



Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting

3rd January 2023

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

Present:

Councillors: Mr G R Cox (Chairman), Mr N Rousell (Vice-chairman), Mrs R Coombes, Mrs A Ledger, Mrs G Rickards, Mr G C Stoddart-Stones, Mr N Ward, and Mr B Weilgus.

South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Councillor Gerard Tucker sent apologies (arrived towards the end of the meeting). Somerset County Council (SCC) Councillors Dean Ruddle and Tim Kerley sent apologies

There were no members of the public present.

The Public Session opened at 7:30pm.

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Public session closed at 7:30pm.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Fell. It was resolved to receive and approve the apologies submitted. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Tucker, and County Councillors Ruddle and Kerley.

2 Declarations of interest (Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e)).

None

3 Minutes of the meeting 6th December 2022 and any matters arising.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 6th December 2022(not 7th as stated on the draft minutes) as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Cox.

3.1 Matters arising.

Cllr Rickards liaised with the café regarding the 'extra coffee' suggestion from the last Parish Council meeting, which was well received by the proprietor.

Items for the newsletter include promoting the coffee morning in the Church on the first Saturday of the month, which raises funds for charity; Wassailing at a local cider farm; signposting residents' queries. Communication is to be a regular agenda item from February.



4 County Councillors report

None, no County Councillors present.

5 District Councillors Report

Cllr Tucker arrived towards the end of the meeting and gave a short verbal report.

6 Planning Applications:

6.1 New Planning Applications received:

Application: 22/03261/FUL. 4 Hodgehay, Langport Road, Long Sutton. Erection of a detached self-build dwelling and 2 carports for the proposed and existing dwelling.

After some discussion about the application, it was resolved that there are no objections to this application in principle. It is disappointing that there has been no consideration to Somerset Council Sustainable Development Plans for Housing, apart from installation of EV charging points.

Application: 22/03353/HOU. New Orchard House, Glebe Yard, Martock Road, Long Sutton. An erection of a single storey garage extension located at the front façade (North) of the existing garage.

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

Application: 22/03410/COU. Land OS 9687, Martock Road, Long Sutton. Change of Use of land from agricultural (Sui Generis) to C3 residential to enlarge residential curtilage of permitted dwelling.

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

Application: 22/03403/COU. Rowley House, Hermitage Road, Long Sutton. Change of Use of land to residential garden.

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

6.2 Update on ongoing planning applications:

Application: 22/02744/FUL: erection of one dwelling and associated garaging and landscaping. Land Os Martock Road, Long Sutton. Permitted with conditions (16/12/2022).

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

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



Application 21/03450/FUL: Land South of Greystones, Off Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application: 22/00002/FUL. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00872/FUL: Long Sutton House Shute Lane Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

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Application 22/00910/OUT: Land OS 1805 adj Ciderpress Barn, Knole, Long Sutton Langport. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/00911/FUL: Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/01197/LBC: Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/01845/S73: Land OS9687 Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9JS. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/02059/FUL: 14 Martock Road, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 22/02317/HOU & 22/02318/LBC: The Granary, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton, TA10 9HY. Awaiting decision.

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

7.1 Matters brought forward by the committee.

The next meeting of the VH&RGC is on 6th February 2023.

8 Capital Infrastructure Projects

8.1 To discuss the fundraising approach to both the Pavilion refurbishment and the Play Area refurbishment.

The fundraising working group met in December and discussed funding possibilities.

Tennis courts

SSDC are less particular regarding preferred contractors/suppliers to be used for the tennis court refurbishments that are currently being discussed. A quote has been requested from a local contractor for the refurbishment of the tennis court at the recreation ground.

Pavilion



A bat survey has been conducted, with further surveying likely to be required in May or June this year.

It is hoped to have some draft plans to display at the environment event at the Village Hall on 25th February 2023.

The funding working group next meet on 16th January 2023.

9 Website

9.1 To discuss the progress of the website to date.

The new website is now fully live, with the old website redirected to the new one. The old email addresses can still be accessed if required.

Contact existing parish newsletter to promote the PC newsletter. Notes to hand out at the coffee mornings would be useful.

10 Environment Plan

10.1 Actions for consideration.

The Environment survey is now live, with 64 responses so far, all electronic submissions. An alternative survey is being printed for years 5 and 6 to complete at primary school. A flier/QR code to be included in the weekly school newsletter, to encourage parents to complete the survey.

Headlines of the survey results would be helpful for the next Parish Council meeting.

The environment working group meet on Thursday this week.

10.2 To receive an update regarding the Environment Survey. See comments in item 10.1.

11 Finance

11.1 To approve balances and accounts for payment.

Payments January 2023	Credit £	Debit £	Balance £
Balance b/fwd from December 2022 meeting			29572.13
Village shop rent	750.00		750.00
			30322.13
Payments January 2023			
Clerk salary (December 2022)		333.27	
HMRC (December 2022)		83.20	
Howe Tree Surgery (December)		892.50	
Timeback accounts payroll (December)		5.00	
Somerset Web Services (hosting January 2023)		18.00	
NPB Utilities Ltd Water Leak at the Village Hall		1092.24	
Bank account charges 04/09/2022 – 04/12/2022		18.00	
		2442.21	-2442.21
Balance after January 2023 payments			27879.92

It was resolved to approve the payments as listed above.

11.2 To receive and note the spend to budget to 31st December 2022.

The spend to budget was circulated to councillors and noted to 31st December 2022.

12 Precept 2023/24 and final budget setting

12.1 To agree the budget for 2023/24 and set the precept amount to submit the request to Somerset County Council.

A budget for 2023/24 of £43,325 was presented, as discussed in the December 2022. It was resolved to agree the budget at £43,325 as presented. The precept amount for 2023/24 was set at £28,795, and it was resolved to submit the precept request for £28,795. The clerk will complete and submit the precept request.

13 To review the Parish Council Complaints Policy

The complaints policy was circulated and reviewed. It was suggested that the Parish Council logo needs to appear on the policy, as do contact details to direct a complaint to. Somerset Unitary Council needs to replace SSDC as the monitoring officer from April 2023. It was resolved to approve the policy as presented, subject to the additional amendments, and to review this policy again in three years' time.



14 Representative reports and any other matters regarding:

14.1 Community Safety

14.1.1 Monthly Crime Statistics from the Police.uk website

Last month three offences were reported, one in Bineham and two in Long Sutton. The clerk is to include the website link in the agenda from next month.

14.2 Community Warden Scheme (CWS)/Lengthsman.

The lengthsman to be asked to quote to remove the leylandii trees at the tennis courts. Cllr Rickards to research hedge planting after the removal of the leylandii. The brambles at the Old School House have been cut back. Issues with laying water to be notified to the lengthsman for gulley clearing.

14.3 Highways and footpaths.

There is a permissive path on the golf course which is not currently useable, due to recent wet weather. The right of way is inaccessible as a large ditch has been dug. Cllr Cox to investigate.

The water at Ilchester lane continues to be an issue. A possible solution could be to cleanse the adjacent ditch, which is not a Parish Council responsibility. The clerk is to research to establish an approximate cost, for Councillors to consider.

The pothole on Martock Road has been reported by Cllr Ward. Report in the newsletter that this has been dealt with and highlight to residents how straightforward this process is.

15 Other correspondence not previously distributed.

The clerk reported that the Internal Auditor visit for the current financial year is scheduled for 28th March 2023.

Cllr Tucker, District Councillor, arrived and provided a short verbal report. SSDC is winding down to Unitary Council in April 2023. Scrutiny Committee met and are continuing as normal. The focus of this meeting was to ensure that S106 and CIL monies due to be requested by Town and Parish Councils are clear. The investment program has been criticised, but some investments have had a larger than expected return. The changes in the budget and precept at SSDC have put the proposed Octagon Theatre refurbishment doubt. There is a budget deficit at SCC of £22 million.

16 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2023, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall meeting room.

17 Items for the next meeting agenda.

Communication to be a regular agenda item.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm. **END OF MINUTES**