

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 18th March 2015  
at the Mission Hall.**

<b>Item no.</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<i>Present:</i> John Crisp; Bill Egerton; John Sutherland; Hilary Davidson; Jacqui Atkinson; Peter Riley; Mike Bee and Chris Balfe <i>Apologies:</i> Jez Cunningham; Sue Wintle; Tamzin Hyde; Peter Dye; Chris Hubbard	
2	<i>Minutes of previous meeting:</i> The minutes of the meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed (after correcting the list of attendees at the Underground Cables event) and signed.	
	The notes on the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> March, to discuss a response to the letter from Mr Skinner's Solicitor, were also agreed and signed.	
3	<i>Matters arising:</i>	
a	<u>Underground cables:</u> The Committee's representation had been submitted and acknowledged.	
b	<u>Sutton Poyntz Limited:</u> Action outstanding.	BE
c	<u>Society archive:</u> Action outstanding.	BE
4	<i>Items to be raised under AOB:</i> Memorial for Lesley Wilson; Village cleanup.	
5	<i>Planning:</i>	
a	It was noted that applications relating to the Springhead Bungalow and the Cart Shed had both been approved by the Borough Council.	
b	<u>WP/15/00043/LBC:</u> An application had been submitted for a replacement staircase at the Old Rectory. The Committee had no comment.	
c	<u>WP/15/00027/FUL and WP/15/00116/FUL:</u> Two applications had been submitted by the owners of 3 Silver Street, for a rear extension and a log cabin workshop in the garden. The Committee did not consider that either application offended against any Society policy. It was agreed that the Society would submit comments saying they were happy with the plans, but in the case of the extension would ask that the Council ensures that work is planned in such a way as to minimise damage to Silver Street (paving, stream banks, and plants), and that any damage caused should be reinstated. In addition, the work should be planned to minimise difficulties caused to neighbours along Silver Street.	
d	<u>Handling of tree applications:</u> The Council had approved the tree felling at Greendown. BE observed that he had been able to talk to the owners and understands that there was some good cause in terms of the trees' condition; this was not clear from either the application or the Council report. Concern was expressed again about the Council's processes since Nick Jackson's departure. It was agreed that a letter should be written to David Evans (Environment Director), expressing our concern and seeking a meeting with a suitable manager.	BE
e	<u>Neighbourhood Plan:</u> It was agreed that a Working Party should investigate. JA, JC, BE and CB volunteered; Katrina Blee would be invited.	
6	<i>Other village matters:</i>	
a	<u>Margaret's Seat:</u> A further donation has been received. Further publicity will follow in the new financial year when the contract has been placed.	
a	<u>Springhead Car Park:</u> Following the Committee meeting on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , Downs had been contacted and commissioned to write a reply to the letter from Mr Skinner's Solicitor.	

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. Posters will be displayed nearer the time. 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. TH will be contacted to ask if she wishes to remain on the Committee.  Auditor        John Bellis</p> <p>For the quiz after the AGM, it was agreed that nibbles should be provided and people invited to bring their own drinks.</p>	
b	<p><u>Open Gardens:</u> The field by Plaisters Lane has kindly been made available for car parking by Terry &amp; Liz.</p> <p>A meeting of the garden owners had been held, and most risk assessments have been completed, using a template provided with Colin Marsh's help.</p>	
c	<p><u>Coffee Mornings:</u> These continued to be well supported and enjoyed. It was noted that 4 cakes had been sufficient at the March Coffee Morning, and agreed that this number would normally suffice.</p>	
d	<p><u>Summer events:</u> Dates and responsibilities for Society summer events were agreed:</p> <p>11 July          Cream Teas  18 July          Scarecrow Competition (coordinator Dave Martin)  1 August        Vegetable Show (coordinator BE)  11 August       Pimms Evening (proposed new event)</p> <p>JC will check dates for the two events at the Mission Hall, and BE the date for the Vegetable Show.</p>	
8	<p><i>Communications:</i></p> <p>A reminder of the AGM will be sent out by email.  <i>(Post-meeting note: The village Art Group have also asked for a notice to be distributed, for an Art Weekend in early May)</i></p>	
9	<p><i>Other Village Activities:</i></p> <p>No reports.</p>	
10	<p><i>Committee Reports:</i></p> <p>No reports.</p>	
11	<p><i>Treasurer's Report:</i></p> <p>The latest monthly account had been distributed, showing a balance of £4804.92. Village Plan activities had been absorbed into the main account, as discussed at the previous meeting. Profits from the Baking event were shown split over two months, but had totalled a very satisfactory £64. A draft annual financial report had also been distributed.</p> <p>The question of increasing the Subscription was discussed carefully. It was agreed that the reserves were in a satisfactory state, even after the purchase of the Springhead Car Park, and that no increase was necessary at present.</p>	
12	<p><i>Correspondence:</i></p> <p>The letter to SPLtd from Mr Skinner's Solicitor had already been noted and acted on (see above).</p> <p>A letter had been received from the Borough Council on the Community Infrastructure Levy – no reply was thought necessary. Circulars had been received from the Dorset History Centre and Dorset Wildlife Trust.</p>	

13	<i>AOB</i>	
	<u>Memorial to Lesley Wilson:</u> John Wilson had contacted HD, saying he would like to contribute something lasting to the village as a memorial to Lesley. Two ideas had been discussed – a seat or a village noticeboard at the Springhead Car Park. The Committee’s view was that a noticeboard would be most welcome and would provide villagers with constant reminders of Lesley. HD will take the Committee views back to John.	
	<u>Village cleanup:</u> The Committee expressed their thanks to SPAM, and particularly to JeC, for organising the village cleanup scheduled for the 21st.	
14	<i>Date of next meeting:</i> AGM <b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b> at the Mission Hall, at 19:30 Committee meeting <b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b> .	

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***