

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

| Item no. | Content | Action |
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| 1 | <i>Present:</i> John Crisp; John Sutherland; Bill Egerton; Jez Cunningham; Peter Riley; Hilary Davidson; Jacqui Atkinson; Chris Hubbard <i>Apologies:</i> Sue Wintle; Tamzin Hyde | |
| 2 | <i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2014 were agreed and signed. | |
| 3 | <i>Planning:</i> | |
| a | <u>WP/14/00958/FUL</u> : 112 Sutton Road. After discussion, the Committee agreed to make adverse comments on two grounds: firstly that the plans provide for surface water to run into the sewer system, which is already overstretched in bad weather; and secondly that the replacement house, occupying about 50% of the available plot, represents overdevelopment. There was also discussion on the question of access to the site, but this is outside our planning policy. | |
| B | <u>WP/CA/14/00133</u> : Trees, 3 Silver Street. The committee welcomed the fact that the application offered replacement of felled trees with species more suitable for the site, and on that basis was happy to leave this application to the Council Trees Officer's judgement. | |
| c | <u>WP/CA/14/00119</u> : Trees, Littlecot. A reply had been received from the Trees Officer explaining how the decision had been reached. The Committee expressed some concern at this reply, and agreed to seek a meeting in the New Year, to discuss how trees in the Conservation Area can be given the protection they are supposed to have. Action 1 – Email Council Trees Officer. JeC suggested that the next Newsletter could usefully have a reminder of the need for Council permission for most tree work. | BE |
| 4 | <i>Other village matters:</i> | |
| a | <u>Springhead car park</u> : The Land Registry had responded on 2 nd December to our application to register the land, and had awarded Absolute Title to Sutton Poyntz Limited. BE explained that, contrary to what he had previously understood, this form of Title could not be challenged; Mr Skinner's only redress, if he believes the Land Registry has made a mistake, is to claim compensation from the Land Registry. Sutton Poyntz Limited is the indisputable owner of the land, and is therefore in a position quickly to act on any decisions made at the village meeting on the 19 th December. It was agreed that it would be wholly suitable to serve wine at the meeting. It was also agreed that JoC, JS, BE and CH would work out the detailed plans for the meeting, and what steps to take immediately after. In outline, JC will describe the history and why the Sutton Poyntz Society came to the conclusion that purchase was the only way forward, JS will describe the process by which we identified and negotiated with the owners, and finally succeeded in buying the land, and BE will lead a debate on what the village want to do with the land now it is ours. | |

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| | <p>There was some discussion of whether the meeting should be a General Meeting of Sutton Poyntz Limited, but the agreed conclusion was that this was not appropriate, and it should be seen as a village meeting.</p> <p>A letter to Sutton Poyntz Limited from Mr Skinner was read out. It was thought that this letter could not have followed legal advice to him. A reply will be sent by Sutton Poyntz Limited after the village meeting.</p> <p>The Committee recorded its great thanks to Paul Marsh for the great assistance he has given in bringing this matter to its successful conclusion. Action 2 – Letter of thanks.</p> | JoC |
| b | <p><u>Margaret's Seat</u>: The total cost of replacement with the suggested design will approach £2000. After discussion, it was agreed that such a sum would be far too great a risk for the Society's accounts. It was agreed, therefore, that we will try to raise money in the form of promises before making any financial commitment. In the New Year, we will seek to put articles in the Echo and Register, to sound out the level of interest and of offers.</p> | |
| c | <p><u>Millennium Beacon</u>: We have had a response from Wessex Water, who would like the beacon to be repaired if possible, and have offered matched funding, up to a half share of £150. BE has contacted Simon Grant-Jones for an estimate. A holding response will be sent to Wessex Water.</p> | |
| 5 | <p><i>Treasurer's Report</i>: The latest report had been distributed, showing a balance of £5,004. A final invoice has been received from Downs for £663.80, for work related to the purchase and registration of the Springhead car park; this will be paid as quickly as reasonably possible.</p> | |
| 6 | <p><i>AOB</i></p> | |
| | <p><u>Underground cables</u>: JoC has been in contact with CPRE, and established how we go about registering ourselves as an interested party. Action 3 – Register our interest with CPRE</p> | BE |
| | <p><u>Coffee mornings</u>: The January coffee morning will feature a Biodiversity display by John Newbould.</p> | |
| 14 | <p><i>Date of next meeting</i>: 14th January in the Mission Hall, at 10:00 (note time and place!).</p> | |

Minutes agreed and approved :

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