



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM

Meeting held at the Mission Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 20th April 2011; John Crisp in the chair – 51 members attending.

- 1) The Chairman welcomed Guests Mrs H Bruce, Mrs T Seall and Mr B Mannings - to the meeting
- 2) **Apologies** - Mr & Mrs Pennington, Mrs Sheaves, Mr Emblen, Mr Hubbard.
- 3) **Previous minutes** - The minutes of the AGM held on 21st April 2010 (previously tabled) were approved. Proposed Mr Jones and seconded Mrs Riley.
- 4) **Matters arising** – There were no matters arising.
- 5) **Chairman's report** - The Chairman, Mr John Crisp, started his third and final report by congratulating the team who produced the web site now available at suttonpoyntz.org.uk. He expressed thanks to all those who had assisted in the walks, cream teas, coffee mornings and vegetable show as well as the other activities of the Society. He commented on the active work by the History and Biodiversity groups that are now running having been spawned from the Village plan. He reminded the meeting of the new events during the year – a Q&A session with W&PC planning and the "Question Time" event with our three local councillors and others on the panel. He outlined the lessons learned during the planning process for the house behind the Mission Hall and believed that we had obtained changes in the planning process to record reasons for the committee to ignore the planners recommendation. Apart from the knowledge that lobbying of the individual planner committee members was quite permissible we also believe that the planning recommendation will summarise views submitted by the public and not merely counted the number of comments. The other contentious issue related to the application for a sale of alcoholic drinks and music licence. It was quite clear that the drinks licence was going to be issued against the criteria published but the refusal of a music licence was encouraging. The committee would like all camping activities at Northdown Farm to be recorded and request everyone to be vigilant and monitor and record all activities for any future consideration. We understand that investigation of restricting Permitted Development Rights by an Article 4 Directive are being investigated. The Chairman concluded by noting that his term of office was ending and thanking the committee for their support over the past three years. The report was warmly accepted by the meeting – Proposed Bill Egerton, Seconded Norman Brown..
- 6) **Secretary's report** – The Secretary, Mr John Sutherland, advised that the committee and collectors had collected subscriptions from 272 members last year. The committee had met 10 times with a 70% attendance record. The Society had handled some 87 items of correspondence with 72 items received and 15 despatched. In addition there had been numerous telephone calls and e-mails. Most of the correspondence relating to planning was effected by e-mail. The committee has provided feed back to members via meetings (e.g. the AGM), the five Newsletters issued throughout the year, a new residents leaflet and the new Web site mentioned by the Chairman. The secretary reminded the meeting of some of the activities planned for this summer – noted in the last Newsletter. He concluded by noting that he will not be continuing as the Secretary, having completed 10 years in this position. He noted that there had been just 8 secretaries in the 44 years since the Society was formed in 1967. He was planning to remain on the committee (if elected) to assist in getting the area we call The Springhead Carpark transferred to the stewardship of the local Council.
- 7) **Treasurer's report** - The Treasurer, Mr John Bellis, presented the Financial Statement (previously tabled) which showed an increase in the accumulated funds from last year of £580 together with a sum of £726 held in our account for the use of the separate interest groups. He explained the items in the report and noted that the Village Plan items had been shown separately as they are ring fenced for their use. In response to a query on the donations from the Fayre, he advised that they were included under other income in the Village Plan section. The Treasurer concluded by recommending that the current subscription level of £4 (£2 for single

householder) be maintained for the coming year.

The treasurers report was accepted – proposed Mr Riley, seconded Mrs Dye.

8) **Election of Officers and the Committee** – Mrs Sheaves retired from the committee. The new committee elected were:-

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| Chairman | Mr Bill Egerton– | [(P) – Proposer, (S) Seconder] (P) Mr M Pressly, (S) Mrs S Knight |
| Secretary | None – | To be decided from committee |
| Treasurer | Mr John Bellis – | (P) Mr P Jones, (S) Mrs D Emblen |
| Committee Members | Mr A Bugler, Mr J Crisp Mrs A Dye, Mr D Martin, Mr A Dawson-Hollis Mr P Riley, Mrs K Phillips, Mr Peter Sheaves, Mr J Sutherland | (P) Mrs Riley, (S) Mrs P Dawson-Hollis |

9) **AOB**

a) Ros Evans presented a trophy dedicated to Des for the annual “Spud in Tub” competition. The trophy was awarded to Paul Nicholson who won at the 2010 vegetable show.

b) Peter Jones advised the meeting that the progress of Homewatch appears to have survived the many budget cuts imposed at the current time.

c) Anne Kemp enquired if there was any progress with pruning the willows around the pond. The committee had been in contact with W&PBC previously for earlier actions but would need to follow up for any continued action. Hazel Bruce noted that roadside trees are now the responsibility of DCC.

d) Susie Wynne Williams complained that the roads had been impassable during some winter days with no gritting or clearing being done. The committee had been in contact with the council via Mrs Bruce but had received no satisfactory response to date. Currently the County does not grit side roads – Plaisters is currently classified as a side road. Peter Tambling related his problems in getting salt in the wrong colour bin.

e) Brian Mannings noted that the width restriction on the village roads had been changed – and he was chasing the police force to enforce the revised width restriction.

f) On the Northdown Farm Licence application, John Crisp reminded the meeting that no appeal against the issue of the licence was the appropriate response from the Society. Hazel Bruce advised that WDDC and W&PBC have met to discuss the situation and consider future actions. Teresa Seall reminded the village to be vigilant and note any activities both type and duration with their relevance to planning or 28 days use. Peter Riley expressed concern that the village might be used as a car park but it was thought that car parking adjacent to tents was more likely.

g) Brian Mannings noted that he had initiated requests for a speed limit on the road between Osmington and Weymouth – currently with no action.

h) Sara Knight requested that the Society initiate a litter clearance around the village and also that we either repair / replace or request scrapping of the cart at the Springhead which has seen better days.

10) Following the formal meeting, which closed at 8.35 p.m. we were entertained by a fascinating talk by Mr Simon Grant Jones entitled “Blacksmith and TV Star where he outlined some of the fundamentals of his trade and the type of work he completes. He also described his experiences on a recent BBC TV show called “The Shop” where a fictitious ironmongers shop passed through various periods of our recent history.