

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9th September 2015
at the Mission Hall.**

1. *Present:* Peter Dye, Bill Egerton, John Sutherland, Sue Wintle, Chris Balfe, Chris Hubbard.
Apologies: Mike Blee, Jacqui Atkinson, Jez Cunningham, Peter Riley, Hilary Davidson, Tamzin Hyde
In the absence of Mike Blee on holiday, Peter Dye agreed to chair the meeting.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*
The Minutes of the meeting on 12th August 2015 were agreed.
3. *Matters arising*
None
4. *Items to be raised under AOB*
Pub events and car parking arrangements.
Prettiest Village
Littlemoor development
5. *Planning*
 - a. WP/CA/15/00089 – Tree maintenance, Meadow View – The rather brief application suggested that the justification for the proposed felling was the state of the trees. It was agreed that we would respond saying we are happy to rely on the Trees Officer’s judgement.
6. *Other village matters*
 - a. Margaret’s Seat – A donation of £300 had been received from Mike Hobson. BE had contacted him by letter and phone to thank him and to discuss how the donation might be used (he suggested a further donation to Waves and use on the Springhead Car Park project as possible uses). He was happy to leave this to the Committee.
It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to John Crisp for his part in providing this replacement seat.
 - b. Springhead Car Park
The subcommittee had not yet met, but would do so shortly.
It was agreed that the term “Springhead Car Park” was now potentially confusing, and that the term “Top of the Pond” would be used from now on.
 - c. The Beacon – BE had contacted George Lunn again, now that the harvest season was nearly over, and was awaiting a response. [Post-meeting note – George phoned on 12 September, and the beacon was reinstalled that afternoon by him, BE and PD. As the timber upright was more worn than thought, longer bolts were subsequently bought and fitted, to hold the beacon securely].
It was suggested that the first lighting of the reinstalled Beacon could be on Halloween; a low key event was suggested, perhaps with mulled wine afterwards.
 - d. The pond – BE had discussed our intended clearance work to the pond with Ian Bruce, who had volunteered to investigate what the Council might be able to do. Ian Bruce will also try to get the litter bins by the pond changed to a covered version, to prevent gulls and foxes getting at and scattering the litter.
7. *Village Events / Activities*
 - a. Pimms Evening (22 August) – Great thanks and congratulations were sent to JA and the subcommittee who managed this outstanding event. The food and drink had been perfect for the event, although it was recognised that the food preparation had been a mammoth task. As well as being really enjoyable, it was reported that a profit of around £200 had been made. Several bottles of Pimms are available for another event.
 - b. Winter events – PR had arranged cakes and helpers for the October coffee morning. He had also arranged that display material would be provided either by the Village WI, or (if Ian Bruce

can arrange) by Portland's Jurassica project.

BE plans to give a showing of Fredy Litschi's slides of the village at the end of October (date to be confirmed). The main objective will be to gather some of the people who have lived in the village longest, so that they can help identify people, places and events. The slide show will be open to all.

Caroline Crisp is planning another History Evening in February or March.

8. *Communications*

- a. Newsbites and Newsletters – BE had spoken to Ian Bruce about his email which had exploited for party-political purposes the email address list inadvertently sent out with one of the Newsbites. Ian had already realised that this had been a mistake, and apologised for his over-enthusiasm.

BE had investigated with the Website's Service Provider whether it could be made possible to ensure automatically that emails to groups of addressees could ONLY be sent "Blind Copy" (so that addresses of recipients are not displayed). Unfortunately it does not appear that this will be done, so we need to exercise care.

The latest Newsletter had been sent for printing and distributed electronically.

JS had copied all the Newsletters he had produced onto a DVD, which he handed to CH so that they could be added to the website.

- b. Website – User accounts had been created for CH and JC, to allow them to edit the website. Training will be given at a suitable time.

9. *Other Village Activity reports*

No reports.

10. *Committee Reports*

The village Carol Service will be on 21st December.

11. *Treasurer's Report*

The report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £4,787.54. The main movements in the month were £700 paid to Richard Burgess for consultancy, and £300 donation by Mike Hobson.

The new format was liked.

12. *Correspondence*

A letter of thanks had been received from Waves. It was noted that the letter showed that a donation by cheque made out to the Children's Society could be used by the Waves project locally, so it is not necessary to make donations by cash.

A letter had been received from the County Council, confirming that a new footpath had been approved between the top of Verlands Road and the main road. A letter of congratulations would be sent to Mr McCune, whose hard work establishing the case had led to this excellent outcome. A copy of the Council letter will be provided to CH.

Following the site meeting with David Mannings and representatives of the Highways Authority, an email had been received confirming that the village is not seeking double yellow lines near the junction of Sutton Road and Plaisters Lane, but that a reduction of the speed limit through the village to 20mph would be much more beneficial. The same site meeting had considered the question of buses turning safely at Old Bincombe Lane. It seems that bus drivers ought to be marshalled when backing in this way, but First Bus have done a safety assessment and are content with the risk. It was noted that some buses have been observed turning at Brookmead.

13. *AOB*

Several people had noted the problems of traffic and parking in the village on the 30th August when the Springhead ran its Dog Show. The event had been hugely successful, but the numbers attending had led to gridlock in the village, and much parking on verges. It was agreed that, while we welcome the success of the pub and its events, and that this event was good for the village as well as the pub, a better solution will need to be found for car parking in future. It was agreed that we should discuss this with Jo and Karen at the pub, and could probably offer help on behalf of the village in

marshalling and directing traffic.

In the context of the Prettiest Village competition, it was observed that the beauty of the village was somewhat spoilt by litter not cleared and by bins that are left out on the road permanently. This latter was a problem mainly relating to holiday accommodation. It was agreed we would discuss this at the next meeting.

BE had reviewed the consultation material available relating to the Littlemoor development (LITT1) in the new Local Plan. The information at present is fairly sketchy, but gives a rough idea of what is intended in the way of landscaping and tree planting to minimise the impact on views from the AONB. It was agreed that no action is needed at present, but the Society should maintain a watching brief.

14. *Date of next meeting*
14th October at the Mission Hall.

Minutes agreed and approved :

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