

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 19th February 2015
at the Springhead pub.**

Item no.	Content	Action
1	<i>Present:</i> John Crisp; Bill Egerton; Jez Cunningham; Peter Riley; Sue Wintle, plus Peter Dye, Mike Bee and Chris Balfe <i>Apologies:</i> John Sutherland; Hilary Davidson; Jacqui Atkinson; Tamzin Hyde; Chris Hubbard	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 22 nd January 2015 were agreed and signed.	
	The notes on the village meeting on 13 th February 2015 to discuss housing proposals for the land off Plaisters Lane were also agreed and signed.	
3	<i>Matters arising:</i>	
a	<u>Underground cables:</u> 4 committee members (BE, JeC, PR and JS) had attended the exhibition on the 18 th February. They reported that there was funding for just 40 km of cable to be put underground nationally (although a cheaper alternative being studied was for more modern low-profile pylons). 11 sections of cable across the country had been identified as candidates, based on Visual Impact studies. The section being investigated north of Sutton Poyntz would start just east of where the cables cross the road north of Greenhill; at that point a large conversion station would need to be built, where the cables go underground. All 4 of the attendees had concluded that the impact of the substation would be worse for us than the impact of the present overhead cables. The impact on this segment would only be positive in our opinion if the underground cabling could be extended past the road; this would have the twin benefits of hiding the cables over the road and of hiding the substation. After discussion it was agreed that we would submit a representation along these lines.	BE
b	<u>Sutton Poyntz Limited:</u> No action has yet been taken to assemble a team to investigate possible amalgamation of SPSoc and SPL.	BE
c	<u>Society archive:</u> Action outstanding.	BE
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> Neighbourhood Plan; Baking demonstration evening.	

5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	<p><u>Land off Plaisters Lane:</u> The Committee noted the views expressed at the village meeting on 13th February. The Committee also noted views by some villagers that development on this site was probably inevitable some time (assuming continuing pressure for land for housing), and was arguably beneficial for the long-term health of the village, provided the design was such as to encourage more young people into the village.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that whatever our thoughts on long term planning for this area, the plans that were likely to be submitted could not satisfy village aspirations and offended against a number of Society policies. It was therefore agreed that the Society would oppose this application on principle (i.e. on the basis of damage to the Development Boundary, to the Conservation Area and to the AONB) rather than merely on details. If organised properly, we would be able to ensure that voices opposed to the details would also be heard, while the Society focused on the matters of principle.</p> <p>It was also agreed that, when the planning application arrives, the Society would employ Richard Burgess (subject to satisfactory terms being negotiated) to help us to write our Representation and to represent us at a Planning Committee hearing.</p>	
b	<p><u>WP/ 15/00015/FUL:</u> Upstairs apartment at the Cart Shed. It was noted that the application makes no provision for parking, but agreed that the plans do not conflict with Society policy.</p>	
c	<p><u>Handling of tree applications:</u> It had not been possible to arrange a meeting with Graham Cox, Nick Jackson’s replacement as Trees Officer. As a result, the full Representation on the Greendown tree felling application had been submitted. It was agreed that we would wait to see how the Greendown application was handled before deciding if any further action was needed. On a related matter, a question was asked about the felling of trees on the land at the junction of Sutton Road and Puddledock Lane. It was thought that the work might be covered by a planning application some time ago, but the application had not been found. BE would check in old Minutes. (<i>Post-meeting note: Checked, but not found</i>)</p>	
6	<i>Other village matters:</i>	
a	<p><u>Margaret’s Seat:</u> JC reported that money for the cutting and delivery of the replacement seat had been promised out of the County Council “Councillors’ Fund”, thanks entirely to the efforts of David Manning. The seat would be ordered soon, with a 17-week delivery expected (so as to be paid from next year’s Council allocation).</p> <p>Funding for the installation of the seat was still required. A Radio Solent broadcast on the topic had been heard by several people, and a donation of £50 from Ros Evans was noted very gratefully. A collecting tin has been placed in The Springhead, where it will hopefully attract the attention of walkers. It was agreed that we would start publicity in April.</p>	JC/CH

7	<i>Village events/ activities:</i>	
a	<p><u>AGM arrangements:</u> Notification of the AGM had been given in the Newsletter and on the website. The following had agreed to be nominated:</p> <p>Chairman Mike Blee Secretary Bill Egerton Treasurer John Sutherland Committee Existing members, plus Peter Dye and Chris Balfe.</p> <p>A quiz has been prepared for after the AGM. After discussion, it was agreed that wine would be supplied, out of Society funds, but that the idea of a fish & chip supper was too complex in detail, and would be dropped.</p>	
b	<p><u>Open Gardens:</u> It was reported that a meeting was planned for 25th February to brief the garden owners. Wessex Water and the Springhead had agreed that their car parks could be used, but there were some concerns that more parking might be necessary if the event proves successful. No solutions were identified by the Committee.</p>	
8	<p><i>Communications:</i></p> <p>It was agreed that, now that the E-Update system has been put in place and tested, Chris Hubbard should be asked if he would be willing to add these to his role as Editor.</p> <p>It was also agreed that it would be sensible to have an apprentice Website editor. Jack Winsper, who is already editing the Biodiversity section, was identified as a possible candidate.</p>	BE/CH BE
9	<p><i>Other Village Activities:</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
10	<p><i>Committee Reports:</i></p> <p>None.</p>	
11	<p><i>Treasurer's Report:</i></p> <p>This had been circulated, and shows a current balance of £4730.51. JS had recommended that there was probably now no requirement to separately account for Village Plan activities. The Committee agreed to accept the Treasurer's recommendation.</p>	
12	<p><i>Correspondence:</i></p> <p>The Secretary had written expressing the Society's thanks to Paul Marsh for his work acquiring the Springhead Carpark. Paul had phoned to acknowledge the letter and express his delight at the matter having been concluded successfully.</p>	
13	<p><i>AOB</i></p>	
	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan:</u> Katrina Blee had pointed out that there might be funding next financial year to help organisations such as ourselves to produce Neighbourhood Plans. To scope this, it was agreed that we would try to obtain copies of Neighbourhood Plans produced by other villages in Dorset.</p>	BE
	<p><u>Baking evening:</u> This event had been highly enjoyable and successful. Some wine was left over, and JC would pass two bottles to Chris Balfe with an expression of the Society's great thanks.</p>	JC
14	<p><i>Date of next meeting:</i> 18th March at the Mission Hall, at 19:30</p>	

Minutes agreed and approved :

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