

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

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<i>Present:</i> John Crisp; John Sutherland; Bill Egerton; Sue Wintle; Chris Hubbard; Jez Cunningham <i>Apologies:</i> Peter Riley; Hilary Davidson; Jacqui Atkinson	
a	<i>Committee membership:</i> Jez Cunningham had expressed his willingness to become a full Committee member, and was formally co-opted.	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 20 August 2014 were agreed and signed.	
3	<i>Matters arising not listed on the agenda:</i>	
a	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 step, JoC would contact Mick Hobson and get his views. BE will contact the police to report what could be vandalism to the original seat.	JoC BE
b	Millennium Beacon: BE is awaiting a response from Wessex Water's Estates Department, and will try to contact them again	BE
c	Wessex Water copse: Ongoing	TH
d	Society Archive: No action yet, due to absences on holiday. A date of 13 th October was suggested for a meeting of the review team [Post-meeting note – this will have to be delayed a few days]	BE
4	<i>Items for AOB:</i> Pond safety	
5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	<u>WP14/CA/14/00092:</u> 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	<u>WP14/CA/14/00093:</u> Trees, Valley Cottage. This is for management of the 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.	
c	<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.	
c	<u>Review of Village Plan and Village Survey:</u> Deferred until the next meeting.	

b	<p><u>Village Green</u>: BE had obtained the “Open Spaces Society” (OSS) 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.</p> <p>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 Crisp and with Judy Backwell, to see if the village green was used in 1994.</p>	JoC
c	<p><u>Trees around pond</u>: BE will now contact Carl Dallison at the Borough 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.</p>	BE
b	<p><u>Skills Swap Register</u>: Deferred to the next meeting</p>	
8	<p><i>Communications:</i></p> <p>It was noted that the Agenda needs “Noticeboard” as a topic. Otherwise nothing to report</p>	
9	<p><i>Other village activities:</i></p> <p>No reports</p>	
10	<p><i>Committee reports:</i></p> <p>SW reported that the Mission Hall Carol Service would be on 22nd December. The Mission Hall Trust were also considering a Sunday lunch event some time during the winter.</p> <p>It was noted that a MacMillan fund-raising coffee morning was to be held at the Mission Hall on Friday 26th September.</p>	

11	<i>Treasurer's Report:</i>	
a	<u>Financial Report:</u> This had been distributed by email before the meeting, showing a balance of £5046.73 as at 11 September.	
b	<u>Insurance:</u> JS had received a list of questions from the insurers, related to the insurance renewal.	JS
12	<i>Correspondence:</i> 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	<i>AOB</i>	
a	<u>Pond safety:</u> A member had contacted BE to discuss the safety and state of the pond. The Committee agreed that no action was needed.	
14	<i>Date of next meeting:</i> 15th October	

Minutes agreed and approved :

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