



Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting

7th December 2021

Held in the Main Hall, Long Sutton Village Hall, 7:30pm

Present:

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

Somerset County Council (SCC) Councillor Dean Ruddle.

There were 6 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Public Session opened at 7:30pm.

There were no questions or comments from the members of the public (MOP) in attendance. Those in attendance who wished to comment on any of the planning applications to be discussed this evening were invited to comment during that agenda item. The meeting would be suspended in order for them to do so.

Public session closed at 7:30pm.

The Parish Council meeting opened at 7:30pm.

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

District Councillor Tucker forwarded apologies.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications 21/03130/HOU (is a neighbour) and 21/03416/HOU (is a family friend). Cllr Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/03130/HOU (is a neighbour).

3 Minutes of the meeting 2nd November 2021 and any matters arising.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 2nd November 2021 as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Cox.

4 County Councillors report

Cllr Ruddle gave a short verbal report. Elections have been confirmed for May 2022, for the new Unitary authority and Town and Parish Councils. The term will be a five-year term.



A meeting of a number of local Parish and Town Councils took place recently in Somerton regarding the consideration of forming a Local Community Network in the 'Heart of the Levels'. It was very positive, and a second meeting is to be held in February 2022

5 District Councillors Report

None.

6 Planning Applications:

6.1 New Planning Applications received:

The meeting was suspended at 7:36pm to allow members of the public to speak on various planning applications during this agenda item.

Comments regarding planning applications concerning Long Sutton House were made, including that building work is continuing unchallenged, and that planning consent previously granted has not been adhered to.

The meeting reopened at 7:42pm.

Application 21/03173/COL: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

The plans displayed on the planning portal do not represent an agricultural barn. Further clarification regarding the intended future use of the building, as the description does not represent what the Certificate of Lawfulness is requested for. It was proposed, and resolved, to object to this planning application because the description in the planning application does not appear to support the plans presented.

Application 21/3174/COL: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

This planning application was discussed at length. It was proposed, and resolved, that there are no objections to this planning application.

Application 21/03175/COL: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

This planning application was discussed. It was proposed, and resolved, that there are no objections to this planning application.

Application/21/03382/PAMB: Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

This application was discussed at length, with the key question being has the building been used as an agricultural building since March 2013. The view is that this has not been demonstrated with the following points raised:

insufficient evidence that the buildings were completed sufficiently to be used on the qualifying date of 20/03/2013.

Insufficient evidence of sole agricultural use.

Insufficient evidence of the nature of the agricultural unit.



Should the planning application 21/03173/COL be approved, the site location is in close proximity to this site, and use as an agricultural site could create noise, odour and fly issues contrary to Policy EQ7 Pollution Control of the Local Plan.

It was proposed, and resolved, that the Parish Council objects to this planning application for the reasons stated.

Application 21/03385/FUL: Long Sutton Golf Club, Somerton Road, Long Sutton.

The planning application was discussed, and a suggestion of putting measures in place to prevent golf balls landing on the main road, was made. It was proposed and resolved that there are no objections to this planning application, but an additional observation was to strengthen the mesh fencing to stop golf balls landing on the main road.

At 8:15pm the Vice Chairman, Cllr Stoddart-Stones led the meeting to discuss the following two planning applications as Cllr Cox had declared a non-pecuniary interest at the start of the meeting.

Application 21/03130/HOU: Long Sutton Farm Cottage, Martock Road, Long Sutton.

This application was discussed. It was proposed and resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

Application 21/03416/HOU: Greystones, Shute Lane, Long Sutton.

The agent spoke briefly regarding this planning application, and overviewed that the impact of construction against the listed building had been considered. This planning application was discussed. It was proposed and resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

At 8:20pm, Cllr Cox continued to chair the meeting.

6.2 Update on ongoing planning applications:

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

Application 21/00069/HOU. The Old Forge, Cross Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LR. Awaiting decision.

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

Application: 21/02868/DPO. The Coach House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LZ. Awaiting decision.

Application: 21/02880/HOU. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application: 21/02287/COL 1 Rowley Cottages, Hermitage Road, Long Sutton TA10 9NP. Permitted (08/11/2021).



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

7.1 Matters brought forward by the committee.

There was a meeting of the VH&RGC on 6th December 2021. The kitchen flooring is due to be replaced, with the lobby to be addressed also, funds permitting.

The car park is becoming increasingly challenging during school drop off and pick up times. Requests have been received to consider the marking out of bays in the car park to encourage orderly and considerate parking. This suggestion was discussed. The Clerk is to contact the contractor who recently marked out the disabled parking bays near to the village shop, for advice regarding marking layout, and a quote for the works.

The idea of a concrete table tennis table at the village hall was well received.

8 Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

There is a public holiday next June for the Platinum Jubilee, with consideration given to events that may take place within the parish. Events within the parish would be well received, with the consideration of the Parish Council to support financially via the grant awarding policy recently introduced.

9 Finance

9.1 To approve balances and accounts for payment.

Payments December 2021	Credit £	Debit £	Balance £
Balance b/fwd from November meeting			27716.84
SSE FITS solar panel income Aug to Nov 2021	1465.05		1465.05
Balance agreed to statement dated 28 th November 2021			29,181.89
Payments December 2021			
Clerk salary (Nov 2021)		333.27	
Howe Tree Surgery (CWS)		892.50	
HMRC re clerk's salary (Nov)		83.20	
Timeback accounts payroll (Nov)		5.00	
SALC Councillor essential training		30.00	
		1353.97	-1353.97
Balance after December payments			27827.92

It was resolved to approve the payments as listed above.

9.2 Parish Council budget priorities for 2022/23.

Suggestions for priorities are Green Charter project (£1000), grant provision (£1000), website and play equipment.



10 Review of the Complaints Procedure and Document Retention Policies

The clerk had previously circulated the current policies. There was a minor clarification within the Document Retention Policy, and the Complaints Procedure remains unaltered. It was resolved to accept the policy with the minor clarification, and procedure unaltered as circulated.

11 Representative reports and any other matters regarding:

11.1 Community Safety

11.1.1 Monthly Crime Statistics from the Police.uk website

No report received. The PCSO for Long Sutton has been in contact to arrange at time to meet with Councillors. A Zoom meeting was suggested.

11.2 Community Warden Scheme (CWS).

The lengthsman has addressed the lime trees and has advised having one of them surveyed and then monitored for further works if required. The culvers in Knole need clearing if possible, and to check other culverts in the parish.

11.3 Highways and footpaths.

The Speed Indicator Device is located on Langport Road for a few weeks.

11.3.1 Update from Councillors regarding footpaths.

The is focus to target one area before addressing others within the parish. The lengthsman recommends Bristol gates, where stiles and access cannot be repaired. Again, consideration of meeting the cost with the landowner 50/50, and the lengthsman assisting the landowner where required.

12 Other correspondence not previously distributed:

Christmas Community Lunch notification received, information available on the Long Sutton website.

The WEA event, Long Sutton showcase, was on 13th November 2021. An excellent event, which was well attended. A letter of thanks was received. A further request regarding the Gardening Club trophies, and where they could be displayed.

The telecoms poles in Ilchester Lane, Long Sutton are to be removed in due course as the cabling has been installed underground.

There has been a business rates demand received for the village shop. Cllr Cox to contact proprietor to discuss further actions.

Contact from a Knole resident regarding excessive noise nuisance. The process is to contact South Somerset District Council, which the resident did and reached a successful conclusion.

Correspondence has been sent to the dog owner concerning the Parish Council contractor who was bitten recently. The police have also been in contact and the matter is being investigated.



The local MP has been contacted at both his Westminster office and local constituency office with regards to a meeting with residents about some ongoing construction issues in the Parish. No acknowledgement or response to date.

The Clerk updated Councillors of a further Freedom of Information request received from the same applicant as the previous one already dealt with. A suggestion was made within that correspondence regarding dispute resolution, and it was resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the Clerk arrange to meet with the applicant to attempt have direct communications rather than via electronic communication.

13 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 4th January 2022 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.

14 Items for the next meeting agenda.

The cricket pavilion is likely to require major refurbishment works in the near future. This is likely to become a matter for greater community input. The budget and precept for 2022/23 to be agreed.

Meeting closed at 9:28pm.

END OF MINUTES