

**Minutes of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Meeting of 20th January 2016  
at the Springhead.**

1. *Present:* Mike Blee, John Sutherland, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe, Chris Hubbard, Hilary Davidson, Jacqui Atkinson.  
*Apologies:*, Tamzin Hyde, Sue Wintle, Bill Egerton
2. *Minutes of previous meeting*  
The Minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were agreed, after agreeing to anonymise the feedback on Plaisters Lane planning issues.
3. *Matters arising*  
None.
4. *Items to be raised under AOB*  
Speed limit  
50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SPS
5. *Society Constitution*  
The revisions to the wording of the Constitution to accommodate the co-existence of Sutton Poyntz Ltd., and the Neighbourhood Forum were agreed.
6. *Planning*
  - a. Only one new planning application was noted – to remove a line of Leylandii at The Old Rectory. The Society agrees (but will not formally comment).
  - b. Neighbourhood Plan – Some discussion had been had with Dorset representatives who were unhappy at combining the Neighbourhood Forum with the SP Society. MB reported that BE has found several precedents for this and we will continue as planned. Next it is planned that MB and BE will meet some consultants at an open afternoon in early February in Blandford (at no cost).  
The Newsletter draft was agreed although some committee members had not seen it (?)
7. *Other village matters*
  - a. Top-of-the-Pond  
The planters have been completed and are ready for planting. Thanks to all those involved for their hard work. The cost for purchasing top-soil for the planters was kindly covered by a donation from Cllr David Mannings. **BE** to send letter of thanks.  
It was mentioned again that we should have a sign in the area disclaiming responsibility for anything that happens on SPLtd land. Perhaps something temporary could be put on the noticeboard? **JC** to discuss with BE.
  - b. The pond – **BE** contacting Ian Bruce and Karyn Punchard again.
  - c. Dog bins – **BE** waiting to hear back from Ian Bruce; Jez remarked how the current situation cannot be allowed to continue any longer than absolutely necessary.  
(Post-meeting note – the bin next to the Forecasting Stone needs some repair – to be addressed at next meeting.)
8. *Village Events / Activities*
  - a. Coffee mornings – The Coffee Morning increased price of £2 had been ok with all attendees. PR wondered if the ‘donation’ to the cake makers should be increased but this was not felt necessary. (Reminder: PR will be away for the March Coffee Morning, and BE will stand in.)  
The February coffee morning will feature a display of archaeological remains found by Simon and Dof Emblen. No theme agreed for March yet but a suggestion that it could be a good time to introduce the Neighbourhood Plan and show examples from other villages. This would also be good timing with the AGM due in April.

- b. Social events – There was great interest in the Jurassica information displayed at the January coffee morning and it's proposed to invite the people back for an evening presentation. **PR** to arrange.
9. *Communications*
- a. Newsbites and Newsletters – No special actions. A Newsbite will announce the completion of the planters.
10. *Other Village Activity reports*  
No reports.
11. *Committee Reports*  
No reports.
12. *Treasurer's Report*  
The report had been tabled by email. It was noted that £365.43 had been received from Cllr D. Manning.  
In addition JS mentioned that he has recuperated a box of village postcards (as previously advertised on the Cartshed noticeboard – these should be removed now) and some hundreds (?) remain. Suggested that perhaps the pub would like to sell them - on a 50:50 basis with the society?  
Also with the cards were a couple of old sketches of the Mill which JS will pass to BE to scan and put on the website.
13. *Correspondence*  
None.
14. *AOB*
- a. Speed limit – The estimated cost (£3k) will be reported to the village at the AGM. JC noted that several villages have installed their own unofficial speed limits by using 'advisory notices' of 20mph due to "loose chippings".
  - b. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SPS – JS remarked that this will occur in 2018 and we should start to think if we want to do anything special. It will be a Fayre year. HD suggested a Street Party with a 60's theme. No action but to be kept on the agenda.
15. *Date of next meeting*  
Next Committee meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February, at the Mission Hall.

***Minutes agreed and approved :***

***Date:***