

Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting
3 November 2020 7:30pm
via the virtual platform Zoom

Present: Councillors: Mr T Brand, Mr C Dowse, Mr R Fell, Mrs G Marffy, Mr N Rousell, Mr G Stoddart-Stones, Mr M Turpin

South Somerset District (SSDC) Councillor Gerard Tucker

Apologies

Councillors Mr G R Cox, Mrs R Coombes and Somerset County Council (SCC) Councillor Dean Ruddle

On 4th April 2020, the Government introduced The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 to allow local councils to meet remotely.

There were no members of the public present

The meeting opened at 7:36 pm.

1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr G R Cox, Mrs R Coombes, previous commitments. It was resolved to accept the apologies.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting 6 October 2020

It was resolved that the minutes are a true record of the meeting held on 6 October 2020 and will be duly signed by Cllr Brand when the Parish Council next meets in person.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None

5 County Councillors Report

Cllr Ruddle had nothing to report and had submitted apologies.

6 District Councillors Report

Cllr Tucker confirmed that there was no Area North in last month, and no input from him requested for planning applications. It was noted that the recent appeal for the planning at Long Sutton Farm House had been dismissed

The authority review of the Environment strategy is now approved by SSDC, which does not take into account that SSDC is agricultural land but at least there is a strategy. The Climate Emergency strategy went through Scrutiny to the District Executive this week. The four district councils are working well together. SSDC acknowledges the Stronger Somerset approach. Local planning reform paper makes for heavy reading, and Cllr Tucker is concerned about the outcome – Parish Councils as local areas will not have much say in future planning.

The authority is busy addressing COVID-19 support with housing and homelessness support.

7 Planning Applications

7.1. **New planning applications received**

Application: 20/01868/COU Land adj Orchard House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Change of use of adjoining land to extension of residential garden.

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

Cllr Stoddart-Stones gave a demonstration of the planning application displayed using Parish Online, and detailed the benefits of using the digital mapping system. There is also a link to the application on the SSDC planning website.

7.2. **Update on planning applications received if applicable.**

Application 19/03433/LBC. Thatch Cottage Hermitage Road. Erection of two storey rear extension. Awaiting decision.

Application: 20/01884/S73A Stuckey's House, The Green, Long Sutton TA10 9HS. Vary condition 2 of approval 17/01479/FUL to install smart heritage windows instead of crittal. Awaiting decision

Application: 20/02036/S16 Stuckey's House, The Green, Long Sutton TA10 9HS. Vary condition 2 of approval 17/01489/LBC to install smart heritage windows instead of crittal. Awaiting decision.

Application 20/02178/HOU Linhay Martock Road, Long Sutton. Part demolition of boundary wall to provide a widened vehicular access. Permitted with conditions (19/10/2020).

Appeal APP/R3325/W/20/3253440 re application 19/03022/HOU Long Sutton Farm House Martock Road. Erection of a garden shed. Appeal Dismissed (09/10/2020).

8 The Great Parish Tree Giveaway

The scheme was discussed, and a couple of locations suggested, one of which is the edge of the field at the Recreation Ground. The trees obtained in February have thrived in one particular location. Cllr Stoddart-Stones to submit an application to the scheme.

9 Village Hall and Recreation Ground (VH&RGC)

9.1 Matters brought forward by the committee. The village hall will need to shut again, during Lockdown 2. Blood donor service will continue (essential service) and also the Community Payback.

The robot vacuuming and mopping device is working really well, the intention is to try it both in the school and church.

9.2 Proposed refurbishment of the Village Hall by the Management Committee.

The Village Hall and Recreational Ground Management Committee are seeking permission from the Parish Council as trustee to go ahead with applying for grants for a refurbishment programme. This programme will include replacing the heaters, installing a ground source heat pump (approx. £8000), replacing the lights with LED (approx. £2000). The committee are to submit an application to the Somerset Climate Fund, as discussed at the last meeting and other sources of money. It was resolved to support going ahead with applications for funding.

10 To review Council policies

It was resolved to approve the reviewed Press and Media policy as reviewed.

11 Finance

11.1 Payments to be agreed.

It was resolved to agree the payments as listed below

Details	Credit	Debit	balance
Balance brought forward for November 2020 meeting			£29965.65
Balance agreed to 31 October statement 070			£29965.65
Accounts for payment November 2020			
Clerk salary (October)		£333.27	
Clerk salary extra payment due to tax code change		£58.80	
Howe Tree Surgery (CWS)		£656.25	
HMRC re clerk salary (October)		£24.60	
Timeback accounts payroll (October)		£5.00	
Grant to Village Hall		£2000.00	
Grant for Parish Newsletter		£260.00	
Grant for Christmas tree and lights – church		£250.00	
Total		3587.92	-£3587.92
Balance after November payments			£26377.73

11.2 To receive the spend to budget. It was resolved to receive the spend to budget up to 28 October 2020 as below:

Details	Spend to 28/10/2020	Budget	Remaining budget	notes
Clerk salary	£2875.02	£5000.00	£2124.98	
PC Admin	£182.78	£400.00	£217.32	
Payroll	£42.50	£60.00	£17.50	
Bank charges	£36.00	£72.00	£36.00	
Insurance	£565.68	£1300.00	£734.32	
Subscriptions	£274.92	£400.00	£125.08	
Audit fees	£315.00	£400.00	£85.00	
training	£30.00	£200.00	£170.00	
Community Warden scheme	£4593.75	£8500.00	£3906.25	
LSPCC newsletter and lights	£0.00	£510.00	£510.00	
Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	£0.00	£2200.00	£2200.00	
Grant (Toy Box)	£0.00	£1500.00	£1500.00	Provisional allocation to be confirmed subject to PC vote and business case
VAT (to be reclaimed 2021)	£194.79	£0.00		Not part of budget
Totals	£9936.52	£23242.00	£13305.48	

12 Representative reports and any other matters regarding

12.1 Community Safety

12.1.1 Monthly police report. In September there were four incidents, in Long Sutton village as reported on the Police website.

12.2 Community Warden Scheme. Cllr Fell is to meet with the lengthsman, to walk around the parish and to highlight areas that require and attention. There is a lot of litter about at the moment, worst areas to be identified and request to be made for Community payback team address the issue. Cllrs Fell, Brand and Rousell have also litter picked.

12.3 Highways. Cllr Rousell commented that the Long Sutton stone signs are looking a little tired and would benefit from tidying and planting of bulbs to brighten up. The clerk reported back regarding the HGV traffic in Upton. A positive response from a business in Upton who remind HGV drivers attending their site to use the approved HGV route. It was not felt that the suggestion of more signage, or even enforcement, was a reasonable course of action.

12.4 Footpaths. Reports have been received of the poor condition of various stiles on public rights of way. The 'Report it' facility on the Somerset County Council website is to be highlighted to parishioners again, via the website and the newsletter.

13 Other correspondence not previously distributed.

None

14 Date of next meeting. Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 7:30 pm via the Zoom platform.

Current guidance remains that the Parish Council will continue to meet remotely. Face to face meetings at the village hall will recommence only when the guidance allows.

15 Any other Business to be raised at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding the laying of the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.