

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council
Held at the Hall on Tuesday 24th August 2010 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Mr. R.C. Vaux (Chairman), Mrs. J.R. Turner, Mr. J. A. Foy, Mr. S.A. Pledger, Mr. A.D. Jones and Ms P. Jukes. 11 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. C.J. Greenfield and Mrs. Y. Aitken.

Declarations of Interest

The following declarations were made in respect of applications to be discussed under Planning at item 1 on the agenda:

Mrs. Turner and Mr. Vaux declared a personal interest in the application concerning Charris.

Mr. Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application concerning 1 Cross Lane.

Mr. Vaux and Mr. Pledger declared a personal interest in the application concerning Land at Landmoor Lane

1. Planning

Orchard House, Shute Lane: Application to vary Condition 03 of planning permission 09/04205/FUL to allow use of aluminium windows and doors.

The applicant's Agent and members of the public were invited to address the PC. The Agent said that the application was only to vary Condition 3 of the planning permission to use aluminium windows and doors instead of wood and there was no proposal to change anything else. Regarding whether the use of aluminium would be harmful to the appearance of the building, he said that the building is 23m back from the road and it would therefore be difficult to distinguish. Grey aluminium is therefore felt to be in context.

One Parishioner felt that in order to know exactly how it is going to look a sample should be submitted and another was against the use of aluminium and felt it should be timber.

During discussion by the PC some Councillors felt that as powder coating can be in different colours both aluminium or wood could compliment the building. It was therefore proposed by Mr. Foy, seconded Mr. Jones and **resolved** by a majority (4 in favour and 2 against) that aluminium should be accepted subject to a sample of the colour.

Charris, Shute Lane: The erection of a dwelling and double garage and the formation of a new vehicular access.

The applicant was invited to address the PC. He said that the application still covers the same area but the dwelling has been moved a bit further back from the road in line with Charris for safety reasons.

Following discussion by the PC, conducted by Mr. Pledger, it was proposed Mr. Jones, seconded Mr. Pledger and **resolved** that there was no objection to the application. Mr. Vaux and Mrs. Turner abstaining, having previously declared an interest.

1 Cross Lane Cottages, Cross Lane: Erection of a single timber garage.

Mr. Jones said that the previous application had been withdrawn as the PC had felt there was insufficient data.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest he then withdrew from the room giving apologies for the rest of the meeting.

Following discussion it was proposed by Mrs. Turner, seconded Mr. Pledger and unanimously **resolved** that the PC object to the application on the grounds:

- (i) that the roller shutter door is not in keeping with the traditional style of side hung vertically boarded doors in a conservation area and
- (ii) that the felt shingle roof, which will be visible from the road. would also not be in keeping in a conservation area; the PC preferring to see tiles to match the existing property.

**Land OS 0063 Landmoor Lane Long Sutton Langport Somerset TA10 9PZ:
Erection of a solar array and attendant utility building alongside an agricultural storage building.**

The applicant and members of the public were invited to address the PC.

The applicant said that the application was probably one of the first for South Somerset. It covers 6000sq metres and would power LS House and ancillary buildings and generate income for other things in Long Sutton. There would be one agricultural purpose building and one utility building to house the transformer etc. He is seeking to employ two staff. Regarding security on the site, the applicant confirmed that the site would have 24 hour security.

Members of the public spoke in favour of the application, one as he felt that renewable energy was a useful contribution to the community and others, who were concerned regarding security in that area, were in favour of anything that could help improve this.

Among several concerns regarding the application raised by another member of the public was the siting which was felt to be in a vulnerable position and the possible increase of traffic on a dangerous stretch of road. The applicant said however that traffic movement would not change.

The PC then proceeded to discussion of the application conducted by Mrs. Turner. She said that this type of application was new to the PC and she felt that more clarification and guidance was required before a decision could be made. Among matters of concern which she expressed was the disturbance and danger to wildlife and animals grazing in the field from the solar panels.

Mr. Foy raised many matters which he felt required clarification with regard to items in the design and access statement and expressed his concern regarding the level of detail on the drawings. Among those matters he raised were the overall size of the site; it is adjacent to land shown to flood; permitted development has already been granted for a similar agricultural building; similar buildings were proposed for a site in Crouds Lane, however a different type of building is being constructed and the possible danger from the solar panels to animals.

He said that he did not want to see the land change from agricultural. He was also concerned regarding access to the site and the two buildings and the increase in traffic along Crouds Lane.

At this point both the Chairman and Clerk asked Mr. Foy if he would like the opportunity to declare an interest. Mr. Foy however said that he felt that he had no interest to declare.

Ms Jukes felt that clarification over the covering on the cable was required and whether there is going to be much change to the movement of traffic in the lane.

Mrs. Turner proposed that the PC objected to this application as it stood, pending more information and clarification. The applicant did say however that he would be happy to arrange a site meeting. Following further discussion it was **resolved** by a majority (Mr. Vaux and Mr. Pledger abstaining, having previously declared an interest) that more clarification should be sought regarding the application and that a site meeting should be requested with the Planning Officer and the applicant. It was also agreed that prior to the meeting on site a list of Councillors questions and concerns should be forwarded to SSDC. Mrs. Turner is to contact the Planning Officer.

2. Finance - To approve payment of outstanding accounts

The Clerk reported that the Audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2010 had now been completed without any questions being raised and that she had advertised the closure.

Accounts for payment:

Moore Stephens – External Audit Fees	£141.00
F J Locke & Son – Setting up Topper to Fit Tractor	£130.42

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr. Foy and unanimously agreed that these accounts be paid.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm