Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 17th September 2014 at the Mission Hall.

| Item | Content | Action |
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| 1 | Present: John Crisp; John Sutherland; Bill Egerton; Sue Wintle; Chris Hubbard; | |
| | Jez Cunningham | |
| | Apologies: Peter Riley; Hilary Davidson; Jacqui Atkinson | |
| а | Committee membership: Jez Cunningham had expressed his willingness to become a | |
| | full Committee member, and was formally co-opted. | |
| 2 | Minutes of previous meeting: | |
| _ | The minutes of the meeting on 20 August 2014 were agreed and signed. | |
| 3 | Matters arising not listed on the agenda: | |
| а | Margaret's Seat: Since the last meeting, the seat has suffered severe damage. | |
| | JeC reported that there has been some discussion on Facebook, with some | |
| | local people expressing a willingness to contribute towards a replacement. | |
| | BE had discussed the matter with Peter Broatch, who would be happy for a | |
| | replacement to be installed, and had suggested that if this was made from a | |
| | single piece of stone, damage either from cattle or from vandalism would be much less likely. | |
| | It was agreed that the Society would be willing to make a contribution | |
| | towards restoring this much-loved part of the local landscape, and also to | |
| | coordinate fund-raising and the commissioning of a replacement. As a first | JoC |
| | step, JoC would contact Mick Hobson and get his views. BE will contact the | BE |
| | police to report what could be vandalism to the original seat. | |
| b | Millennium Beacon: BE is awaiting a response from Wessex Water's Estates | BE |
| | Department, and will try to contact them again | |
| с | Wessex Water copse: Ongoing | TH |
| d | Society Archive: No action yet, due to absences on holiday. A date of 13 th | BE |
| u | October was suggested for a meeting of the review team [Post-meeting note | |
| | - this will have to be delayed a few days] | |
| 4 | Items for AOB: | |
| | Pond safety | |
| 5 | Planning: | |
| a | WP14/CA/14/00092: Trees, 96 Sutton Road. The application is to fell three | |
| | conifers in the back garden. These are not visible from the road; we will | |
| | leave this to the Council Trees Officer. | |
| b | WP14/CA/14/00093: Trees, Valley Cottage. This is for management of the | |
| b | woodland between the house and the road; it includes some felling of ashes | |
| | to improve the state of the rest, plus crown reduction of other trees. The | |
| | measures appear to be sensible, and we will leave it to the Trees Officer. | |
| с | <u>WP14/CA/14/00096</u> : Felling of willow tree at No 3, Silver Street. This tree | |
| | is reported to be in poor condition, and the application is to fell it. BE had | |
| | had a look and felt that the application was probably justified, but as this is | |
| | an important amenity tree, visible from both directions along Silver Street, | |
| | our response will request replacement with a tree suitable for the location. | |
| с | Review of Village Plan and Village Survey: | |
| | Deferred until the next meeting. | |

| 6 | Village events: | |
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| а | <u>Coffee Mornings</u> : Posters have been put up around the village for the first | |
| | Coffee Morning, on 3 rd October. A draft flyer for distribution was | |
| | considered, and will be amended by JoC for printing and distribution: the | JoC |
| | following offered to distribute: | |
| | JoC Old Bincombe Lane, Sutton Rd (South) | |
| | BE Sutton Road (North), White Horse Lane | |
| | SW Mission Hall Lane | |
| | JeC Puddledock Lane | |
| | JS Sutton Cose, Plaisters Lane. | |
| | Peter Jones had contacted PR, and offered Homewatch material for the | |
| | November Coffee Morning. | |
| | It was suggested that material from the Society Archive(old minute books, | |
| | scrap-books etc.) would make a good display for December. BE will select | BE |
| | and highlight interesting pieces from the archive. | |
| | A Biodiversity Group display has been offered for January. | |
| b | Other winter events: There was a discussion of what social events might be | |
| | offered during the winter. We need to choose one or two events at the next | |
| | meeting, in order to publicise it/them in the November Newsletter. BE will | BE |
| | investigate topics/date for a History Evening. It was proposed that we | |
| | should hold some other social evening event (to be identified) on 18 th | All |
| | February, when we know the Mission Hall is available. | |
| С | Open Gardens: The Open Gardens committee had received an excellent | |
| | response (about 20 gardens, plus a group offering of the Old Bincombe Lane | |
| | front gardens) to its enquiry about gardens that might be available for this | |
| | event. A date of 27/28 June had been selected. The Open Gardens | |
| | committee was proposing a group meeting of the owners of the gardens. | |
| | After discussion, the following motion was proposed and agreed "That the | |
| | proposed Sutton Poyntz Open Gardens event will be run as a Sutton Poyntz | |
| | Society event, on a zero-cost basis to the Society. The Society will arrange | |
| | insurance for the event, and will provide financial and Treasurer facilities, | |
| | with any costs reimbursed from profits. The Sutton Poyntz Society | |
| | committee notes and agrees the date, and ratifies the existing Open Gardens | |
| | committee (Jane Young, Ruth Egerton, HD and JeC); the Open Gardens | |
| | committee is requested to provide regular reports on progress". | |
| | On insurance, JS will negotiate with the Society's insurers, and will liaise with | JS/JeC |
| | JeC to provide the insurers with information they might need. | |
| 7 | Other village matters: | |
| а | Springhead Car Park / Sutton Poyntz Ltd: JoC will enquire about progress | JoC |
| | on the Land Registration application. BE reported that HMRC had agreed | |
| | that the Limited Company will be considered a "dormant company" for the | |
| | time being. | |

| b | Village Green: BE had obtained the "Open Spaces Society" (OSS) | |
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| | publication, which was excellent. He recommended that we would probably | |
| | still need to join OSS in order to obtain specific advice about our case, as it | |
| | was not totally obvious that we have made regular enough use of the village | |
| | green to qualify. | |
| | BE had started to gather the information needed, but had realised that we | |
| | probably did not use this area in the first Victorian Street Fayre in 1994, as | |
| | the centre of gravity of the Fayre in that year was the field south of the | |
| | Springhead. If this is indeed the case, then we will need to wait until 2016 | |
| | before submitting a Registration application. JoC will discuss with Caroline | JoC |
| | Crisp and with Judy Backwell, to see if the village green was used in 1994. | |
| с | Trees around pond: BE will now contact Carl Dallison at the Borough | BE |
| | Council, first to thank him for the work done to the trees just before the | |
| | Street Fayre, and second to remind him of his offer to have the trees | |
| | surveyed for work this winter. | |
| b | Skills Swap Register: Deferred to the next meeting | |
| 8 | Communications: | |
| | It was noted that the Agenda needs "Noticeboard" as a topic. Otherwise | |
| | nothing to report | |
| 9 | Other village activities: | |
| | No reports | |
| 10 | Committee reports: | |
| | SW reported that the Mission Hall Carol Service would be on 22 nd | |
| | December. The Mission Hall Trust were also considering a Sunday lunch | |
| | event some time during the winter. | |
| | It was noted that a MacMillan fund-raising coffee morning was to be held at | |
| | the Mission Hall on Friday 26 th September. | |

| 11 | Treasurer's Report: | |
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| а | Financial Report: This had been distributed by email before the meeting, | |
| | showing a balance of \pounds 5046.73 as at 11 September. | |
| b | Insurance: JS had received a list of questions from the insurers, related to the | JS |
| | insurance renewal. | |
| 12 | Correspondence: | |
| | A subscription renewal notice had been received from CPRE. This was | |
| | passed to the Treasurer. The Committee agreed to continue the Society's | |
| | membership of CPRE. | |
| | An email of acknowledgement and thanks had been received from Waves for | |
| | our donation as a result of the Scarecrow Competition and Vegetable Show. | |
| | Two "change of correspondence address" letters had been sent out, to the | |
| | Dorset History Centre and Dorset Wildlife Trust. | |
| 13 | AOB | |
| а | Pond safety: A member had contacted BE to discuss the safety and state of | |
| | the pond. The Committee agreed that no action was needed. | |
| 14 | Date of next meeting: 15 th October | |

Minutes agreed and approved :

Date: