



## **LONG SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Additional Planning Meeting of the parish council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm, Long Sutton Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Cox (Chairman), Rousell (Vice Chairman), Pritchard, Rickards & Tulk.

**Members of the Public:** Approx. 40

**Somerset Councillors:** Cllr Stephen Page

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

#### **Public Questions and Observations**

*The chairman invited members of the public to contribute on individual applications as they appeared on the agenda, in accordance with Standing Order 3(h): The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.*

#### **MINUTES**

#### **24/148: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).**

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Kerley and Parish Cllrs Coombes, Greenfield, Ward & Wielgus.

It was RESOLVED to receive and approve the apologies and reasons submitted.

#### **24/149: Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **24/150: Planning**

##### **a) New Planning Applications**

Planning applications can be viewed on the [Somerset Council website](#) using the reference numbers stated below.

**i) Planning application: 24/00816/FUL** Land at Martock Road, Long Sutton TA10 9JS

*Proposal: Amendment to plans to address comments by drainage board.*

NR provided a summary of the application's amendment. There were no public comments.

Members **AGREED** to support the application with no comments.



**ii) Planning application: 24/02894/FUL** Plot Dairy Farm, Knole, Long Sutton TA10 9HZ

*Proposal: Erection of a self-build rural workers dwelling.*

NR provided a summary highlighting that the IDB have raised some concerns regarding surface water run-off.

An agent spoke on behalf of the applicant explaining that the dwelling is required as he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farmer and requires a home of his own. She highlighted the design terms, considered heritage assets and neighbouring properties. They are currently in discussion with the IDB about how to resolve their objections. The application is supported by Farm Appraisal & Farm Accounts which express a clear farm business need.

A member of the public (MOP) who lives adjacent to the site commended the application and stated his strong support.

Members **AGREED** to support the application but are mindful of IDB comments.

**iii) Planning application: 24/02918/HOU** Kingsmoor Cottage, Long Load, Langport TA10 9JU

*Proposal: Partial demolition and erection of a single storey side extension*

NR provided a summary of the application's amendment. There were no public comments.

Members **AGREED** to support the application with no comments.

**iv) Planning application: 24/02961/S73A** Solar Site, Land north of Tengore Lane, Long Sutton

*Proposal: Application to vary Condition 03 to adjust the proposed operational lifespan of the project from 25 years to 40 years relating to the Appeal Allowed Decision for 13/03053/FUL; Solar PV development including ground-based racking systems, mounted solar panels, power inverter stations, transformer stations, substation, deer/security fencing and associated access gates, and CCTV/security cameras mounted on free-standing support poles (Revised Application)*

NR provided a summary, and the chairman invited any comments. There was a feeling from some MOP present that the extension request was inevitable, and why not wait until nearer the end of the 25-year period before requesting the extension, as technology etc. is improving and changing all the time.

Members commented that it is already in existence and is a better option than developing additional land elsewhere. Solar panels on a roof would always be better. However, it is a well-



disguised site, and it does generate power and some level of income for the village, so it may as well stay.

GR proposed not objecting to the application, and the motion was carried 4-1 in favour.

**v) Planning applications: 23/02675/FUL and 23/02764/FUL Land OS 8370 Part Martock Road, Long Sutton TA10 9LU**

*Proposal: Amendments to the parking arrangements and amended drainage arrangements.*

NR summarised the history and highlighted the details of the amendments for consideration.

The Chairman reminded those present that previous comments would be carried forward and invited any new comments.

Concerns raised by members of the public included:

- the continued lack of information around run-off from sewerage systems, and the associated capacity;
- new additional warden accommodation and over-sized service & garden equipment stores/offices;
- the new nomenclature of 'almshouses' has been used but is unsupported by details of governance or the associated charitable status;
- the 'Georgian' style design, size and appearance of the proposal are not in keeping with the surrounding area;
- environmental concerns centred around the proposed removal of hedgerows, and the lack of a bat survey;
- the accuracy of percolation tests only carried out in one month of the year (the driest), rather than over a period of 12 months as per recommended guidance;
- the increase in rainfall in recent years due to climate change means that dealing with drainage and surface water run-off etc. is more important than ever. Proposed reed-bed style attenuation tanks will overflow directly into a neighbouring garden in heavy rainfall and require careful management (fencing, maintenance and disease-control).

The observation that the two applications should be considered as one new application was made, especially given the applicant's own reference to one singular site.

The county councillor present then responded to questions from members of the public with regard to the process for planning committee meetings.

After further discussion, the Chairman proposed that the parish council should continue to object to both applications and their amendments, and refer to the comments previously submitted in June 2024, but also include the new concerns of residents about water run-off, design & appearance and the effects on the community as a whole e.g increased traffic movement.



Members **AGREED** unanimously to object to the applications, giving supporting statements around the further concerns raised by residents.

**b) Updates on any existing planning applications.**

None.

**24/151: Date of next meeting.**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.**

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

**END OF MINUTES**