

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 9 May 2018
at the Mission Hall.**

1. **Apologies:** None - all committee members present

Present: Terry Pegrum, Bill Egerton, Hilary Davidson, Jackie Greet, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham, Jill Kelsey,

Also Present: Chris Hubbard.

2. **Committee Structure:**

a. Appointment of Chairman and Minutes Secretary:

CH agreed to become the Minutes Secretary but declined to be co-opted onto the Committee. To assist with the task it was agreed that the meetings could be recorded, provided that the recordings were destroyed after the final minutes were agreed. In the absence of a volunteer to be Chairman it was agreed that a Committee member would act as Chairman only at the meetings. BE would take the present meeting, with HD and JK rotating for the next two, subject to their remaining committee members. JG declined to take the chair for the foreseeable future and JC reserved his position.

b. Discussion of Committee responsibilities and need for new members.

HD said she had been unhappy over the last few years with reactions to planning applications which had soured the atmosphere both inside and outside the committee. Some villagers had not attended the AGM because they held a similar view, expressing a preference for village social events over intense debates on planning matters. TP wondered whether a sub-committee could deal with planning matters, as there was bad feeling when the SP Society was perceived as acting like 'planning police'. It was noted that the Society Committee and the Neighbourhood Forum are synonymous and that Forum sub-committee members cannot take over planning matters. BE commented that historically there had been an expectation of that the Society would deal with planning whereas newer members might not hold that view. PR agreed that historically the Society had urged members to make their views known on planning matters, and JC believed that people do think the Society is policing planning, perhaps because of a perception that the Council are not doing so. TP suggested that there be a bridging period (undefined) during which the Society would not comment on planning applications. BE therefore proposed that there be a bridging period (undefined) during which the Society would not comment on planning applications but focus on being part of the social glue of the village. This was seconded by JG and carried unanimously. It was agreed that a Newsletter should be issued to express the deep discomfort of the committee with the previous historical role and that it would not carry out any planning related activities for a period, possibly up to the emergence of the Neighbourhood Forum Plan; that the Borough Council is the place for advice; that any comments on planning matters should be made only by individuals; that members with views on Society activity were free to join the committee to express them.

ACTION 1/090518 CH

BE said that members can call an Extraordinary AGM on any matter, including planning, and the Society would support the majority decision. He was asked to speak to the Proposer about the motion for an Extraordinary meeting raised at the AGM.

ACTION 2/090518 BE

3. **Minutes of previous meetings**

The amended Minutes for the meetings of 7 February, 14 March and 11 April (AGM) were approved and signed. The AGM minutes to be published on the website

ACTION 3/090518 BE

4. **Additional items (new and repeat) not on the Agenda**

None

5. **Newsletter Distributors and subscription collection**

a. Allocation of distribution areas:

BE reports the distribution areas as being, subject to agreement, Karen Phillips (Plaisters Lane beyond the bend), Jill Kelsey (Sutton Court Lawns and Plaisters Lane north of Mission Hall Lane), Hilary Davidson (Sutton Close and Mission Hall Lane), Alan Dawson-Hollis (Old Bincombe Lane and Plaisters Lane south of Mission Hall Lane), Bill Egerton (White Horse Lane, Sutton Road north from the Mill, and Silver Street), Peter Riley (Puddledock Lane east from The Puddledocks, Cornhill Way, Brookmead and Sutton Road from the fork to Mill House), Peter Dye (Sutton Road south of the fork), and Doug Watson (Puddledock Lane and roads off, beyond The Puddledocks).

b. Membership form and Data Protection

TP tabled a draft membership form with the aims of providing enough working information on members and of meeting the new GDPR regulations. After some discussion, this form and the Society's GDPR Policy to be circulated to the Committee for ratification.

ACTION 4/090518 BE

6. Plans for Special General Meeting

a. Member's Motion on Planning Policy: See Action 2 above

b. Code of Conduct c. Data Protection Policy d. Revisions to Society Constitution

It was decided that these should be finalised by the committee then put to an AGM.

7. Member's personal issue

Peter Dye had approached both parties without resolution. It was decided that the Society had taken all possible steps and the matter should be removed from future agendas.

8. Village Events/Activities

a. Summer events

Suggestions were

Cream Tea (possibly 28 July);

Vegetable Show (possibly 4 August); HD to ask a volunteer to organise the Scarecrow competition.

ACTION 5/090518 HD

Picnic (date TBA)

HD was very much in favour of marking the 50th anniversary of the Society with a function.

Various ideas were aired - Themed; fancy dress; early evening start; Society to provide food; barn dance. The latter met with approval but a venue proved difficult. Perhaps a marquee? JC and HD to approach the Springhead as possible venue.

ACTION 6/090518 JC & HD

9. Neighbourhood Planning - Update

BE said that by the Steering Group meeting on Tuesday 15 May all sub-groups were expected to have drafts of their reports. The Grant had been reduced, but Tony Ferrari has obtained a grant from the Borough Council to make up some or all of the shortfall.

10. Planning

No topics to be discussed under this heading

11. Other Village matters

a. Dorset National Park: After the presentation at the AGM, which gave the advantages of a National Park, there was a request, in the interests of balance, for someone to present the possible disadvantages of living in a National Park. BE reported that it was proving difficult to find an alternative view, but he thought Purbeck Council might be able to help and he would contact them.

ACTION 7/090518 BE

b. History Boards: Nothing

c. Top of the Pond drainage: JC volunteered to progress the drainage issue, and provide an idea of the costs.

ACTION 8/090518 JC

d. Telephone Box: Investigations show that there is little or no chance of Council involvement in the purchase. Converting SPLtd into a Community Interest Company(CiC) is the only feasible route, which can be done with only one director in place. It was proposed by BE and seconded by JC that £25 be spent on setting up a CiC. Carried unanimously. BE to set the process in motion.

ACTION 9/090518 BE

The electricity supply has been disconnected by BT. Proposed by JC and seconded by BE that suitable paint be purchased and used to spruce up the box. This carried unanimously. JC has a possible painter in mind, and will ask him to do the job.

ACTION 10/090518 JC

e. **Brookmead bench:** The bench has been beautifully restored and is being used on a regular basis. Thanks were expressed to JC and Bill Davidson for all their hard work. It is possible that some planters will be constructed to further enhance the area.

f. **Defibrillator:** Access to the defibrillator is not all it could be, but as changes to the area of its location are believed to be taking place a watching brief will be maintained.

g. **Millennium oaks:** Matter complete

12. **Communications**

a. **Welcome leaflet:** BE will progress the Welcome Leaflet

ACTION 11/090518 BE

The digital **Newsletter** has been issued and the hard copy version is with Goadsby's for printing. It will be available within a week. (PMN: Copies with BE on Saturday 12 May)

Newsbites continue to be issued as required.

Nothing to report about the **website**.

13. **Treasurer's Report**

Given after Item 7 above as TC then had to depart for an unavoidable appointment. £195 was due to JC for bench materials and £50 to Mike Blee for AGM expenses. Otherwise there was no change to the Society finances from that reported at the last meeting.

14. **Correspondence**

A general British Heart Foundation letter had been received.

15. **Sutton Poyntz Ltd**

Dealt with under Agenda Item 11d above

16. **Village Activity reports**

There were no reports under this heading

17. **Committee Reports**

There were no reports under this heading.

18. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 June in the Mission Hall.

Minutes agreed and approved:

Date: