

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

7pm Wednesday 10th April 2024 at The Mission Hall

AGENDA

- 6.30 Doors open: subscriptions for this year most welcome - proposed £2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household
- 7.00 Guest speakers – a question and answer session with our local councillors, Louie O’Leary, Jo and Peter Dickenson (be gentle)
- 7.45 Break for drinks
- 8.00 **AGM**
1. Apologies
 2. Agree previous meeting notes
 3. Chair’s report
 4. Treasurer’s reports: Sutton Poyntz Society and Sutton Poyntz CIC
 5. Election of officers:

Chair – Hilary Davidson (**note, Hilary continues to have reached her maximum term, as specified by the constitution**)

Treasurer and Company Secretary – Andy Hohne
 6. Election of current committee: Charles Collins, Maureen Cribb, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Shirley Davies, Jackie Greet, Andy Hohne, Linda Kirkpatrick, Kirsty Masone, Jackie Raw, Sue Smith, Jon Waterman
 7. Election of Independent Examiner (note John Bellis is stepping down)
 8. Motion to maintain subs at £2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household
 9. Any Other Business

Sutton Poyntz Society AGM
Wednesday April 12th. 2023

Hilary Davidson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our guest speaker **Richard Backwell**.

Richard entertained us with a fascinating glimpse of the work that he has been instrumental in supporting for 20 years, in villages in Nepal.

In 2002, when he first visited, there was no electricity, few toilets and fresh water was 100 metres away. By 2012, electricity arrived and now every house has a toilet. To begin with, water was gravity fed to houses but the arrival of electric pumps made a huge difference. 31 water projects have been completed and he thanked Rotary for their support in these endeavours. He made the point that it is cheaper to make a difference in Nepal than here, for example 10 toilets can be installed for £1500. The earthquake in 2015 devastated the area but houses were reconstructed at a cost of £1200 each.

He spoke with affection of the people he met in Nepal, praising their generosity of spirit. In spite of all the hardships faced by the villagers, he was met with kindness and never feared for his personal safety.

We were then treated to the video of Richard abseiling down a ravine, his challenge being to be the first 80 year old to do this!

The Mission Hall resounded to heartfelt applause for his humorous and enthusiastic talk. We would like to hear more!

Bill Egerton then gave us an update on the new village website: The first website was created in 2010 so it is time for a re-fresh. Bill has picked up the work that Kevin Pearce started. He showed us examples of the 'Areas ' to be covered. Bill and the SPS would welcome feedback, opinions on this please.

Hilary thanked both our speakers.

There followed a brief interval for refreshments and chat.

Part 2 AGM

(All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting)

- 1. Apologies:** John and Caroline Crisp; Jez and Jean Cunningham; Sue Smith.
- 2. Minutes of AGM** April 22nd 2022 were accepted.
- 3. Chair's Report:** Hilary referred to some items from her written report, making particular mention of the very successful Jubilee celebrations. She also reminded us of other events such as the Barn Dance, Flower show Quizzes etc. Village enhancement was also a feature of the past year, including the planting of thousands of bulbs. Looking forward, 'Open Gardens' in June and an updated website are being planned.
- 4. Treasurer's Reports:** Sutton Poyntz Society and Sutton Poyntz CIC.

This was accepted with no questions being raised.

5. Election of Officers:

Chair - Hilary was re-elected; nominated by Andy Hohne; seconded by Erica Ferrari.

Treasurer and Company Secretary – Andy Hohne; nominated by Shirley Davies; seconded by Jackie Raw.

6. Election of current committee:

Jez Cunningham; Shirley Davies, Jackie Greet, Linda Kirkpatrick; Kirsty Masone, Jackie Raw, Sue Smith, Jon Waterman; nominated by Louie O Leary seconded by Tony Ferrari.

Charles Collins; proposed by Jackie Raw, seconded by Barbara Harrison and Maureen Cribb; proposed by Judy Backwell, seconded by Sue Embley were duly elected on to the committee.

- 7. Election of Independent Examiner:** John Bellis elected and thanked for all his work.

- 8. Motion to Increase subs** to 2.50 single, £5 a household: Agreed.

9. Update on local buses:

Cllr Louie O'Leary alerted people to a meeting being held on July 5th at 6pm, Preston Village Hall to discuss this matter. If people want a service to Sutton Poyntz, it is imperative that they show their support by attending this meeting.

10. AOB (tabled): Proposal to reduce speed limit to 20 mph through the village.

Grant Leighton spoke on this matter pointing out the need with the rise in traffic largely caused by the increase in delivery vans.

Much discussion followed. Most people were in favour of pursuing this idea. Cllr. O'Leary said he would be happy to organize a meeting with residents to discuss this further.

Coronation -Mission Hall organizing a lunch party. SPS will light the Beacon and raise a celebratory glass

Should rule of terms of years served as officers be changed?

Erica Ferrari proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.

Sutton Poyntz Society Chair's Report 2024

Since our last AGM held in April 2023 we have had another very busy year in the village. Throughout the year we have held regular coffee mornings. Thanks to all cake makers and thanks to Sue and Linda for organising the mornings.

Under Jon's planting guidance the spring bulbs have looked beautiful. Many thanks go to Jon for all his maintenance around the pond and for the planting of the tree celebrating King Charles's Coronation.

In April we held the first of two very successful quizzes which are always well attended and hopefully not too challenging!

On Coronation Day a large group of villagers trekked up to the lit beacon and raised several glasses to our new King.

In June a large variety of amazing scarecrows appeared causing a lot of vehicles to slow down! In June we held our big event of the year, our Open Gardens. It was lovely that so many people opened their gardens and what a variety of beautiful spaces. We attracted so many visitors who really appreciated our village. Huge thanks to the small but hard working committee and to those who opened their gardens and to all the volunteers who helped with refreshments, plant stall and parking. Thanks to Mike Haine who designed the programmes and to The Springhead who paid for all the programmes, advertising and signage. We raised a wonderful £4,100 for Cancer Research and Dementia UK.

During the summer we held the vegetable show and added two new categories, 'Victoria Sponge' and 'Best Decorated Cupcake'. We also hosted a delicious cream tea.

In September Richard was joined by many villagers for a walk around Silverlakes followed by refreshments at The Black Dog. Also in September members of the Biodiversity Group took groups to see the environmental work that they carry out around the village.

In the Autumn we held a very entertaining magic evening with a Curry Supper where we had a full house.

Trinity Christmas trees again donated a beautiful tree and we held a lighting up evening with mulled wine and mince pies followed by free drinks in the Springhead.

In February we held a very successful coffee morning in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and raised a staggering £1,600. Thanks to people who donated cakes and raffle prizes. We have also run another noisy race night with a supper.

In the future we have a Barn Dance booked for May 25th in Preston Village hall. This event was oversubscribed last time and great fun so look out for ticket sales!

Throughout the year a group of volunteers have been helping develop a new 'user friendly' village website which is now up and running.

Thank you to all the committee for all their hard work and thank you to the villagers who support our events and make it such a lovely community.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Wednesday April 10th at 7pm.

Subscriptions for the year would be most welcome (£2.50 per person, maximum £5 per household) we prefer cash but now also have a card machine.

Hilary Davidson

Treasurer's report for the Sutton Poyntz Society AGM, April 2024

The financial year runs from the 1st April to the 31st March.

Subscriptions were increased last year to £2.50 pp (max £5 for a household), the first increase in 16 years. We are recommending that they stay as is for the next 12 months.

We collected £760 this year which is sufficient to cover the annual costs of the Society. Broadly these are as follows:

	£
Insurance	405
Website / companies house	130
AGM	55
"Basic" maintenance	70
Printing and misc	25
Defibrillator maintenance	30
	715

We fund other costs from surplus from events.

We had another busy year events wise, in particular running two extremely successful fund raisers – the Open Gardens which raised just over £4,100 split between Cancer Research and Dementia UK, and February's coffee morning which raised £1,600 for MND (including a £50 donation made directly to the charity by one of our residents and a top up from the Society).

There wasn't a lot to "mend" around the village but Jon Waterman has done a fab job looking after the grass edges and verges around the village. Unfortunately the old mower that was donated to us last year finally gave up and met its maker, so we've invested in a new petrol one.

We moved some of our spare cash to a better paying interest account, which we'll be able to take advantage of until interest rates drop down again, likely over the next 18 months or so.

The cash balance at the end of the year remains healthy at just over £7,000 which is just a little down on last year.

Sutton Poyntz CIC is a stand alone company whose sole purpose is to own the small piece of land at the end of the pond and the phone box in the middle of the village. For ease, its minor costs (mostly insurance premium) are paid for by the Society.

Its net asset position did not change in 2024.

Andy Hohne

April 2024

THE SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>Income:</u>		
Subscriptions	760	434
Surplus from events	5,963	1,882
Donations / Grants received	-	2,375
Interest	77	2
	<u>6,800</u>	<u>4,694</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Insurance	406	406
AGM expenses	56	58
Companies House & Website Expenses	131	113
Donations made	5,660	-
Leaflets	-	-
Maintenance & Repairs	415	74
Jubilee / Coronation inspired costs	-	937
Biodiversity spend	-	1,489
Bank fees	11	-
Other	70	268
	<u>6,748</u>	<u>3,344</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure on Ordinary Activities	52	1,350
Opening Reserves b/f	9,082	7,732
Closing Reserves c/f	<u>9,133</u>	<u>9,082</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

Loan to Sutton Poyntz Ltd	2,070	2,070
Current assets		
Petty Cash	105	75
Current Account (Natwest)	958	4,659
National Savings Account	-	2,478
Natwest 95 day Liquidity Account	6,000	-
	<u>7,063</u>	<u>7,212</u>
Creditors due within 1 year:		
subs paid in advance	0	0
finger post repair grant received	0	(200)
	<u>9,133</u>	<u>9,082</u>

Explanatory Notes

- "Surplus from events" includes £5,470 raised during the Open Gardens and February coffee morning fund raising events. The Society largely bore the costs of these events. In total £5,660 was donated (Cancer Research £2,055; Dementia UK £2,055; MND £1,550), including a small top up to MND from the Society.
- During the year we closed the NS&I account, which was making very little interest, and opened a 95 day notice account with Natwest.
- Maintenance & Repairs includes £348 for the purchase of a petrol lawn mower.
- The society remains in a comfortable cash position, with cash at bank and petty cash totalling £7,063.

Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to confirming that the accounts reflect the underlying accounting records.

I have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J Bellis

SUTTON POYNTZ CIC

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Company registration number: 09071283

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**SUTTON POYNTZ CIC
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

DIRECTORS

The directors who have served during the year were as follows:

A R Hohne
JC Waterman

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**A R Hohne
DIRECTOR**

Date

SUTTON POYNTZ CIC

BALANCE SHEET - 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	2,070	2,070
Current assets		88
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(88)
Net current assets	0	0
Total assets less current liabilities	2,070	2,070
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2,070	2,070
Net assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes to the accounts

1. The Long Term Creditor is a loan made by the Sutton Poyntz Society to enable the company to acquire the land and telephone box held in Fixed Assets.
2. The Sutton Poyntz Fingerpost was repaired, and the creditor released.

Directors' responsibilities and audit exemptions:

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on behalf of the board,

A R Hohne
Director

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