

Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council
Held at the Hall on Tuesday 5th July 2011 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms P Jukes (Chairman), Mr R W Fry, Mr N A Gould, Mr N E Pomeroy, Mr G F Marsh, Mr T P Shire Mr R C Vaux and Mr T G Cox. County Councillor Mr D Yeomans and 5 members of the public.

Public Observations/Question Time

It was raised by a Parishioner that the minutes of the last meeting had mentioned inviting Officers of Yarlington Housing to attend this meeting but no-one appeared to be present. He was informed that unfortunately Yarlington had declined to communicate directly with the PC at the present time.

Former Councillor Mr David Francis, confirmed his willingness to assist Councillor Tim Cox with environmental matters.

Apologies for Absence: Dr C J Greenfield

Report by PCSO/Police (if present) – There was no representative present and no report has been received.

1. Declarations of Interest

Mr Vaux and Mr Gould declared a personal interest regarding the application for a 15 kw wind turbine on land at Appledoor Barn to be discussed at item 6 on the agenda.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 7th June 2011 - (previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

Highway Matters: Mr Vaux said that he had reported the sunken road at Knole and he has been informed that the junction at the bottom of Hardings Hill will be resurfaced.

It was reported that the ditch at Crouds Lane is blocked. A letter will be written to the adjoining property owner. This will also request that the trees from this property which overhang the Lane should also be cut back.

A further letter will also be written to the owner of a property at Knole whose hedge overhangs the pavement.

SALC Councillors' Training: - The Clerk reported that that there were no vacancies for 11 July at West Camel only at Oake on 12th July and Burrowbridge on 2nd August. Mr Shire, Mr Gould, Mr Pomeroy and Mr Marsh said they would attend the session at Burrowbridge on 2nd August.

4. County Councillor's Report

Mr Yeomans reported on the present problems with regard to cuts in the National Health System and also regarding the Localism Bill from which he said a lot of responsibility could devolve to Parish Councils. Further cuts will take place but they will not be as severe as last year.

The four Community Recycling Centres under review for closure will continue operating until September at least under the present "pay as you enter" scheme. The rest of the Recycling Centres are free on entry but the opening hours have changed. The number of people using the sites has however fallen drastically, but the recycling rate at all the

sites is still nearly 80%. He said that Viridor are being helpful in investigating the disadvantages as a result of the cuts.

5. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pledger is understood to be on holiday and was not therefore present.

6. Planning

It was reported that the application for a garden shed at The Dairy House, Bineham Court has been withdrawn and the application for Change of use of the Cider Barn to holiday let at The Cider Barn, Little Upton Bridge has been granted by SSDC.

Application No: 11/00845/FUL: Land OS 0001 at Appledoor Barn, Langport Road, Long Sutton: Erection of a 15kw wind turbine (Amended drawings).

It was reported that it was decided to move the turbine further away from the hedge line in order to avoid the necessity for a bat survey.

It was **resolved** by a majority (2 abstentions) that the PC support the application.

Application No: 08/02028/FUL Long Sutton Golf Club: Application for new planning permission to replace extant planning permission 08/02028/FUL in order to extend the time limit for implementation. The erection of 2 single storey extensions to form a pro-shop and bar extension and

Application No: 11/02250/FUL Long Sutton Golf Club: Application to replace extant planning permission for erection of a 31 bedroom lodge extension to the existing golf clubhouse.

This is the renewal of two existing permissions.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the PC support the applications but that its request made at the time of the original applications should remain, namely, that all car parking provisions are made prior to the commencement of works so as not to cause loss of car parking during the construction.

Application No: 11/02305/S73 Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 00/02244/FUL to allow the hobby room to be used for the running of an internet business.

The applicant said that the application was as the result of a complaint by a neighbour. He said that SSDC are restricting the use to an internet business and confirmed that there would be some traffic movements.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the PC support the application.

Applications Nos: 11/02018/FUL and 11/02019/LBC Long Orchard, Langport Road: Alterations and erection of a ground floor side extension to dwellinghouse.

It was unanimously **resolved** to support the application subject to the provision of a condition that the additional accommodation is used purely ancillary to the main dwellinghouse.

Application No: 11/02386/FUL 2 Charity Cottages, Hermitage Road, Upton: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse.

It was unanimously **resolved** to object to the application on the grounds that this was over-development of the existing cottage and that reclaimed materials would have a lesser visual impact.

Yarlington Housing Group – Pre-application Consultation Documents Re Parsons Close, Long Sutton.

Councillors had been provided with copies of these documents by email and copies were also available at the meeting.

It was confirmed that SSDC and YHG declined to attend a PC led public meeting. YHG held their own public consultation meeting on 30 June which some Councillors confirmed they had attended.

During discussion concerns were raised by Councillors and members of the public concerning the following matters:

1. Parking: It was felt that each unit should include two parking spaces to reduce the risk of parking issues within the site.
2. Amenity space: Other than the proposed car parking, there should be no further loss of the green within Parsons Close to ensure amenity space is available to all residents and the character of the location is not lost.
3. Housing Management: The introduction of owner occupiers and the change of emphasis of Parsons Close from a retirement complex to a mixed use location would mean a mix of age groups and increased diversity and the resultant impact this could have on Parsons Close residents.
4. Tenure: It was felt that shared ownership was preferable to open market full value.
5. Local Connection: It is essential that the units should be available to those persons with a local connection to the Parish.
6. Planning Obligation: There should be a planning obligation to confirm the tenure of the housing and the provision of delivering such housing to those persons with a local connection to Long Sutton.

It was **resolved** that although the PC reserves judgment for the formal application, a letter should be sent to YHG regarding the pre-application consultation. This will be drafted for Councillors' approval prior to submission.

7. Report by Chairman regarding minute procedures etc

The Chairman asked if Councillors were happy with the present arrangement whereby the draft minutes are placed on the notice board and the website prior to approval or whether they should not be published until approved. It was agreed that the present arrangement should continue.

8. Standing Orders

Notification of a change to model Standing Orders was received from NALC. SALC say this is a minor change to SO 32b (Variation, revocation and suspension of standing orders) removing the 2/3rd majority and substituting a special motion the written notice whereof bears the names of at least (?) Councillors.

It was **resolved** that as the PC has not in the past submitted any written motions, that the change, which it is understood is not mandatory by law should be ignored.

9. Lengthsman Scheme

It was reported that Mr Foy has resigned as co-ordinator with immediate effect. It was agreed that he should be thanked for all his hard work. Mr Vaux said that he would act as co-ordinator in the very short term. Following discussion it was agreed that Mr Vaux would speak to the representatives from the other Parishes to see if they had anyone who would be willing to undertake this role.

The Clerk reported that she had heard from SSDC that they had not received an annual report and this was required before they could consider funding for this financial year. It was agreed to obtain information from Mr Foy in order that a report can be prepared.

It was confirmed that Parishes should be invoiced for materials used by the Lengthsman.

10. Finance

Reserve A/C	<u>£8151.50</u>
Current A/C	10307.79
Less A/Cs paid 3 May	<u>593.44</u>
	<u>£9714.35</u>
Lengthsman A/C	7672.11
Less Paid to the Lengthsman 7 June	<u>1868.37</u>
	<u>£5803.74</u>
Alcs for payment:	
Clerk's Salary for June (net) £275.82 + mileage £5.60	£281.42
HMRC Income Tax on Clerk's Salary for April, May & June	206.40
LS Village Hall Hire – Parish Evening in April	35.00
Lengthsman's salary + materials	2307.04
SALC Councillors' Training	75.00

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Fry and unanimously resolved that the accounts be paid.

11. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety/Civil Contingencies

Mr Gould reported that he would be meeting with SCC next week regarding Civil Contingencies.

He has met with Suptd Matt Ayres to discuss Policing, Neighbourhood Watch and other security matters. Somerton is going to have Response Officers and a car based at the Police Station. He said that when this is in place it will increase local policing and response teams to our community.

12. Parish Plan

The Chairman told Mr Sensier that she was sorry but the PC had not yet had time to look at the list of aspects which he felt required consideration but would do so for the September meeting.

13. Parish Website

Mr Sensier said that he had removed some pages from the website where information has not been updated for some considerable while.

14. Village Display

Mr Gould reported that no volunteers have yet come forward to help manage the project. Pre-application enquiries will be made for planning permission.

15. Affordable Housing

Nothing further to report.

16. Village Hall

The Chairman reported that the Insurance Company had now agreed to meet the claim for the stolen slides.

The bookings for the Village Hall will now be carried out via the internet. The Treasurer and Secretary are looking into suitable sites.

The large pothole in the Car Park is in the course of being repaired.

17. Correspondence

SCC Re Further Electoral Review for Somerset.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Leiston-cum-Sizewell TC seeking support for the proposal seeking new planning guidance to major developers. The Clerk was not instructed to respond.

18. Date of next meeting – 6th September 2011 at 7.30 pm

19. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting

Mr Pomeroy reported that the Insurance Company are going to cover the Church for lead theft.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm