

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting
on Wednesday 18th December 2013 at the Springhead.**

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<p><i>Present:</i> Bill Egerton; (chair); John Crisp; Sue Wintle; Peter Riley; Peter Sheaves; John Sutherland. <i>Apologies:</i> Shirley Davies</p>	
2	<p><i>Minutes of Previous meeting</i> One amendment to spelling was noted – the minutes will be signed at the next meeting.</p>	
3	<p><i>Matters Arising not listed on the agenda:</i> nil</p>	
4	<p><i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> Beacon, Dog mess</p>	
5	<p><i>Planning:</i> One new planning application, for tree felling at Hillside (WP/CA/13/00160). Our response will be that we never like seeing trees felled, but we will rely on the Trees Officer’s judgement of necessity.</p> <p>Committee members are reminded of the action from November’s meeting to go out and discuss with villagers how the Society should set policy to allow it to react quickly to possible future major development plans – i.e. where would development be acceptable and where unacceptable, what would we look for in terms of mix of housing, style, materials, layout etc.?</p>	All
6	<p><i>Committee Reports:</i> No reports</p>	
7	<p><i>AGM:</i></p> <p>The Hall is booked for the 9th April.</p> <p>As well as normal business, it is planned to hold a debate with a provisional title “What good is the Sutton Poyntz Society?” (or perhaps if we think that’s too bold “What is the Society for?”). It was suggested that Ian Bruce be asked to give a Council perspective on what the Society achieves, and that JC would summarise how we currently go about responding to planning issues. The question of who could put the different viewpoints of what the Society should do was debated. Mike Pressly had declined the invitation to put the “Planning is the Society’s single focus” point of view. We failed to identify someone we could safely offer the “Society should not represent villager against villager” view at the other end of the spectrum. In the end it was suggested that BE should give a summary of the different points of view present in the village, and the options that the debate might discuss. BE to contact Ian Bruce and possible Chairs for the debate (Richard Burgess being one suggestion).</p> <p>New Committee members are urgently needed, as well as a new Chairman and Secretary. Volunteers to be sought.</p>	BE All
8	<p><i>Newsletter:</i> BE has thanked Steve and Karen for the really excellent latest Newsletter.</p> <p>The committee was asked to ensure that Chris Hubbard has a list of people who need to be contacted for newsletter material.</p>	BE

9	<p><i>Other Village Matters:</i></p> <p>a. Springhead car park – JC has talked to Guy Bridge who has agreed that it is undesirable to seem to be asking permission for use of this piece of land. JC will now discuss with the Solicitor acting for us how this matter can be brought swiftly to a conclusion</p> <p>b. Trees around pond – A meeting with Carl Dallison of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council has been scheduled for 16 January – Dave Emery will be contacted. (Post-meeting note – This meeting has been re-scheduled for 23 January)</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>BE</p>
10	<p><i>Village events:</i></p> <p>a. Coffee Morning. It was reported that one couple who came to the coffee morning had said they felt unwelcomed. After discussion it was concluded that part of the problem was that too many chairs and tables had been put out, meaning that more people than usual were sitting in ‘closed’ groups.</p> <p>b. Wine Tasting evening – The Hall is booked for the 21st February. JC will formulate plans for the event.</p> <p>c. History Evening – John Willows will give a talk on the 19th March, focusing mainly on the history of the Great Eastern funnel, used at the Waterworks. BE is planning this event. Our committee meeting will need to be re-scheduled.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>BE</p>
11	<p><i>Other Village Activity reports:</i></p> <p>None</p>	
12	<p><i>Treasurer’s Report:</i></p> <p>Income during the month £79.72, expenses £77.00 Gross funds £4802.60, of which £54.62 allocated to Village Plan The Treasurer noted that subscriptions collection is behind where we were last year.</p> <p>The Treasurer also noted that the Biodiversity Group was overdrawn by about £120, after payment of printing costs for 2013. After discussion, it was agreed that the Groups whose funds we hold under the title “Village Plan” were intended to be self-funding, and that this policy remains. The Biodiversity Group will therefore be contacted to plan to restore their funding position.</p>	<p>BE</p>
13	<p><i>Correspondence</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
14	<p><i>AOB:</i></p> <p>Dog mess is becoming a more serious problem. The Borough Council Environmental Health department will be contacted.</p> <p>It was reported that the Millennium Beacon up the hill has corroded. Simon Grant-Jones will be contacted for an opinion and rough cost of repair.</p>	<p>BE</p> <p>BE</p>
15	<p><i>Date of next meeting:</i></p> <p>15/1/2014. 7.30 Mission Hall – Committee members will be contacted to see if 22nd would be better.</p>	

Minutes agreed and approved :

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