



Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting

5th October 2021

Held in the Cricket Pavilion, Long Sutton Recreation Ground, 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors Mr G R Cox (Chairman), Mr G Stoddart-Stones (Vice Chairman) Mr C Dowse, Mrs R Coombes, Mr R Fell, Mrs G Marffy, Mr N Rousell, Mr N Ward.

South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Councillor Gerard Tucker.

There were 7 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Public Session opened at 7:30pm.

Cllr Cox announced that the Parish Council meeting would be suspended to permit members of the public present to speak with regards to a planning application at that point in the meeting.

A member of the public spoke about a hedge in Crouds Lane, and also a fallen tree that requires attention. A request was made for the Parish Council to send a letter to the resident regarding the hedge.

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council progresses the offer to arrange a meeting with the local MP, David Warburton, and Long Sutton parishioners.

Public session closed at 7:32pm.

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1 To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 S85 (1))

Apologies were received from Councillor Turpin, work commitments, and also County Councillor Dean Ruddle. It was resolved to receive and approve the apologies and the reasons provided.

2 Declarations of interest

None declared.

3 Minutes of the meeting 7th September 2021 and any matters arising.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 7th September 2021 as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Cox.



4 Exclusions of the press and public

To agree that agenda item 16 is to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded, because of the confidential nature of this matter (in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 sect1(2)). A resolution to be passed by Councillors.

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5 County Councillors report

Cllr Ruddle sent apologies and was unable to attend the meeting.

6 District Councillors report

Cllr Tucker gave a short verbal report. Waste collections are improving to date.

The Planning Service are much improved. A slight change in approach with regards to the phosphate issue has resulted in more planning applications reaching a conclusion.

Area North Committee - No announcements to report. Concerns had been raised previously regarding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Area North having met with a member of the public and an enforcement officer.

Changes due to the progression towards a Unitary council will be significant. The transition is unlikely to go smoothly, as staff are being deployed in different directions. Cllr Tucker will continue to represent Long Sutton Parish Council as best as possible.

Cllrs Cox and Stoddart-Stones are attending a conference with the Clerk, to receive further information regarding Unitary council.

7 Planning Applications:

7.1 New Planning Applications received:

Application: 21/02868/DPO Application to discharge a Section 52 Agreement between Yeovil District council and James Valentine Edwards and Barbara Edwards relating to approval 831085 for the conversion of garage and outbuilding at Long Sutton House into a granny flat. The Coach House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LZ

It was resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

Application: 21/02880/HOU Erection of a three bay, two storey garage. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

The meeting was suspended at 7:40 pm, to permit members of the public attending the meeting to comment on this planning application.

Six members of the public spoke and the following reasons for objection were provided:



- Size and scale of the building. Concern regarding future purpose of the structure, and that change of use will follow if planning permission granted.
- Installation of an electric car charging point seems absurd after clearing trees.
- No turning circle, and cars specified in the application are not able to gain access the garage.
- The current garage and work shop has no planning permission but is clearly used for residential purposes.
- Disproportionately large for proposed purpose. Why is a two storey building required?
- Request for a planning consideration for the garage to be restricted to storage and garage only and not permitting any residential usage.
- There are no plans of the proposed second storey, to view on the SSDC planning portal.
- Why is there a planning application for this structure, when other building activity on the site has no permission?
- Concern regarding light pollution.
- Concern that structure will easily be converted to be residential.

A question was raised: has a response been received from SSDC Enforcement Officer? Cllr Cox confirmed, and that the Enforcement Office had not been informed about this planning application.

The meeting resumed at 7:52pm

The Parish Council discussed the planning application.

- Justification of need.
- Two vehicles stated as requiring garage space do not fit into the garage.
- Electric charging point installation is respected but the Parish Council is disappointed at the volume of tree felling that has taken place.
- Size and scale, and the location is in close proximity to the boundary of the neighbouring property. This will infringe on the privacy of the neighbours.
- The garage is located so far away from the property it is intended to support.
- The planning application form states 'no' to proposals that involve changes to trees, hedges etc. This is true for the application at this time but does not refer to the large scale clearance of trees and greenery that occurred on the site last year.

The main objections are need, scale, size, and light. Cllr Cox to work with the clerk to respond to the planning application.

It was resolved to object to the planning application for the reasons stated.



7.2 Update on ongoing planning applications:

Application: 21/02506/HOU Raise the height of the roof to create habitable accommodation. Crouds Corner, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. The applicant attended and briefly spoke regarding the plans for the property. It was resolved to support this application. Application permitted with conditions 16/09/2021.

Application: 21/02663/HOU First floor and ground floor extensions together with internal alterations. Starney, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Application permitted with conditions 23/09/2021.

Application 21/00054/REM: Land South of Bineham City Cottage, Bineham Lane, Long Sutton. Reserved Matters application following Outline approval of 19/02283/OUT. Awaiting decision.

Application 21/00069/HOU The Old Forge, Cross Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LR. Erection of Detached Oak Framed Garage. Awaiting decision.

Application 21/00137/FUL: Land adjacent to Knightlands, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. The erection of a new dwelling, car port and vehicle access. Awaiting decision.

Application: 21/02287/COL Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land as residential curtilage. 1 Rowley Cottages, Hermitage Road, Long Sutton TA10 9NP. Awaiting decision.

8 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee (VH&RGC)

8.1 Matters brought forward by the committee.

The VH&RGC have reached an agreement with the Long Sutton Cricket Club (LSCC) regarding the rent for the next five years.

There will be new guttering fitted. The new fire escape doors are being fitted this week.

8.2 Grant funding request Long Sutton Cricket Club (LSCC).

The LSCC have requested a grant of £1250 to assist towards the upgrade of the cricket nets. It was proposed that the grant to be awarded in full.

It was resolved to award the full amount of the grant requested, of £1250.

9 Long Sutton Parish Council Green Charter.

An update provided by Cllr Stoddart-Stones and Cllr Ward proposed a one page Green Charter for Long Sutton Parish Council, that looked at educating and signposting rather than stating desirable outcomes that may not be meaningful to the parish.



It is important that the Parish Council is sufficiently resourced if a project was proposed. It was felt that part of the Parish Council role is to signpost the community to any information available.

10 **Finance**

10.1 **To approve balances and accounts for payment.**

Payments October 2021	Credit £	Debit £	Balance £
Balance b/fwd from September meeting			32,246.06
Howe Tree Surgery materials		18.00	
Village shop rent	750.00		
SSE Fits Income	921.97		
	1671.97	18.00	1653.97
Balance agreed to statement dated 30 th September 2021			33,900.03
Payments October 2021			
Clerk salary (Sept 2021)		333.27	
Howe Tree Surgery (CWS)		892.50	
HMRC re clerk's salary (Sept)		83.20	
Timeback accounts payroll (Sept)		5.00	
Bank charges 4 June 2021 to 3 September 2021		18.00	
Somerton Town Council printing		7.20	
		1339.17	-1339.17
Balance after October payments			32,560.86

It was resolved to approve the payments as listed above.

11 **Review of Press and Media Policy**

The Press and Medial Policy was previously distributed to Councillors, with no proposed amendments. It was resolved that the tabled Press and Medial Policy be adopted.

12 **Representative reports and any other matters regarding:**

12.1 **Community Safety**

12.1.1 **Monthly Crime Statistics from the Police.uk website**

No report received. The Police.uk website shows two incidents reported for August 2021.

12.2 **Community Warden Scheme (CWS).**

An application for pollarding of the lime trees has been submitted. An ash tree in Peace Lane needs to be taken down, which the lengthsman will fit into his normal programme of works. Dry conditions are required for addressing weeds in Knole, this is also on the programme of works. Now that grass cutting has almost finished for this year, the lengthsman is waiting for the footpath maintenance schedule to be finalised.



12.3 Highways and footpaths.

The Clerk is to follow up with Cllr Turpin, regarding the hedge in Knole discussed at the July meeting.

12.3.1 Update from Councillors regarding footpaths.

The stiles within the parish boundary that require maintenance, have been detailed on a map provided by Cllr Stoddart-Stones, with the most urgent ones highlighted. The Parish Council will continue with the support of local landowners to achieve the priorities. Installation of a Bristol gate where appropriate but mend the stile if possible.

The landowner at Hammock Drove will install a Bristol gate if the Parish Council will make a contribution.

13 Other correspondence not previously distributed:

None

14 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7:30pm in the committee room at the village hall. The room is smaller than the hall and it would be helpful if members of the public attending would notify the clerk to ensure sufficient space available.

15 Items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

Meeting closed at 8:31pm. The In Camera agenda item commenced at 8:31pm.

16 In Camera agenda item

Freedom of information (FOI) request received. Discussing the response, and redacted information in connection with the Data Protection Act 2018, and GDPR guidelines.

The Clerk distributed copies of the FOI request received. A complaint had also been received, a copy of which was distributed for information only.

The Clerk has acknowledged receipt of the FOI and a response is due by 18th October 2021. Councillors confirmed that the only emails that they had received were those from the Clerk, regarding the subject of the FOI.

The Clerk is to compile the content of emails into one document, as per advice recently received. No charge can be made for the response to the FOI, but it was further advised to note the amount of officer time involved in collating the response and the financial impact, at the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:47pm.

END OF MINUTES