



Sutton Poyntz Society

Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM held at the Mission Hall 7.30 p.m. Wednesday April 17th 2013 Bill Egerton in the chair

Before the formal meeting Bill Egerton welcomed everyone and introduced Mark Tewkesbury, Chair of the Weymouth and Portland Planning Committee. Mr Tewkesbury spoke on the National Planning Policy Framework and its impact on the work of the committee. He explained how the Borough Council is working jointly with West Dorset District Council in preparing a new local plan. This plan will undergo an examination in public in 2013 and could be adopted as early as February 2014. He outlined how planning applications were dealt with and how councillors reach their decisions. Questions from the floor were taken and covered a wide range of subjects including conservation, brown field development, flooding and tree preservation. Bill thanked him on behalf of the meeting for giving up his time to clarify many aspects of his work.

1. Opening Remarks: The Chairman reiterated his thanks for the good turn out to the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Rita and Peter Riley and from David Morris.
3. Previous Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held on April 18th 2012 were accepted (proposed Peter Jones; seconded Maureen Morris).
4. Matters Arising: nil.
5. Committee report: Printed copies of the Report had been distributed at the start of the meeting. The Report was reviewed briefly, and accepted by the meeting (proposed Tony Bugler; seconded Dave Martin).
6. Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of this had also been distributed. The Treasurer, John Bellis presented the report, highlighting the need for the Society to attract more members. Monies from fundraising had increased partly due to the success of the wine tasting evening. Money set aside for the possible purchase of the Springhead Car Park had been the biggest single expense. He recommended that no increase in subscription was needed. The report was accepted (proposed Pam Dawson Hollis; seconded Peter Sheaves).
7. Election of Officers and Committee: (John Bellis took the chair for the selection of the chairman.)
 - Chair: Bill Egerton
 - Secretary: Shirley Davies
 - Treasurer: vacancy
 - Committee members: John Crisp, John Sutherland, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle, Peter Riley, Peter Rees (proposed *en bloc* by Louise Sheaves, seconded by Tony Bugler).
 - In addition, the Chairman reported that Tamzin Hyde had expressed a willingness to serve on the committee and she would be co-opted at the next committee meeting.
8. AOB:
 - a. Peter Jones reported that he is now on the committee of the Dorset Confederation of Homewatches. Sutton Poyntz is considered to be a model for Homewatch. He is working to get the road sign on Plaister's Lane repaired.
 - b. Bus Service: The road markings on are now complete. Clarification is needed as to where the setting down point is in the centre of the village. Alan Dawson-Hollis pointed out that bus tickets issued to people getting on at Silver Street sometimes show Seven Acres as the pick up point. This could lead to under-reporting of bus use by the village.
 - c. Thanks were expressed to Tony Heathershaw for the new Society logo.

The meeting ended with refreshments.