



**LONG SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes Long Sutton Parish Council, Long Sutton Village Hall, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, immediately after the Village Hall and Recreation Ground AGM has concluded, 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Cox (Chairman), Rousell (Vice Chairman), Coombes, Pritchard, Rickards, Ward, Wielgus.

**Members of the Public: 17**

**Somerset Councillors:** Cllr Kerley. Cllr Page has submitted apologies.

Started at 7.42pm.

**Public Questions and Observations**

Meeting will be closed for comments regarding the planning applications when that agenda item is discussed.

**Somerset Councillors Report.**

Cllr Kerley gave a short verbal report.

- All meetings have been suspended due to the pre-election period.
- Delays are being experienced in Somerset Planning department.
- Cllr Kerley is vice chair of Local Community Network (LCN), vice chair of Somerset Planning - South, and various other committees at Somerset Council.
- Questions asked about the LCN. The Levels and Moors LCN is very progressive, in particular concerning Active Travel.
- Some issues dealing with potholes. Cllr Kerley understands that statutory potholes are being reduced by a little bit of tarmac being infilled, to make it a non-statutory pothole.
- Flood mitigation. A Section 9 report is required, which a full investigation to recent localised flooding and needs to be organised by Somerset Council. If residents are flooded, it is important to ring into Somerset to ensure that the flooding pattern is mapped.
- Planning issue – the strategic planning response needs to be within an 8 week period. Cllr Kerley provided a detailed response based upon a shortage of planning consultants, and the challenges of merging five councils into a Unitary Council. Recruitment is the answer.



- The next full council meeting of Somerset Council is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- An update was provided regarding the condition Knole Pit Lane.

The meeting started at 7.55pm.

## Minutes

### **24/043: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).**

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Cllr Stoddart-Stones.

It was RESOLVED to receive and approve the apologies and reasons submitted.

### **24/044: Declarations of Interest.**

Declarations of Interests. Members to declare any interests, including disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any written requests for dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e) (this does not preclude any later declaration).

None.

### **24/045: Minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (LGA 1972sch12 para 41(1)).**

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

It was RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Matters arising: The clerk confirmed that there would be no increase in the Community Benefit payment from the solar panels at Tengore Lane. The agreement has been extended for a further 10 years.

Cllr Cox signed the minutes.

### **24/046: Casual Vacancy**

To consider the application received to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

An application to fill the casual vacancy has been received from a resident. The application was discussed.

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Gill Greenfield as a councillor on Long Sutton Parish Council.



As Gill is not in attendance this evening, It was RESOLVED that the declaration of office will be signed prior to the next meeting, which is in September 2024.

**24/047: Planning application. Planning applications can be viewed on the [Somerset Council website](#).**

- a. Application 24/01268/COL Stream Cottage, Stone Mead Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9HZ. Lawful Development Certificate application for the proposed provision of a twin unit mobile home (not operational development) within the garden of the lawful dwelling house as additional accommodation by one household (not a material change of use). (response by 07.07.2024).

Cllr Rousell overviewed the application, which is for a Lawful Development Certificate. There are currently sixteen comments online, all objecting to this application.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm to permit contributions from the members of the public present.

The applicant was not present at the meeting.  
One member of the public present spoke.

Cllr Kerley spoke briefly to address a couple of questions that required a more technical response.

The meeting resumed at 8.06pm.

Cllr Rousell confirmed the role of the Parish Council in this process, and that the Parish Council does not have authority to refer this application to the Somerset Planning Committee. The application is a notification only.

Councillors discussed this application at length.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm briefly to raise a question as to whether the Certificate of Lawfulness is in perpetuity, or time bound? Cllr Kerly will enquire and clarify.

The meeting resumed at 8.16pm.

The level of local interest has indicated that this planning notification is discussed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council can only object on lawfulness, areas of which were discussed. The felling of trees without permission was also discussed.

It was proposed to object to this application citing the following legal grounds:

- The proposed development does not comply with the Conservation Areas Act 1990.
- The proximity of the proposed development to nearby listed buildings.



- The proposed development is a permanent structure, therefore not permitted development, and should be the subject of a full planning application.
- Trees have been felled at the location without prior authorisation.
- There is a vast depth of local feeling against this development.

It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds stated above.

- b. Application 24/01256/HOU Corner Cottage, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9HT. Erection of Oak Framed Garden Room with occasional overnight guest accommodation. (response by 05.07.2024).

Cllr Rousell overviewed the planning application: The structure is to be used as a garden room, and is single storey, built with wood and traditional materials. The purpose is for overnight guest accommodation within the family.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm and the applicant spoke briefly.

The meeting opened 8.23pm

It was proposed and RESOLVED that Long Sutton Parish Council supports this planning

- c. Update on any existing planning applications.

Application 23/01456/COU: Land Os 5560 Crouds Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9NR. Permitted with conditions (11.04.24).

Application 24/00376/FUL: Little Upton Bridge, Langport Road, Long Sutton TA10 9NJ Permitted with conditions (18.06.24).

Application: 24/00530/HOU & 24/00531/LBC The Stables, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9HT. Refused 911.06.24).

Application 24/00532/HOU & 24/005233/LBC: Parsons Barn, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9HT. Refused (20.05.24).

Application 24/00643/HOU: Summerfield, Langport Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NE. Permitted with conditions (15.05.24).

Application 24/00828/FUL: Orchard Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton TA10 9HY. Permitted with conditions (04.06.24).

Application 24/00927/HOU: 1Rowley Cottages, Hermitage Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NP. Permitted with conditions (21.05.24).

Application 21/00054/REM. Land South of Bineham City Cottage, Bineham Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00910/OUT: Land OS 1805 adj Ciderpress Barn, Knole, Long Sutton Langport. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00911/FUL: Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.



Application 22/01197/LBC: Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/02059/FUL: 14 Martock Road, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application: 22/03261/FUL: 4 Hodgehay, Langport Road, Long Sutton. Erection of a detached self-build dwelling and 2 carports for the proposed and existing dwelling. Awaiting decision.

#### **24/048: Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Matters brought forward by the committee.

The committee met on the previous evening. Tracy Rousell, the new treasurer this year, has made great progress with bad debts, well done. Some redecoration work needs to be arranged, which can be funded from the hall income. The lease for the cricket club pavilion has been completed and needs to be signed.

It was RESOLVED to delegate to the vice chair of the parish council, along with the vice chair of the cricket club, to sign the lease.

#### **24/049: Play area Refurbishment**

To receive an update regarding the play area refurbishment.

The refurbishment should be finished at the end of this week. Cllr Coombes is to arrange for turf to be installed, rather than waiting for grass seed.

The invoice was received for £74518.18, which is to be paid by the parish council with a transfer of £43846.00 from the village hall. The Parish Council element is £17000, which includes the Community Infrastructure Levy funds, and in addition the Tesco grant (a second payment is expected from Tesco grant fund to make the £1125 up to £1500, the parish council will fund the difference in the interim period.)

It was RESOLVED to pay the invoice for Creative Play for £74518.18 when the post installation inspection has been conducted and is satisfactory.

#### **24/050: Tennis Court Refurbishment**

To receive an update regarding the tennis court refurbishment.

The lengthsman will ensure that the perimeter fence is weed free on a regular basis. There have been some issues with a PIN for entry not being received when the court is booked. The final invoice is to be paid this week.

#### **24/051: Pavilion Refurbishment**

To receive an update regarding the pavilion refurbishment.

A revised budget for the project was provided by Cllr Cox, along with a fund raising update.



Applications for grant funding. The total to aim for is £323k, with a budget of £280k plus VAT. The clerk circulated a report of the meeting with the VAT consultant, which clarified that the cricket club fundraising does not qualify to reclaim the VAT. The cricket club can instruct works from contractors that are not VAT registered. The English Cricket Board (ECB) will consider lending to the parish council, as ECB prefer to work directly with the trustee rather than the lessee.

**24/052: Communication: website and e-newsletter**

- a. To agree the priority for the August newsletter.
  - Official opening of the play area, early September. Cllrs Coombes and Pritchard to work on the event. September newsletter the focus is the play area.
  - August newsletter.
  - Play area photos.
  - Environment - Owl evening.
  - Potholes reporting.
  - Hire the school pool.
  - Hedges to be trimmed.
- b. Actions for consideration and approval. None.

**24/053: Reinstatement Valuations for Parish Council assets.**

To receive an update, if available.

This item is deferred to the September meeting.

**24/054: Finance**

- a. To approve the [accounts for payment](#) in July 2024, and an invoice for the hire of the school hall, £60, for the June parish council meeting.

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments list and the additional invoice for the hall hire as presented.

- b. To view and approve the bank reconciliation for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

The bank reconciliation was viewed and noted.

**24/055: Representative reports from councillors.**

- a. Community Safety (including the monthly crime statistics from [Police.uk](#) and the Speed Indicator Device). To discuss the request received regarding a pedestrian crossing.
  - In April one reported, general crime.
  - The SID was last in the parish in May, and next due in August.
  - To consider a location on Langport Road.
  - Pedestrian crossing is a Highways issue, and the school should be lobbying for additional safety measures.
  - A request received for data re the traffic movements on Martock Road.



- b. Lengthsman. To receive a short verbal report of works undertaken in the parish.
  - Drier weather means less grass cutting, weed management. Also working on a non-glyphosate based weed killer.
- c. Highways and Footpaths. To receive an update about any planned or completed works.
  - Cllr Pritchard gave a short verbal from our volunteers of areas cleared, and access mended. To be sent to the clerk to put into the next newsletter.
  - Redirecting a footpath at a property in Knole still outstanding.
  - Hedge on Shute Lane is overgrown, Cllr Cox is to speak to lengthsman.

**24/056: Other correspondence not previously distributed.**

- WI afternoon tea on 21<sup>st</sup> August, by invitation only.
- Cllr Cox to represent the parish council at Somerton, to the welcome of the new vicar, on 25<sup>th</sup> July.
- Owl trust talk on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**24/057: Date of next meeting.**

Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 7.30pm.

**24/058: Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Review of Risk Register;
- Publication scheme;
- Spend to budget for the first three months of the year.
- Environment.
- Knole Haven Fisheries – concern regarding the purpose of the area, and that there are commercial/and caravans etc coming through the village which is difficult.

Meeting closed at 9.33 pm.