



Sutton Poyntz Society

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM

**Meeting held at the Mission Hall 7.30 pm. Wednesday 18th April 2012
Bill Egerton in the chair.**

Before the formal meeting Bill Egerton (Chairman) welcomed everyone and introduced Duncan Flint, the Head of Dorset 2012 Communications Group who gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the plans for the Olympic Games in Weymouth and Portland. He covered details for the Torch relay, the firework display, Weymouth Bayside festival as well as outlining transport and spectator arrangements.

The Chairman thanked him for the presentation which was greatly enjoyed by all there.

The meeting then began.

1. Apologies :

Caroline and John Crisp

2. Previous Minutes :

The minutes of the AGM held on 20th April 2011 were approved with one amendment of names. Proposed Peter Jones; Seconded Dot Emblem.

3. Matters Arising :

Concern was expressed about the removal of the grit bins.

The ownership of the Springhead car park is being checked.

4. Chairman's Report :

This discussed Society events and activities over the year. Thanks were expressed to Tony Bugler and John Bellis for their service to the Committee. On planning, the most significant activity had related to the Northdown Farm campsite, using the 28-day rule which allows farm-land to be used for other purposes for up to 28 days per year. The Society had urged the Council to impose an "Article 4 Direction", which would have necessitated a planning application. The Society then monitored the campsite itself.

5. Secretary's Report :

The Secretary, Shirley Davies reported that she had been co-opted on to the committee in July volunteering to take on the role of secretary. Certain tasks such as the newsletter previously undertaken by the secretary had been devolved to other members of the committee. Her primary concerns have been responding to planning issues and minuting meetings. She is happy to continue for another year should this AGM confirm that appointment. This year the committee has met 12 times with a 71% attendance record. During the year, two committee members resigned, Karen Phillips and Anne Dye. This has left the committee short handed, for instance not having a representative on the Mission Hall committee and it is hoped that new members can be found tonight. Correspondence numbered 69 items

6. Treasurer's Report :

The Treasurer, John Bellis presented the Financial statement (previously tabled). He pointed out that the income from fund raising was slightly lower than the

previous year. Dave Emery had secured grants of £1,900 for the Biodiversity work. Village activities had been self-financing. He cautioned that acquiring the Springhead car park may have a financial cost to the Society. More people will be encouraged to have newsletters by e mail which will save money. The Treasurer concluded by recommending that the current subscription level of £4 and £2 for a single household be maintained for another year.

The Treasurer's report was accepted – proposed by Peter Riley, seconded by Dave Martin.

7. Election of Officers and the committee :

(John Bellis took the chair for the election of the chairman)

Chair: Bill Egerton (P) Tim Maidment (S) Peter Jones

Secretary: Shirley Davies (P) Rita Riley (S) Pam Dawson Hollis

Treasurer: There being no volunteer, John Bellis agreed to help in the interim.

Committee members: John Crisp, John Sutherland, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle, John Bellis.

(P) L. Sheaves (S) D. Martin

Auditor Mr Jim Dickson

(P) T Maidment (S) P. Bellis

8. AOB:

- a. A vote was organized to choose the new official letter heading for the Society.
- b. Alan Dawson –Hollis raised the possibility of BT removing the telephone box from the village. He pointed out that the cost of keeping it as a working phone is prohibitive but it could make a useful site for notices with maintenance limited to cleaning and painting. The cost for adopting the structure itself is £1. Peter Jones proposed paying the £1 and putting maintenance in the Society's budget. The meeting agreed unanimously and the £1 was donated.
- c. Peter Jones suggested that the Beacon be lighted for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Most people were in favour of the idea and the committee will seek the appropriate permissions and feasibility.
- d. It was asked if Verlands Road could be covered by Homewatch. Peter Jones replied that cover could not be extended that far.

Bill Egerton made presentations to Tony Bugler to thank him for his 21 years of service on the committee and to John Bellis for his work as Treasurer. He ended the meeting by thanking everyone for their interest and support.