

**Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council**  
**held at the Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr R C Vaux (Chairman), Mrs Y Aitken, Mrs J R Turner, Mr J A Foy, Mr C J Greenfield. District Councillor Mr G R Cox, PCSO Mel Austin and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors: Mr D C Francis, Ms P Jukes, Mr A D Jones and Mr S A Pledger. County Councillor Mr D Yeomans.

**Report by PCSO Mel Austin**

There were two reported crimes for the month of December:

Attempted theft of deer and theft of the all weather cricket pitch from the Recreation Ground.

A male has been arrested on suspicion of theft of property from motor vehicles and burglaries within the local area. He has been charged and the judicial process is now being followed.

A Parishioner reported on the increasing amount of high speed cars in the evening. More concrete evidence is however required by the Police in order to be able to take any action.

**Public Observations/ Question Time**

Mr Sensier enquired the PC's plans with regard to the Royal Wedding/St George's Day weekend and said that he would be happy to put any information regarding this on the website. The Chairman said that he would discuss the matter with some of the other Councillors.

**1. Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest

**2. Minutes of meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010** - (previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising:**

**Local Needs Housing:** As a courtesy, Mr Gould had provided the PC with information via email regarding his planning application for land at Martock Road. The Chairman thanked him for providing this. It is expected that the application should come before the PC in February.

**RNAS Yeovilton Briefing by Commanding Officer 25 January:** Mr Greenfield said he would attend if his diary permitted.

**4. County Councillor's Report** – Mr Yeomans was unable to attend due to a meeting at another Parish.

**5. District Councillor's Report**

Mr Cox reported that the Roundabout at Huish Episcopi should hopefully be finished this week. The recent weather having delayed its completion.

The Somerton Waste Recycling Centre is safe but those at Crewkerne and Middlezoy are likely to go.

He said that County have to save the same value in total as South Somerset Revenue Budget.

An additional £750,000 on top of the 2 ½ million savings is required to be made by the DC and some services will go.

The Offices at Kelways have now closed.

Area Committees are retained for the time being.

He said that it is highly unlikely that County will support the Lengthsman Scheme for the next financial year. SSDC will however meet the 3 years originally agreed and may also help to support the deficit.

He informed the PC that he will not be standing for re-election in May. The Chairman thanked him for all his help and advice and wished him well in whatever he chooses to do in the future.

## **6. Planning**

An application has just been received for the removal of existing conservatory and front porch and construction of single storey extensions, one with dormer window and first floor accommodation. Mrs Turner will apply for an extension in order that this can be discussed at the PC's meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The Forge, Cross Lane: Demolition of Conservatory and erection of a single storey extension. Permission granted by SSDC.

## **7. Lengthsman's Scheme**

Mr Foy reported that lots of jobs had been 65% completed by the Lengthsman due to the weather etc.

Other jobs requiring attention suggested by Councillors were the tidying of the trees adjoining and opposite the Hall, cleaning/painting of the finger post on the Village Green and the painting of the railings.

County Councillor Mr Yeomans having arrived (7.55 pm), the Chairman invited him to address the PC.

He said that the budget cuts have been fully digested and they are hoping to be able to cover these.

There is 23 million on the Local Transport Budget for roads.

On being questioned on Southwest One, he said that IBM had persuaded the Police Force and Taunton Deane to go on the same system. A lot of very good people are going to be lost due to the redundancies that have to be made.

He said that the Somerset Waste Board is trying to find ways of funding the Crewkerne Recycling Centre.

Regarding recent household waste and recycling collections, he said that every crew had been working long hours using every available vehicle in order to maintain collections in adverse weather conditions. He directed Parishioners to the Somerset Waste Board website for up to date information regarding collections etc.

## **8. Finance**

<b>Business Reserve A/C</b>	<b>£12148.72</b>
<b>Less</b> Transfer to Current	<u>1000.00</u>
	<b><u>£11148.72</u></b>

<b>Current A/C</b>	£963.58
<b>Add</b> Transfer from Reserve	<u>1000.00</u>
	1963.58
<b>Less</b> A/cs paid December	<u>1253.80</u>
	<b><u>£709.78</u></b>

<b>Lengthsman A/C</b>	11174.25
<b>Less</b> Pd to Lengthsman last meeting	<u>2000.49</u>
	<b><u>£9173.76</u></b>

It was proposed by Mrs Turner. Seconded Mr. Greenfield and **resolved** that the following donations/accounts be paid:

Churchyard Grass Cutting	160.00
Church Tower Lighting	60.00
Parish Newsletter	250.00
Mrs P Allen - Printer Cartridge	12.97
Lengthsman's invoice	1187.48

In view of sums already expended, it was also **resolved** that no further payment should be made to the Village Hall in this financial year and that reimbursement of the £90.50 in respect of materials used by the Lengthsman for the Village Hall should be sought. The PC also to be reimbursed from the Lengthsman's Account the £36.17 paid to Mr Foy in respect of expenses incurred.

#### **9. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety**

Mr Gould was thanked for the use of his employee's time in the clearing of snow/ice from footways etc and for the storage of grit.

Mr Tim Cox is also thanked for clearing ice off the Hall car park.

Mr Gould said that a form would be going out with the February Newsletter to try and identify vulnerable residents.

Speedwatch will be starting again shortly.

The stock of grit has now been replenished.

#### **10. Allotment/Farm Business Tenancy Agreements**

The Chairman reported that a tenant has requested a 5 year term agreement. Following discussion, the PC agreed that it was prepared to grant this if the Tenant is willing to pay the costs of preparation of the agreement.

Nothing further has been heard regarding security of the allotments.

#### **11. Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

**12. Representative Reports and matters regarding:**

(a) **Footpaths** - Nothing to report

(b) **Highways:**

Potholes can be reported on line via the SCC website.

Concern was expressed regarding the pavement outside Orchard House, Shute Lane. The Chairman agreed to speak to Highways.

(c) **Environment**

Recent overnight pumping at the Pumping Station at Crouds Lane was reported.

**13. Correspondence:**

South Somerset Together, the Local Strategic Partnership invitation to attend an event to consider changes to public service provision. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 18.30 to 21.30 at the Council Chambers, Brympton Way.

SALC Re: The Localism Bill - The Clerk distributed copies to Councillors.

The Royal British Legion – Encouraging individuals and groups to hold across the nation over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Poppy Parties in celebration of The Royal British Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was agreed that this should be placed on the notice board in case anyone is interested in organising such an event.

**14. Date of next meeting** - 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011

**15. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting**

The Chairman reported that he had been informed of dog fouling on the Recreation Field. He agreed to speak to the owner of the dog.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm