



Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting

2nd November 2021

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

Present:

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

Somerset County Council (SCC) Councillor Dean Ruddle.

There were 2 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

The Public Session opened at 7:30pm.

A member of the public spoke about the continued building works adjacent to their property. A discussion followed regarding what action the member of the public could take.

A member of the public followed up on comments made at the last Parish Council meeting and asked if a letter was to be sent to invite the local MP to attend a meeting with the Parish Council and parishioners to discuss building work locally.

Public session closed at 7:36pm.

The Parish Council meeting opened at 7:36pm.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Turpin, work commitments, Cllr Marffy, clash of commitments, and Cllr Coombes, illness. It was resolved to receive and approve the apologies and the reasons provided. District Councillor Tucker had also forwarded apologies.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is now the Chairman of Long Sutton Cricket Club.



3 Minutes of the meeting 5th October 2021 and any matters arising.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 5th October 2021 as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Cox.

Cllr Cox read out the draft of an invitation letter to the local MP to attend a meeting to discuss the building work locally. The invitation requires some amendments before it is sent out.

4 County Councillors report

Cllr Ruddle gave a short verbal report. The draft Structural Change Order (SCO) is still awaited, it was due to be published at the end of October. It is understood that some members have written to the Government to delay the proposed 2022 elections to 2023 to accommodate a full boundary review.

Adult and Children's Social Care spend was at £20million over budget, but £10 million has been used to reduce the deficit.

Rights of Way department is now up to 5 officers up from 1.5 equivalent, but it will take some time for the increase in staffing to impact on backlog.

5 District Councillors Report

None.

6 Report about the recent Town and Parish Council conference.

The clerk gave a short verbal report about the conference recently attended with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, which overviewed the Unitary Council implementation. The clerk attends fortnightly virtual briefings about the Unitary implementation, but the information becomes out of date very quickly.

The proposed elections in May 2022 are welcomed. Local Community Networks (LCN) will be of a similar nature to District Area Committees. There should be a greater opportunity for the Parish Council to facilitate more lengthsman work. One of the workshops attended at the conference highlighted the potential level of budget available to an LCN.

7 Planning Applications:

7.1 New Planning Applications received:

None

7.2 Update on ongoing planning applications:

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.

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. Awaiting decision.

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

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

8.1 Matters brought forward by the committee.

There was a meeting of the VH&RGC on 1st November 2021. The new fire door has been fitted but requires to be changed as the door fitted is not a fire door. The kitchen flooring is to be upgraded.

The play area repairs are not yet completed due to a delay in obtaining parts. Hopefully the works will take place early December. A question was raised about planting trees, but there is little land available to do so. The cricket club are now within reach of funding the replacement nets.

The hall usage in October has been fantastic, with some new user groups. It was recommended not to review the hall hire charges for the time being.

Thank you from the Parish Council for the continuing work with the village hall.

9 Long Sutton Parish Council Green Charter.

Work on the Charter has commenced, and the aim is to keep it simple but meaningful. Cllr Stoddart-Stones and Cllr Ward are attending a COP26 style climate forum in Somerton at the weekend, which is an excellent networking opportunity. Currently information gathering to establish who to collaborate with locally. Consider setting aside funds from the budget next year for a project. Suggestion of a Green Corner to the newsletter. Also look at how the website can play a part.



10 Finance

10.1 To approve balances and accounts for payment.

Payments October 2021	Credit £	Debit £	Balance £
Balance b/fwd from October meeting			32,560.86
Pro-Fit, village hall fire escape doors		2186.75	
Grant awarded to Long Sutton Cricket Club		1250.00	-3436.75
Balance agreed to statement dated 28 th October 2021			29,124.11
Payments November 2021			
Clerk salary (Oct 2021)		333.27	
Howe Tree Surgery (CWS)		892.50	
HMRC re clerk's salary (Oct)		83.20	
Timeback accounts payroll (Oct)		5.00	
Clerk expenses – print cartridge and paper		41.70	
CWS – weed killer and stump killer		51.60	
		1407.27	-1407.27
Balance after October payments			27716.84

It was resolved to approve the payments as listed above.

11 Freedom of Information Request

The clerk gave a short verbal update regarding the Freedom of Information (FOI) request received in September 2021, along with a complaint. Both the FOI and the complaint were responded to within timescales. It was noted by Councillors that the FOI took the clerk 16 hours, or two working weeks, or working hours to the value of £192.

12 Long Sutton Parish Website

The clerk had previously circulated a report regarding the parish website. The current website content management system is outdated, and support will cease from September next year. The current website provider has quoted a large amount to build a new website. A second quote has been obtained. After some discussion it was resolved that Councillor Ward will work with the parish clerk to determine a specification for a new website to circulate to obtain further quotes.

13 Representative reports and any other matters regarding:

13.1 Community Safety

13.1.1 Monthly Crime Statistics from the Police.uk website

No report received.



13.2 Community Warden Scheme (CWS).

The lengthsman has had problems with a nuisance dog locally which resulted in a contractor being bitten. The incident has been reported to the police. The Parish Council wish to write to the resident, and also to the police, regarding the incident. The clerk is to contact the lengthsman for further details of the incident, and also contact the local PCSO for details of the location of the Dangerous Dogs section to further highlight this incident.

13.3 Highways and footpaths.

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

13.3.1 Update from Councillors regarding footpaths.

Cllr Marffy has liaised with a landowner in Upton. There are four stiles that can be replaced with bristol gates. A request will be made of the landowner to order and install the gates, the lengthsman assisting installation, and an invoice for 50% of the cost of the gates to be sent to the Parish Council.

14 Other correspondence not previously distributed:

The WEA event, Long Sutton showcase, is on 13th November 2021.

A resident in Crouds Lane wrote to Cllr Cox with details of a sewage uprising as a result of recent excessive rain/storm water. Wessex Water dealt with this and have suggested installing a return valve.

15 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th December 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.

16 Items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

Meeting closed at 8:59pm.

END OF MINUTES