

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
at the Mission Hall.**

<b>Item no.</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<i>Present:</i> John Crisp; Hilary Davidson; Bill Egerton; Sue Wintle; Peter Riley; Chris Hubbard; Jez Cunningham (observer) <i>Apologies:</i> Jacqui Atkinson; Tamzin Hyde; John Sutherland	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 16 July 2014 were agreed (noting that in 13b, the idea for a skills' swap register was HD's) and signed.	
3	<i>Matters arising not listed on the agenda:</i>	
a	Millennium Beacon: BE has talked to John Willows, and as a result has contacted someone in Wessex Water's Estates Department. No reply has been received yet to our enquiry	BE
b	Margaret's Seat: The Secretary will contact Peter Broatch for ideas of how to give the seat better protection from stock – the seat has been repaired several times but keeps getting damaged again.	BE
c	Wessex Water copse: Ongoing	TH
4	<i>Items for AOB:</i> Society Archives	
5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	<u>WP14/00634/FUL</u> : Loveday House balcony. It was confirmed that this was in accord with Society policy.	
b	<u>WP14/00686/FUL</u> : 26 Sutton Road garage. As this is not visible from Sutton Road, it is outside the Society's area of interest.	
c	<u>Review of Village Plan and Village Survey:</u> (Post-meeting note: Soft copies of both the Village Plan and Village Survey are now on our village website). It was agreed that the review of the Village Survey will be deferred until the next meeting. The following progress was reported on actions from the Village Plan review (see May 2014 Minutes):	
	Use of Springhead play facilities: ongoing	TH
	Dog fouling: a new container has been made and handed to HD. It was noted that we would probably be charged if we asked the Council to empty an additional container, so Puddledock Lane occupants would need to consider how to deal with the contents.	Action complete
	Footpaths and bridleways: JC has talked to David Mannings, and will now discuss with the Council	JC
	Cartshed parking: BE has discussed with Tony Eaves, who claimed to be aware of the problem and did his best to manage parking to leave room for the letter box. As Tony's van had actually been parked on that day leaving plenty of room, it was not possible to challenge this. We need to keep a continuing watch	Action complete
	Parking around the pond: PR is awaiting a response	PR
	Traffic speed in the village: ongoing	BE
	Noticeboard: ongoing	BE/JC

6	<i>Village events:</i>	
a	<u>Cream Teas</u> : This had made £87.76. Thanks were expressed to SW for organising the event, which had been much enjoyed but probably with lower attendance because of the very uncertain weather on the day. It was agreed that the money should be retained as Society income.	
b	<u>Scarecrows and Vegetable Show</u> : A sum of £357.96 has been delivered to Waves. This included £105.04 profit from the Vegetable Show and a take of £252.92 from the Scarecrow Competition, which included a gift-aided cheque for £65 for the Children's Society. (Post-meeting note: we have now had thanks and acknowledgement from Waves for this donation). The £65 cheque derived from the visit to the village by a group of retired insurance company workers, arranged by the History Group and John Willows of Wessex Water; the group donated separate cheques of £65 for the Mission Hall, Children's Society and Water Aid.	
c	<u>Open Gardens</u> : At present, a group of villagers is investigating the feasibility of holding an Open Gardens event in summer 2015. As part of this, JS is enquiring of the Society's insurers about the insurance position if this were to go ahead as a Society event. It was stressed most strongly that if it was adopted as a Society event, the link between the Society committee and the organising committee will need to be formalised, and the insurance position of the event will need to be formally established. The next organising committee meeting is on 15 <sup>th</sup> September. At the same time, other questions related to the Society's insurance were discussed – see section 11 below.	JS
e	<u>Coffee Mornings</u> : PR reported that the October coffee morning display will take the form of "family memorabilia" with suggestions including letters from WW1. PR will draft a memo to distribute around the village; CH promised to include a note in the Echo. It was suggested that people would be very interested at a future Coffee Morning to view the old minute books and other documents held in the Society's archive.	
7	<i>Other village matters:</i>	
a	<u>Springhead Car Park</u> : JC reported that we had been advised that registration, which had been applied for in June, might take 3 months. If nothing is heard, we will discuss at the next meeting.	
b	<u>Trees around pond</u> : Deferred to the next meeting.	
c	<u>Village Green</u> : BE had obtained an application form, and official guidance. He had contacted the County Council, who had declined to offer any advice about the strength of our case. They pointed us in the direction of the "Open Spaces Society", who offer advice on such matters to members. BE will investigate membership.	BE
b	<u>Skills Swap Register</u> : Deferred to the next meeting	
8	<i>Communications:</i>	
a	<u>Welcome Leaflet</u> :	
b	<u>Newsletter</u> : The August newsletter had been distributed.	
c	<u>Website</u> :	
d	<u>Noticeboard</u> : Discussion of a "Community Noticeboard" was deferred to the next meeting.	
9	<i>Other village activities:</i> Deferred to the next meeting	
10	<i>Committee reports:</i> Deferred to the next meeting	

11	<i>Treasurer's Report:</i>	
a	<u>Financial Report:</u> This had been distributed by email before the meeting, showing a balance of £4954.47 as at 18 August.	
b	<u>Insurance:</u> BE reported a phone conversation with JS, concerning the present wording of the Society's insurance, which refers explicitly to the Cream Teas, but not to any of the other events run by the Society. It was agreed that we need to be quite sure that all our normal annual events were covered, and that we have a clear, unambiguous, process for ensuring any additional events are insured.	JS
12	<i>Correspondence:</i> Material had been received from Dorset Wildlife Trust and CPRE. A letter and email had been received from CPRE concerning a proposed wind farm near Winterborne Whitechurch; it was agreed that this was not relevant to the Society.	
13	<i>AOB</i>	
a	<u>Society archive:</u> It was agreed that a team consisting of JC, PR and BE will review the recommendations of what to lodge at the History Centre, what to keep, and what to discard.	
14	<i>Date of next meeting:</i> <b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***