



Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting 3rd October 2023

Held in the Committee Room, Long Sutton Village Hall 7.30pm

Present

Councillors: Mr G R Cox (Chairman), Mr N Rousell (Vice Chairman), Mrs R Coombes, Mrs J Pritchard, Mrs G Rickards.

Cllr Stoddart-Stones attended remotely by Zoom.

Members or the public: 5

Apologies were received from Somerset Councillor Tim Kerley.

The Public Session started at: 7.30pm.

MOP spoke about an issue not on the agenda. A planning application has been submitted recently. An overview was given of the application: a farming enterprise including cider production, farm office, which in the existing buildings layout is quite fragmented with health and safety concerns with visiting members of the public. The intention is to erect a single storey building, which will encompass the farm office and a visitor centre - there will be car parking. The building will have the appearance of a farm building. Tours will be more straightforward, on one site without the need to cross the road.

The application will be dealt with in November PC meeting. The planning agent spoke and invited councillors to visit the site.

The Public Session ended at: 7.33pm.

The meeting opened at: 7.33pm.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence, and to note and approve reason given (LGA 1972 s85(1)).**

Cllrs Ward and Wielgus submitted apologies.

It was RESOLVED to accept and approve the apologies as presented.

- 2. Declarations of interest. (Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e)). None.**
- 3. To receive and approve the [Minutes of the last meeting](#) 5th September (LGA 1972 sch12, para 41(1)), and any matters arising.**

Cllr Coombes did not attend the meeting but sent apologies, and the draft minutes are to be amended to reflect this.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes, with the amendment as detailed, of the meeting on 5th September 2023 as a true and accurate record.



3.1 Matters arising.

An update was received about the traffic concerns at the Bineham Cross junction. Residents have been lobbying the local MP, who will visit in due course. Somerset Council Highways will not liaise with the Parish Council directly about this matter as the junction in question is in Somerton Parish.

The grant application from the WI grant will be on the November agenda, if received.

4. Somerset Councillor's report. To receive a short verbal update from the Somerset Councillor if present. Apologies received from Cllr Kerley.

5. Casual Vacancy. To consider any applications to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option.

No applications have been received. The job description discussed at the September meeting to be emailed to councillors (pdf format), and to be added to the website.

6. Planning applications: Planning applications can be viewed on the [Somerset Council website](#).

6.1 New planning applications received:

Application: 23/02158/HOU The Old Forge, Cross Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9LR. Proposed partial demolition of boundary and the formation of two off-road parking spaces. (Extension granted until 6th October for the Parish Council to respond).

Cllr Rousell overviewed the application and provided some history. A previous application for oak frame construction was refused previously, but this was supported by the LSPC subject to Highways approval. The current visibility splays were discussed, and reversing into the spaces rather than driving in forward which would remove the reversing onto a main road concern.

Meeting closed at 7.42pm to permit the planning agent to speak.

The previous application had been refused as the technical information requested by Planning Authority from the applicant had not been provided.

Topics covered:

- Parking requirements have increased as the residents are a family with teenagers, all driving.
- Highways safety, conservation impact and impact on neighbours.
- Visibility has been considered in all directions when manoeuvring from the driveway.
- Conservation: some of the wall will be removed but the stones are going to be used on the site.
- Low impact to neighbours.

Meeting reopened 7.46pm.



Cllr Cox pointed out the culvert which was clearly visible in the photo. It is very important that the natural gullies are kept clear. The materials for the driveway were also discussed.

The Planning Consultant suggested that a planning consideration could be a consolidated hard surface so driveway material escapes onto the road and that there is drainage protection in perpetuity, to ensure that the culvert and gullies are protected.

It was RESOLVED to support this application, subject to Highways being completely happy with the splays, and that the planning considerations as suggested by the Planning Consultant are considered by Somerset Council.

Application:23/02085/COL The Old Dairy House, Somerton Road, Long Load, TA10 9UJ. Certificate of Lawfulness application for the stationing of a mobile home in residential garden to provide ancillary accommodation (notification only). Already approved.

Application: 23/01015/HOU. Batts Farm, Batts Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9EQ. Proposed rebuilding of a domestic garage and store.

Cllr Rousell overviewed the application.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm to allow the planning agent to speak. A google earth photo was circulated to overview what is currently in place. The proposed building is essentially the present footprint, but with an enhanced structure whilst still with a similar appearance to the surrounding buildings. There is no impact on neighbours. A suggested planning consideration is that the garage and store remains in ancillary use with the house.

The meeting reopened at 7.52pm.

It was RESOLVED that there are no objections and recommend that Somerset Council consider a planning consideration that the structure remains in ancillary use with the main house.

6.2 Update on other planning applications.

Application 23/01506/HOU Jubilee Cottage, The Long Sutton House Estate, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. Enclosure of existing terrace of outbuilding to form a garden room/greenhouse. Permitted with conditions (13/09/2023).

Application 23/01160/FUL: The Recreation Ground, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9NT. Proposed refurbishment and extension of sports pavilion. Approved (01/08/2023).

Application 23/01852/HOU. Crouds Cottage, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9NR. Erection of a single storey extension to the west elevation. Permitted with conditions (18/09/2023).

Application 23/01698/COL. Batts Farm, Batts Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9EQ. Permitted (25/09/2023).



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

Application 21/00137/FUL. Land adjacent to Knightlands, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 21/03450/FUL: Land South of Greystones, Off Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00002/FUL. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00873/FUL Long Sutton House Shute 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.

Application 23/00962/FUL: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9LZ. Installation of solar panels on the roof of the detached potting shed, car port and stores within the curtilage of Long Sutton House. Awaiting decision.

Application 23/00963/LBC: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton, TA10 9LZ. Installation of solar panels on the roof of the detached potting shed, car port and stores within the curtilage of Long Sutton House. Awaiting decision.

Application 23/01489/HOU: The Coach House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LZ. The installation of solar pv panels to the roof of the Coach House and Estate Office.

Application 23/01490/LBC: The Coach House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LZ. The installation of solar pv panels to the roof of the Coach House and Estate Office.

7. Capital infrastructure projects: Play Area.

7.1 To receive an update regarding the play area refurbishment, and to consider any developments that require a formal decision.

Cllr Coombes provided a short verbal update. Applying for grants is ongoing, and the gift aid application is still pending, likely to be confirmed in 4-6 weeks.

Fundraising taking place in the village. Estimated project cost will be £75k.

8. Capital Infrastructure Project: Pavilion Refurbishment.

8.1 To receive an update regarding the pavilion refurbishment and consider any developments that require a formal decision.

No further action to date, but to consider alternatives as discussed last month.



8.2 To discuss the report VAT consultant (if received and available) and discuss and decide upon next actions.

The clerk provided an overview of the advice received from the VAT consultant, as the report is still pending. The recommendation is that the Pavilion refurbishment project is delegated to the charity trustees to lead and meet as and when required. The trustees are bound to report back to the parish council at each PC meeting to detail progress. It was RESOLVED that the Charity is to take the lead with the Pavilion Refurbishment project.

9. Capital Infrastructure Project: Tennis Courts

9.1 To receive an update regarding the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

The clerk provided a short verbal update. The contractor has been in contact, and a meeting is still to be arranged to discuss the start date and the duration of the works. The clerk spoke with the contractor last week to impress the urgency for the works to be completed by end January 2024 to mid February 2024. The clerk has been in contact with Somerset Council to request that the S106 funds are released in one payment rather than multiple payments and is awaiting a response.

9.2 To consider the maintenance management contract that will commence then the smart access gate is installed and operational.

This was discussed. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the management contract as it is an integral part of the refurbishment project.

10. To discuss Remembrance Sunday and ordering of a poppy wreath to be placed.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk orders a poppy wreath, and a councillor will lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

11. Village Hall and Recreation Ground

1.1. Matters brought forward by the committee.

- The transfer of the accounts to the new treasurer should be mainly transferred over by mid October.
- The water bill was discussed for the cricket club, and they are to be billed.
- Reviewing insurance provision to cover liability insurance. The table tennis club is not a constituted club, and the club is casual rather than formal. It was suggested to the table tennis organiser to constitute the club and the issue of insurance would be solved.
- Fire regulations and risk assessments were discussed.

12. Environment Plan

1.2. Actions for consideration and approval.

The environment team met with a senior member of somerset wildlife trust recently and walked around the parish. There is a review of the parish on 12th October with wildlife trust, at 7.30pm, for all to attend with to discuss the outcome. The summary is to be shared at the meeting. Help required please for 7pm to set up for the 7.30 start. Cllr Cox will also be discussing countryside stewardship and other initiatives that are already taking place in the parish.



The purpose is to have a view of the parish and what is good for wildlife; to demonstrate what is taking place, and what improvements can be made. To promote communication and sharing of practices between farmers/landowners and residents. It is also important to try and engage the community more to be involved.

13. Communication with the Community: website and e-newsletter

13.1 To agree content/priorities for the November newsletters.

An update from the environment evening.

13.2 Actions for consideration and approval. None.

14. Finance.

14.1 Approve balances and accounts for payment.

It was resolved to approve the payments list as presented. It was further approved to agree the payment to O2i for £589.50 and to SALC for £259.72, both of which were received after the payments list had been issued.

15. To review the following Parish Council policies: None

16. To receive an update regarding the Local Community Network and Somerset Council, and the meeting which took place on 20th September 2023.

The minutes from this meeting were circulated for perusal.

17. Representative reports and any other matters regarding:

17.1 Community Safety.

17.1.1 Monthly crime statistics from the [Police.Uk](https://www.police.uk) website, or a police report if received.

One reported in Bineham for July 23.

17.2 Lengthsman. To receive an update of work undertaken in the Parish. The Lengthsman has made a good job of ditch clearance, and all flowing. A request for the brambles at the junction with the main road and Martock Road to be cut back to improve visibility.

17.3 Highways and Footpaths. To receive an update on any planned or completed works. There is nothing to report re footpaths. The sign that was knocked down near the junction has now been repaired. The Environment Walk with Somerset Wildlife Trust reported back that our footpaths are in a good condition.

There is a car parked continually on the footpath, which is parking an obstruction. It was resolved to send the owner a letter to request that the car be parked more considerately, before the issue is escalated.

18. Other correspondence not previously distributed.

Cllr Cox is in communication with a Knole resident about 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, in June 2024. The resident would like to have a beacon on a hill to celebrate this event. Cllr Cox spoke favourably of the beacon situated herebut thinks that the fundraising formally will not be ideal. The WI has the centenary next year as well, and Parish Council will not arrange any events that might interfere with WI celebrations.



19. Date of next meeting – Parish Council meeting Tuesday 7th November 2023 in the Village Hall,

20. Agenda items for the next meeting.

Possible grant application for WI (if an application is received).

Budget spreadsheet to provide a current position and a forecast, to give an idea of the budget going forward.

Meeting closed at 8.51pm

END OF MINUTES