

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 10th June 2015
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, Bill Egerton, John Sutherland, Hilary Davidson, Jacqui Atkinson, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe, Chris Hubbard.
Apologies: Sue Wintle, Tamzin Hyde, Peter Riley, Peter Dye
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 20th May 2015 were agreed with one correction (MB for PR in the third AOB topic), and signed.
3. *Matters arising*
BE confirmed that the Society archive had been lodged at the Dorset History Centre, and that he had received a receipt.
4. *Items to be raised under AOB*
DWT membership (dealt with under item 11).
Works at 3 Silver Street (dealt with under item 5)
5. *Planning*
 - a. Trees application policy – BE stated that he had not had a reply from the Council Head of Planning, but that he had just received a reply from the Trees Officer, including a report on the Greendown application. He had not yet had time to consider the reply.
 - b. Land off Plaisters Lane – Following discussion of the applicant's follow-up letter, responding to Richard Burgess's representation on behalf of the Society, it was decided that we would not respond until the Planning Committee hearing.
It was decided that no action was now needed until the Case Officer's report is published.
 - c. WP/15/00308/FUL – 42 Sutton Road – It was not considered that this application was contrary to Society policy; in particular the proposal would not cause visual damage to the AONB. Our response would say that we were not against the principle of development on this site, but that we were concerned with (a) the proposed housing density and the small garden size in relation to the houses, and (b) the assumption of on-street parking availability and in particular the potential impact on bus access along Sutton Road.
 - d. Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting will be arranged in September. BE will propose possible dates (**Action BE**).
 - e. 3 Silver Street – The owners of 3 Silver Street had contacted JA to discuss access along Silver Street during their building work. The Committee view was that access for residents needs to be maintained. The question of who owns Silver Street was raised, and it was agreed to see if Mike Pressly had any information. It was suggested that photos of the area be taken, so that we can ensure the street is restored properly at the end of the work. JA will discuss further with the owners.
6. *Other village matters*
 - a. Margaret's Seat – BE and JC confirmed that they and John Crisp would be visiting Albion Stone on Thursday, to view the seat and make sure of how it would be delivered and set in place. An opening ceremony was being planned for 9 August.
 - b. Springhead Car Park – It was proposed that we have a short meeting immediately before the next meeting (after the end of the Mission Hall Trust AGM) to discuss the relationship between SPLtd and the Society.
BE reported that the annual accounts for SPLtd were due in early July. It was agreed that the submission fee (£13) will be funded by the Society as a grant to SPLtd.
The layout and use of the car park were discussed again. JC will produce more detailed layout

proposals (**Action JC**). MB and others had investigated Noticeboard suppliers, and BE will contact a number for proposals (**Action BE**).

7. *Village Events / Activities*

- a. Open Gardens (27/28 June) – Signs have been put up around the area, and it was commented that these look excellent. Otherwise all is in hand.
- b. Cream Teas (11 July) – SW had sent in a report; it was agreed that the price would be £3 as last time, and opening would be 2.30 to 4, again as last year. Volunteers would be sought by SW (catering) and BE (setting up) (**Action SW/BE**).
- c. Scarecrow Competition (18 July to 1 August) – Dave Martin has put up notices, and distributed forms to potential scarecrow builders; the theme is “Comic Characters”.
- d. Vegetable Show (1 August) – BE had put in an advertisement for the next Register for the Cream Teas and the Vegetable Show.
- e. Pimms Evening (22 August) – It was agreed that we would combine this with a barbecue, from 5 to 8 p.m. MB and BE have gas barbecues that they can lend, and we will seek others.

8. *Communications*

It was agreed that Agendas for future Committee meetings will be published on the website about a week before meetings. The minutes for the May meeting will be published with one redaction. The next Newsletter will contain a request for outstanding subscriptions to be paid to Newsletter distributors.

9. *Other Village Activity reports*

No reports.

10. *Committee Reports*

It was noted that the Mission Hall Trust are holding a village picnic on the 2nd August.

11. *Treasurer's Report*

The report had been tabled by email.

It was agreed that we would terminate our membership of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, as it is known that several members of the Biodiversity Group have individual membership, and the Society's group membership does not appear to add anything. BE will search for DWT correspondence concerning our membership. (**Action BE**).

It was agreed that we would renew our group membership of the Dorset History Network (£15) on behalf of the History Group.

The collection box at the pub for Margaret's Seat had been recovered, and held around £120.

12. *Correspondence*

None.

13. *AOB*

The question of the Beacon was raised, and BE will contact Simon Grant-Jones again (**Action BE**).

14. *Date of next meeting*

8th July at the Mission Hall – This will follow the Mission Hall Trust AGM at 7.30 and a short meeting on SPLtd's status.

Minutes agreed and approved :

Date: