



# Minutes of the Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting

## 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Held in the Meeting Room, Long Sutton Village Hall, after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7:30pm

### **Present:**

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

Somerset County Councillors Dean Ruddle and Tim Kerley.

Apologies received from South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Councillor Gerard Tucker.

There were 5 members of the public present.

**The Public Session** opened at 7:42pm.

Members of the public (MOP) 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.

Matters raised were a streetlight not working on the corner of Crouds Lane, and required hedge cutting near a property on Crouds Lane.

Public session closed at 7:44pm.

The Parish Council meeting opened at 7:44pm

### **1 To Elect a Chairman**

Cllr Cox was proposed and seconded as Parish Council Chairman for the coming year. It was resolved that Cllr Cox is the Parish Council Chairman for the next year. A declaration of office was signed.

### **2 To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 S85 (1))**

Apologies were received from Cllr Coombes. It was resolved to receive and approve the apologies submitted.

### **3 To elect a Vice Chairman**

Cllr Rousell was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman. It was resolved that Councillor Rousell is the Parish Council Vice Chairman for the next year.

### **4 To receive Declaration of Office forms from Councillors**

All Councillors elected unopposed have signed Declaration of Office forms and these have been received by the Parish Clerk.



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

None

**6 Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and any matters arising.**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by Cllr Cox.

**6.1 Update regarding the marking out of the village hall car park.**

Works to be scheduled in during a school holiday or a time of low usage for the car park.

**6.2 Update regarding the new website.**

The new website will mirror the existing site for page structure. It is hoped that the new website will be live by the end of the month.

**6.3 Any other matters arising from the minutes. None.**

**7 County Councillors report**

There will be a full council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A Highways Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) can be available for the village. The Chief Executive is leaving.

This term of office will be a five year term. There is a debate about the planning function of the new Unitary council and how localised that will be.

**8 District Councillors Report**

Cllr Tucker sent apologies.

**9 General Power of Competence.**

Long Sutton Parish Council are more than two thirds elected, with a qualified clerk, and resolve to declare the General Power of Competence.

**10 Appointment of members as officers as representatives or to existing committees**

**10.1** Village Hall. It was resolved that Cllrs Cox and Coombes will be representatives on the Village Hall Committee.

**10.2** Other Officers:

Planning: Cllr Rousell.

Highways and footpaths: Cllrs Fell and Marffy.

Accounts and payments scrutiny: two different members each month.

Parish website: Cllr Ward.

Green Charter: Cllr Ward.

Play area reassessment and refurbishment: Cllr Coombes.

**11 Planning Applications:**

**11.1 New Planning Applications received:**

**Application 22/00910/OUT:** Land OS 1805 adj Ciderpress Barn, Knole, Long Sutton Langport. This application was discussed, and it was resolved that there are no



objections in principle to this planning application taking into account the relevant Planning and Highways policies.

**Application 22/00911/FUL:** Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. This application was discussed, and it was resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

**Application 22/01197/LBC:** Barns at Ciderpress Farm, Knole Causeway, Long Sutton. This application was discussed, and it was resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

**Application 22/00396/HOU:** Charnwood, Bineham Road, Knole, Long Sutton. This application was discussed, and it was resolved that there are no objections to this planning application.

**Application: 22/00559/HOU:** Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton, Langport. The meeting was suspended at 8:12pm to allow comments from members of the public present. There were no comments, and the meeting was resumed at 8:12pm.

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

**Application: 22/00871/OUT:** Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton, Langport. the meeting was suspended at 8:17pm to permit comments from members of the public present. There were four members of the public present who raised objections to this planning application. The meeting resumed at 8:24pm.

The planning application was discussed. The discussion was concluded to propose refusal of the planning application with the following grounds:

With a perfectly acceptable existing access on to Crouds Lane, there is no demonstrable need for a new access onto Littlefields Lane that, if approved would open the possibility of urban creep into the open countryside.

The site map (RH-03) is flawed in that it does not show the full layout of the other buildings (both approved, not approved or not determined) within the wider curtilage of the paddock. This gives a false impression of the scale of over-development already taking place in the area

This application is fundamentally for an industrial use in a residential setting which must be avoided.

The size and scale of the development does not correlate with the space required for the suggested use.

The parking spaces are not required for the level of proposed activity within the development



The statement talks about training opportunities which by definition is another industrial or commercial use of the proposed development. This too must be avoided in a rural residential area

There is no mitigating phosphate plan which due to the low-lying nature of that part of the village should be a mandatory requirement for such an industrial or commercial application.

Service water and sewage issues remain in this part of the village and there seems to be no real plan to how these issues will be addressed by further development of this site.

There is no plan to manage the noise that will be created by the ventilation and cooling fans that WILL be required for such a development, this has been completely overlooked by the applicants and must be addressed wherever this type of development is to be considered.

Should the applicants feel a need for such a development to harness solar power into batteries, then there are ample other permitted commercial buildings within the curtilage of the site that could be used such as the “root store” or the “agricultural” buildings already on site.

It was proposed, and resolved, to not support this planning application, for the reasons listed above.

#### **11.2 Update on ongoing planning applications:**

Application: 21/03598/FUL. Land OS 5122 Bineham Farm, Bineham Lane, Long Sutton. Permitted with conditions (27/04/2022).

Application: 22/00400/COL. 2 Rowley Cottages, Hermitage Road, Long Sutton TA10 9NP. Decided (04/05/2022).

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

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



Application: 21/03186/LBC. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

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

Application: 21/03452/COL. Long Sutton House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

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Application 21/3594/HOU: Greystones Cottage, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

Application 21/03595/S73A: 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: 22/00670/HOU: 2 Tavenders Cottage, Langport Road, Long Sutton. Awaiting decision.

## **12 Footpaths.**

Maintenance continues, and repairs are ongoing.

## **13 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee (VH&RGC)**

### **13.1 Matters brought forward by the committee.**

A committee meeting to be held next week. The play area repairs have been completed.



## 14 Finance

### 14.1 To approve balances and accounts for payment.

<b>Payments May 2022</b>	<b>Credit £</b>	<b>Debit £</b>	<b>Balance £</b>
Balance b/fwd from April 2022 meeting			20363.14
Parish Pathway Liaison Officer expenses		59.50	
SSDC precept received	18450.00		
Allotment rents (FBTA)	765.00		
	19215.00	59.50	19155.50
Balance agreed to statement 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2022			39518.64
<b>Payments May 2022</b>			
Clerk salary (April 2022)		333.27	
Howe Tree Surgery (CWS)		892.50	
HMRC re clerk's salary (April)		83.20	
Timeback accounts payroll (April) & P60		12.50	
Clerk expenses		66.98	
Somerset Web Services (hosting April 20220		18.00	
ICO Data protection renewal fee		35.00	
Playdale play area replacement parts		1172.14	
BHIB Insurance renewal fees		668.86	
		3282.45	-3282.45
<b>Balance after May 2022 payments</b>			<b>36236.19</b>

It was resolved to approve the payments as listed above.

### 14.2 To review Parish Council bank account signatories.

It was resolved that outgoing councillors (Cllr Turpin) to be removed as signatories, and Cllr Rousell to be added.

## 15 Representative reports and any other matters regarding:

### 15.1 Community Safety

#### 15.1.1 Monthly Crime Statistics from the Police.uk website

A briefing has been received from the local constabulary.

### 15.2 Community Warden Scheme (CWS).

Grass cutting on the village green will be a challenge before the Jubilee, councillors to arrange a final cut just before the Jubilee weekend. The brambles along the main road need to be cut to tidy up the area.

### 15.3 Highways and footpaths.

The speed indicator device is on Langport Road, the foliage needs to be cut in that area.

## 16 Other correspondence not previously distributed:

A Freedom of Information request was received after the last parish council meeting which has been refused under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)



2000 because compliance would exceed the appropriate cost limit. Advice was provided by the clerk to the applicant as per section 16 of the FOIA 2000.

**17 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, immediately after the conclusion of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Annual Trustees Meeting which commences at 7:30pm.

**18 Items for the next meeting agenda.**

Meeting closed at 8:56pm.

**END OF MINUTES**