

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

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Sue Wintle, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe, Chris Hubbard, Bill Egerton.  
*Apologies:* Hilary Davidson, Jacqui Atkinson, Tamzin Hyde.
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*  
The Minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were agreed, after one correction to show that the Coffee Morning charge will not increase until January. Recent minutes were signed.
3. *Matters arising*  
None.
4. *Items to be raised under AOB*  
Speed limit.
5. *Planning*
  - a. WP/15/00081/FUL and WP/15/00088/FUL – Land off Plaisters Lane – A letter had been sent to all those in the village who had submitted representations on the first plans, to advise them that they should respond to the revised plans.  
The Committee confirmed that the revised plans did not affect their judgement of the proposal; representations would be submitted confirming the document submitted on our behalf by Richard Burgess.
  - b. WP/15/00785/FUL – Garden lodge and new garage at Old Rectory – As this is outside the village, and even less visible from the road than similar earlier proposals, it was agreed that the Society does not need to respond.
  - c. WP/15/00760/FUL – Revised plans for development at 42 Sutton Close – The Chairman had received a phone call from a member, criticising the Society for not putting out a similar letter to members as had been done for the land off Plaisters Lane. The Committee’s rationale for this (i.e. that this was a completely new application so fresh representations were definitely necessary) was correct, but it was noted that what was obvious to the Committee may not be obvious to all members. It was therefore agreed that the next Newsbite would clarify the situation, advising members that new representations were necessary. A letter of explanation would be sent to the member in question.
  - d. Neighbourhood Plan – No action had yet been taken on inviting a representative of the Dorset Association of Parish Councils, to give advice. **Action continuing - BE.**  
After discussion, it was recommended that, in order to overcome the question mark over a Neighbourhood Forum charging a subscription, a new body would probably be needed to act as Neighbourhood Forum in writing the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a Newsletter should be sent out to everyone living and working in the proposed Neighbourhood Area. MB, BE and PD were appointed as a Working Party to finalise the proposed area and to draft a Newsletter.
6. *Other village matters*
  - a. Sutton Poyntz Ltd – JS’s draft amendment to the Society Constitution was discussed again, and welcomed as a good way forward. It was agreed to hold an extra Committee Meeting, on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, to finalise the Constitution for presentation to the AGM.
  - b. Top-of-the-Pond  
The planters had been built by a team led by Bill Davidson. The cost for purchasing top-soil for the planters was approved. BE was still in negotiation with Cllr David Mannings to try to obtain a contribution towards the costs of the planters.

- c. The pond – Still no clear response from the Council. BE will contact Ian Bruce and Karyn Punchard again.
  - d. Dog bins – BE has contacted Ian Bruce, who is investigating the situation for us.
7. *Village Events / Activities*
- a. Coffee mornings – The December Coffee Morning had made £45. The Street Fayre presentation material was greatly welcomed.  
PR will be away for the March Coffee Morning, and BE will stand in.
  - b. Social events – No other winter events are planned.
8. *Communications*
- a. Newsbites and Newsletters – The next Newsletter should be issued before the New Year. A Newsbite would be issued very soon.
  - b. Website – BE apologised for not having arranged training on website authorship – some site maintenance had been necessary to keep up with software changes. This maintenance was now almost finished.
9. *Other Village Activity reports*  
No reports.
10. *Committee Reports*  
No reports.
11. *Treasurer's Report*  
The report had been tabled by email, showing a balance of £4,159.46. The reduction this month was a result of costs for the noticeboard (£35 so far) and the planters (£630).
12. *Correspondence*  
A letter had been received from the occupants of Willow Cottage praising the work done to the Top-of-the-Pond. Another CPRE Newsletter had been received.
13. *AOB*
- a. Speed limit – It was reported that the Highways Authority would have costs of about £3k in order to change the speed limit through the village, and would need reimbursement. It was agreed that this was well beyond what the Society could afford.
14. *Date of next meeting*  
The date of the next full Committee meeting was set for 20<sup>th</sup> January, at the Mission Hall.  
In addition, there will be a short meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January (venue not yet set) to discuss changes to the Constitution.

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***