

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 19th November 2014
at the Mission Hall.**

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<i>Present:</i> John Crisp; John Sutherland; Bill Egerton; Sue Wintle; Jez Cunningham; Peter Riley; Jacqui Atkinson <i>Apologies:</i> Chris Hubbard; Hilary Davidson; Tamzin Hyde	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2014 were agreed and signed.	
3	<i>Matters arising:</i> None.	
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> None.	
5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	<u>WP/CA/14/00119</u> : Trees, Littlecot. Following an email debate, the Society had submitted a representation opposing this application, on the grounds that the felling of a number of trees, particularly beside the road, would do damage to the Conservation Area. BE had attempted twice to visit the new owner of Littlecot to explain our reasons, but without success. BE suggested that our latest Planning Policy revision might have lost some valuable words from the old Trees Policy, and that a further review might be useful. This would be an AGM topic. Action 1 – Include in AGM agenda (March 2015)	BE
b	<u>Mullions</u> : It was noted that some clearance had occurred in the area of shrubbery and small trees to the left of Mullions (belonging to Mullions). No action required.	
c	<u>Review of Village Plan and Village Survey</u> : The Chairman had prepared a draft summary of actions on this topic, ready for the AGM. Unfortunately this had got lost between Chairman and Secretary, so had not been distributed to the Committee. The Secretary would now distribute it, for comment. Action 2 – circulate, for comment by 17 December.	BE/All
6	<i>Village events:</i>	
a	<u>AGM</u> (15 April): There was discussion of a number of suggestions for events at the AGM in April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A debate on some topic around the subject of managing a response to possible large-scale development proposals; • Historic slides and videos/films of the village; • An invitation to James Weld to talk on some subject such as “Caring for a precious landscape”; • Peter Jones had suggested a talk by Keith and Fiona Johnson on their work in Kenya. Action 3 – consider possibilities, for decision on 17 December	All

b	<p><u>Coffee Mornings</u>: The Secretary was auctioned to thank Peter Jones, and via him PC Joiner, for the November coffee morning display.</p> <p>Action 4 – Thank PJ</p> <p>The December coffee morning (5 December) will include a display of Society archive material. Mince pies will be served, and it was agreed that the men will take responsibility for serving the coffees.</p> <p>It was decided that we will have a display of old photographic material at the January coffee morning. It was agreed to leave this on 2nd January. PR will discuss alternate dates with John Newbould for a Biodiversity Group display.</p> <p>Action 5 – Arrange Biodiversity display</p>	BE PR
c	<p><u>Other winter events</u>: The social event on Wednesday February 18 will feature a display of bread making by Chris Balfe. More detailed arrangements will be made nearer the time.</p> <p>The History Group has arranged a History Evening for Wednesday 21st January, at which Joyce Fannon will give a talk on Sir Thomas Buxton, MP of Weymouth & Melcombe Regis, founding Chairman of the RSPCA, and slavery abolitionist.</p> <p>It was proposed that the History Group should arrange an evening in the Spring for a review of Fredy Litschi’s slides of the village, village Players, etc., at which, in particular, we would invite those who have lived in the village for a long time to help identify the people and places shown in the slides.</p> <p>Action 6 – Choose date, by 17 December</p>	Hist. Gr.
7	<i>Other village matters:</i>	
a	<u>Springhead car park</u> : Still awaiting Land Registry action.	
b	<u>Village Green</u> : It has been confirmed that the Village Green was not used by the Street Fayre in 1994 or 1996, so no action can be taken until 2018. Remove from Agenda.	
c	<u>Trees around pond</u> : A meeting has been arranged with Carl Dallison (Borough Parks Department) for 10 a.m. on Monday 24 th November. The Society view is that the trees need maintenance to make them safe, but we are not wanting more action.	
d	<p><u>Margaret’s Seat</u>: John Crisp had spoken again to Mick Hobson to agree a detailed proposal for a replacement seat. JoC has also spoken to Guy Bridge to see whether Street Fayre funding might eventually be available for this; Guy cannot commit a future Street Fayre committee but was optimistic. It was agreed in principle that the Society would probably be willing to commission the work, at the Society’s risk, on the basis that it would seek reimbursement via donations, so that the work would eventually not be a cost to the Society. As a first step, it was agreed that we will seek individual contributions via flyers and an article in the Echo describing what is required. The wording will need careful thought. At the same time, John Crisp will obtain a quote for the seat, and BE will contact Peter Broatch for formal permission and to see if he will contribute the setting in place of the seat.</p> <p>Action 7 – BE to discuss Echo article with Chris Hubbard</p> <p>Action 8 – JoC to obtain quote</p> <p>Action 9 – BE to discuss with Peter Broatch (actions by 17 December)</p>	BE JoC BE
e	<u>Millennium Beacon</u> : BE has contacted the Wessex Water Estates department again for a decision.	
f	<u>Wessex Water copse</u> : No action	

g	<u>Society Archive</u> : The sift of documents and of photographs has been completed. Selected documents will be lodged with the County History Centre after the December Coffee Morning; selected photographs will be scanned and lodged as a resource on the village website.	
8	<i>Communications:</i>	
a	<u>Newsletter</u> : It was observed that a <u>list</u> of forthcoming events would be useful.	
b	<u>Website</u> : Use of social media was discussed. It was agreed that the email address list that has been collected for Newsletter distribution should be enlarged to include as many villagers as possible, and used for distribution of occasional Village Updates, with reminders of events and other village news. Action 10 – Extend email address list, by 17 December	BE
9	<i>Other village activities:</i>	
a	<u>Open Gardens</u> : A report was submitted, showing progress on publicity, car parking, catering and side stalls, etc. A total of 19 gardens are included (counting the front gardens in Old Bincombe Lane as one).	
10	<i>Committee reports:</i> No reports.	
11	<i>Treasurer's Report:</i> The latest report had been distributed, showing a balance of £4,957 after payment of the annual insurance premium.	
12	<i>Correspondence:</i> Circulars and correspondence had been received from the Dorset Wildlife Trust, the Dorset History Centre, Julia's House, and CPRE. A letter had been received from the County Council seeking representations on an application for a new footpath from the top of Verlands Road to the point on the Preston Road where it is met by the existing path from Winslow Road. Information can be found at http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/dmmo , reference T494. Action 11 – Secretary to alert those members who might be able to make representations	BE
13	<i>AOB</i>	
	<u>Underground cables</u> : Money has been made available nationally to replace pylons in sensitive places. A letter will be written to CPRE for advice on how to get the cables above Combe Valley Road and across the ridgeway included. Action 12 – Letter to CPRE, by 17 December	JoC
	<u>Joyce Litschi</u> : It was agreed that the Society will write to Isolde expressing thanks for Joyce's huge contribution to the Society since its start. Action 13 – Email to Isolde Martyn, before Memorial Service on 26 November	BE
14	<i>Date of next meeting:</i> 17th December in the Mission Hall, at 10:00 (note time!).	

Minutes agreed and approved :

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