it was not appreciated by looking at the plans. There was no clear Committee view on this, but it was agreed that in future, the 'bulk' of a building might be one of the considerations for discussion. It was agreed that a street scene for plans would give a better picture. There was some concern in the light of some planning decisions as to what planners mean by a conservation area. ii. Safety: the question was raised as to whether this should be part of the Society's remit. It was agreed that this should remain an informal consideration. iii. Membership: Some members from outside the village have lapsed. Rather than chase them up, it was agreed that notices of events such as coffee mornings should be advertised further up Sutton Road.	BE
13	<i>Date of next meeting:</i> December 14 th 2011 7.30. Mission Hall.	

Minutes agreed and approved :

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