

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>  
at the Mission Hall**

<b>Item no.</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<i>Present:</i> Bill Egerton; John Crisp; Shirley Davies; Peter Riley; Peter Sheaves; Alan Dawson Hollis; John Bellis; Dave Martin; John Sutherland <i>Apologies:</i> Tony Bugler. Karen Phillips has resigned	
2	<i>Minutes of Previous meeting:</i> Agreed and signed	
3	<i>Matters Arising not listed on the agenda:</i> JS voiced surprise that members had withdrawn from discussion on planning at previous meeting as the committee work from the policy. BE explained reasons.	
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i>	
5	<i>Committee Reports:</i> Village Fayre : there will be a display at the coffee morning in March. There is no problem now with the use of the pub grounds. Civic Society: JS asked if anyone knew who received awards; no one knew. Mission Hall Trust: BE will attend the next meeting and a new rep be found after the AGM CPRE: nil W&P partnership: nil	
6	<i>Village Events/ Activities:</i> i. Question Time: Although the date clashes with the pantomime it is too late to change. No cost is printed on the tickets. This is an oversight and would be printed another time as would the names of the panellists. BE will sort out refreshments. Posters are already around the village. BE will chair. BE, JC and SD will meet to sort the questions. ii. AGM: April 18. 7.30. BE to remind speaker Duncan Flint. BE will draft his report for the next committee meeting. The AGM will be asked to accept it. BE will ask the present committee if they wish to continue as members. JB wishes to retire as Treasurer. BE and SD are happy to continue. Several names of possible committee members were put forward and will be approached. The revised planning policy will be presented at the AGM. It does not have to be ratified at the meeting as the committee is elected to carry out the remit of the constitution which is the conservation of the village. There followed a discussion on how matters such as fund raising were in line with the constitution. It was agreed that all should look at the constitution as published on the website then we can discuss and decide whether changing is necessary. The Society's letterhead was discussed as there had been plans to change it. It was agreed to take no further action on that at the moment. iii. Summer events, dates: Scarecrow competition 21/7/12 – 4/8/12. Vegetable competition 4/8 in the Scutt Hall. The Mission Hall will organize a barbecue or similar at the Mission Hall on the same night. There was discussion about the best date for the Cream teas. It is usually in the middle week of the scarecrow competition fortnight but there was some concern about the Olympics and how they might impact on the event. BE will check on dates of sailing events. iv. Village walks: BE to talk to Richard Backwell v. Diamond Jubilee: It was felt that the Mission Hall committee might well be organizing events so we would await their plans. vi. Coffee morning: February- please give JC photos of first or worst car for display. Put name and date on back	BE  BE  ALL  BE BE  ALL
7	<i>Planning:</i> i. Cob Cottage: The committee agreed that the plans did not contravene our policy. The design and materials are sympathetic to the village and the building. It was agreed that felling of trees is always regrettable but the site has many others. These points will be made. ii. 'Springhead': The plans do extend the footprint a little but it was felt the	SD

	<p>design would present a better appearance. BE will give the leaseholder a copy of our planning policy and alert him to the fact that the previous plan was refused by the Council because it exceeded the development boundary. It was also felt that we would like some assurances that the materials used would be in keeping.</p> <p>iii. 3 Old Bincombe Lane, porch. No objections were raised. It was felt we could rely upon the expertise of the Planning Officer.</p> <p>iv. 68 Sutton Road, trees. No objections. Agreed to leave this to the 'Trees' Officer.</p>	<p>BE SD SD</p>
8	<p><i>Other Village Matters:</i></p> <p>i. Village Clean up: 24/25 March. There was a lot of discussion about the car park where at the moment we have no resolution over the matter of the skip. No way of expediting this issue could be found. JS still trying to progress this matter. There can be no resolution until we have evidence of land ownership; at the moment we only have the deeds to show who did own it.</p> <p>BE has spoken to the County Council about the trees around the pond for which they are responsible. An Officer is trying to get a history of work on them. Nick Jackson suggested a crown reduction and trim were necessary. Concern about children being hidden in the lower branches and therefore being unseen by traffic was expressed. No site meeting has happened yet. Trimming of the lower branches was suggested but it was agreed that we might be always held responsible for them and it is the Council's job.</p> <p>The banks of the stream need clearing. Would volunteers expect to jobs such as this was questioned.</p> <p>At the last clean up, the Council provided bags, gloves etc.</p> <p>ii. Phone box: ADH will get the terms and conditions of keeping it.</p> <p>ii. Notice Board: needs repairing. JC to investigate a likely carpenter.</p>	<p>SD JC</p>
9	<p><i>Other Village Activity reports:</i></p> <p>i. History Group – Evening Feb 8. Topic is excavations. There will be other events in March and September</p> <p>ii Homewatch - nil</p> <p>iii. Biodiversity – They have 500 trees to plant. A grant of £1600 has been received from Dorset AONB Sustainable Development Fund for work around the waterworks.</p> <p>iv. Website – An annual sponsorship of £20 has been received from the Spar. It was agreed that other local businesses might be approached .</p>	
10	<p><i>Treasurer's Report:</i></p> <p>Coffee morning raised £42.58.</p> <p>Gross funds available -£5,617.14</p> <p>Village plan implementation - £252.44</p> <p>It was agreed to donate £100 to the Weldmar appeal, in response to the donation of the Christmas tree. The cheque will be sent and Peter Hyde informed.</p> <p>Makers of cakes for the coffee mornings will receive £2.50 in future to reflect increased costs.</p>	<p>JB</p>
11	<p><i>Correspondence:</i> nil.</p>	
12	<p><i>AOB:</i></p> <p>Question Time: Speakers are Tom Munro (manager of AONB). Pru Bollam MBE, (President of Weymouth Civic Society). David Evans (Environmental Director of Weymouth and West Dorset). Brian Ellis (Curate and County Councillor).</p> <p>Green Wedge: Nothing is known about the rumoured sale of land. Donkeys apparently on holiday.</p>	
13	<p><i>Date of next meeting:</i> February 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Springhead.</p>	

**Minutes agreed and approved :**

**Date:**