

Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council
Held at the Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Ms P Jukes (Chairman), Mr T G Cox, Mr R W Fry, Mr N E Pomeroy, Mr G F Marsh and Dr C J Greenfield. District Councillor Mr S Pledger, County Councillor Mr D Yeomans and 10 members of the public.

In view of the fact that the majority of members of the public present were interested in the planning application listed at item 6 on the agenda, namely the erection of agricultural buildings comprising two barns and root cellar with ancillary walls and composting enclosures including solar PV roof on barn, hard surfacing and security cameras at Crouds Lane - Amended Drawings, it was unanimously **resolved** by the PC that this should be brought forward to item 2 on the agenda..

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Mr T P Shire, Mr N A Gould and Mr R C Vaux.

Report by PCSO/Police (if present) – There was no representative present.

1. Declarations of Interest

Mr Fry declared a personal interest and Mr Cox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application relating to land at Crouds Lane now to be discussed at item 2 on the agenda.

2. Planning

Application No: 11/02636/FUL Crouds Lane: Erection of agricultural buildings comprising two barns and root cellar with ancillary walls and composting enclosures including solar PV roof on barn, hard surfacing and security cameras. Amended Drawings. Correction of access location and amendment to landscaping.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the PC. Concerns were again raised regarding the CCTV, the proposed gate and the number of vehicles using Crouds Lane which it was felt could be avoided if the access was moved to the northwest corner.

The Applicant's Agent said that the CCTV cameras would be removed from the application and that they would be prepared to agree to a 5 bar gate instead of the solid gates originally proposed. The moving of the access was not however considered an option. Highways had not raised any objections regarding traffic but in order to try and allay concerns regarding the volume of traffic using the Lane, he said that they would be prepared to suggest to the DC that a condition be imposed that the barns and the associated land will not be used for commercial food production which includes such items as eggs, produce and associated deliveries linked to that activity and that no industrial use is permitted on any part of the site.

The PC then went into meeting.

Mr Cox left the room during discussion of the application and the amended drawings.

Mr Pomeroy again stated that he had no problem with any aspect of the application.

Although the majority of Councillors had not been in favour of the application at the last meeting, following discussion it was **resolved** that there was no objection to the application as a whole on planning grounds on the basis of:-

- 1) the CCTV being removed
- 2) the provision of a 5 bar gate instead of a solid one and
- 3) a condition that the barns and associated land will not be used for commercial food production or industrial use in the terms as suggested by the Applicant's Agent.

Permissions granted by SSDC:-

Application No: 11/02185/FUL Bineham Farm, Bineham Road, Knole: Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic storage and the erection of a double and a single garage (retrospective)

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.

Both permissions contain a condition that the development shall not be commenced until a programme for the management of parking has been submitted and approved.

Applications Nos: 11/02018/FUL and 11/02019/LBC Long Orchard, Langport Road: Alterations and erection of a ground floor side extension to dwellinghouse. Permission states that the use of the accommodation as a separate residential property, holiday let or any purpose not ancillary to long Orchard will require a further application for planning permission.

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

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 meeting reverted to Public Observations/Question Time

A Parishioner raised the matter of the speed of traffic on the A372 from the west towards Wincanton. He estimated that approximately half of the cars between 0730 and 0930 are doing more than 40 mph in a 30 mph limit and he suggested that there should be an automatic permanent warning sign. County Councillor Mr Yeomans said that these were no longer available as the road budget was insufficient to provide these in view of the huge cost. He said that there are moveable ones which can be hired and he would make enquiries as to the cost. He suggested that if the Parish had speedwatch this should be conducted during the rush hour.

The meeting then continued with the agenda.

3. Minutes of meetings held on 5th July and 9th August 2011 - (previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Stream at Crouds Lane (previously referred to as a ditch): The Clerk reported that she had received a letter and had a telephone conversation with the adjoining property owner who believes the stream to be the responsibility of the Highways Department. She will

however arrange for the trees/foliage on her property overhanging the lane to be trimmed. It was agreed that Highways should be contacted regarding the stream.

Hedge overhanging the footpath at Knole: A letter has not yet been sent to the property owner.

5. County Councillor's Report

Mr Yeomans reported that there are a lot of new radical changes being made. The main one being the implementation of a lot of electronic communications. It is anticipated that access to the full internal machinery of the County Council and its Departments will be conducted increasingly electronically.

He also reported on the County Council's major involvement regarding the NHS and the matters for which Local Councils are likely to be responsible in the future. To oversee all the tasks a new Health & Wellbeing Board will be created.

6. District Councillor's Report

Mr Pledger, having recently been on holiday, said that he had nothing to report.

7. Meetings, minutes and procedures

Following discussion it was **resolved** that minutes would in future not contain the names of the proposer and seconder of a proposal or the resultant vote unless specifically requested at the time.

8. Freedom of Information

It was reported that this item had been requested by Mr Gould.

9. Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk reported that the contribution of £1800 had been received from SCC and SSDC have now authorised payment of their contribution of £5,000.

The Chairman reported that the signed Lengthsman and Partnership Agreements had recently come to hand. The Lengthsman's Contract was due for renewal as of 1st September.

The PC unanimously agreed that it would like to renew the Contract for a further 12 months and the Chairman said that she would seek advice on the procedure that should be followed regarding this. The Lengthsman Contract states that he should invoice the Parishes direct for the materials used on their behalf, however, in order to avoid delays in his being reimbursed, it was agreed that LSPC would deal with the invoicing but this would in future be done quarterly.

10. Finance

Business Reserve A/C	<u>£8152.52</u>
Current A/C	£9116.53
Less Acs/transfers agreed for payment 9 Aug	<u>2193.42</u>
	<u>£6923.11</u>

Lengthsman's A/C	£3496.70
Less Pd Lengthsman 9 Aug meeting	<u>1494.00</u>
	2002.70
Add LSPC contribution 1 Oct to 31 March 12	1750.00
SCC contribution 2011/12	<u>1800.00</u>
	<u>£5552.70</u>

A/cs for payment:

Lengthsman – Salary/materials	£1021.00
Clerk's net salary/mileage	£281.42
Mrs P Allen – Printer cartridges/stationery	£47.96
Petty Cash to reimburse postage/telephone 57.05 plus float 30.00	£87.05
CommuniCorp subscription	£85.00

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the above accounts be paid with the exception of the CommuniCorp subscription. The Chairman being requested to assess the benefit of this.

11. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety/Civil Contingencies

The crimes affecting LS for July were the theft of a nameplate from a property in Back Street and a push bike was taken from a property at Langport Road. There was also 1 report of anti- social behaviour - Youths drinking in Shute Lane. In August an unknown person tampered with the fuel lines of a vehicle in Cross Lane and a quantity of metal was taken from Landmoor Lane.

Information has been received regarding the new non-emergency 101 number which is coming soon and a copy of the Strategic Policing Plan for 2011-2014 has also been received.

12. Parish Plan

It was suggested that a working group should be formed in order to consider the list of aspects put forward by Mr Sensier. As Mr Sensier was not present, the Chairman said she would speak to him regarding this.

13. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was agreed that Councillors would contact various Parish organisations etc to ascertain if they would be willing to participate in arranging a Parish celebration.

14. Parish Website - Nothing to report.

15. Village Display

Mr Sensier and Mr Gould not being present, there was nothing to report, although it is understood that no volunteers or suggestions regarding this have been received.

16. Affordable Housing

It was agreed that this item should be taken off the agenda; affordable housing being covered at the present time by the application in respect of the site at Martock Road.

17. Village Hall

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee were looking to put a Kick Wall behind the Tennis Court on the Recreation Field. Kingsbury Episcopi have one for sale in the sum of £1250.00. The funding for this to be provided from revenue from the auction. The PC voiced approval regarding this.

18. Representative Reports

Footpaths/Environment: The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a Parishioner regarding two stiles in Knole which are broken. She said that she had contacted Mr Sheppard the PPLO who has inspected these and is taking the appropriate action.

This Parishioner had also suggested that the provision of more dog bins, there are none in Knole, might encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs. The PC did not however decide in favour of the provision of further dog bins.

19. Correspondence

Community Council for Somerset AGM 20th September 2011 at 4 pm at Rich's Farmhouse Cider, Watchfield, Nr Highbridge.

SALC AGM & Area General Meetings Sat 24 September LS Village Hall 9.30 a.m registration.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Electoral Review for Somerset – Have your view.

SSDC Annual Meeting with Area North Town & PCs Wed 19 Oct at LS Golf Club 6.30 pm.

20. Date of next meeting - 4th October 2011 at 7.30 pm. The Chairman gave apologies.

21. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting

The present position regarding the Telephone Box in Knole was raised; the previous PC having decided in favour of retaining this. The Clerk said that no further correspondence had since been received.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm