

**Minutes of Long Sutton Parish Council Meeting held at the
Hall on Tuesday 5th June 2007 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Mr. R.G. Sargent (Chairman), Mr. M.J. Willoughby, Mr. R.C. Vaux, Mr. D.C. Paull and Miss P. Jukes. County Councillor Mr. D. Yeomans and District Councillor Mr. G.R. Cox. 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Mr. C.J. Greenfield

1. Declarations of Interest -

2. Minutes of last meeting – Agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising -

4. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Mr Yeomans not yet being present, the Chairman invited District Councillor Mr. Rupert Cox to address the meeting.

Mr. Cox said that he was keen to support the promotion of the Parish Plan but would be unable to make the meeting to be held on the 13th June. He offered the services of his daughter to collate the information from the survey.

He said that he had been in discussions with Nigel Collins, SSDC Transport Officer, to find out how to improve the bus service in the area including the Nippy Bus and the Links Bus. Following a question from Mr. Willoughby, he said that both Bus services were pre-booked services and not a regular route.

He reminded the PC of the Planning meeting with Simon Gale, SSDC Head of Planning which he said was to be held at Pitney Village Hall on 19th June at 7 pm.

He also reminded the PC of importance to register a vote in the Unitary postal referendum and spoke of the recent localisation agenda meeting between District and County Councillors in Area North but said that it was his view that it was too early to discuss such matters as the issue of a Unitary Council had not been resolved.

He has a fund of £2,500 to be awarded to projects in the Ward.

He concluded by saying that the Cricket Club had volunteered to host the official re-opening of the Pavilion as part of their Vice-Presidents' match on August Bank Holiday Sunday.

It was agreed that the District Councillor's report should in future appear as a regular agenda item.

Mr. Yeomans having joined the meeting then gave his report to the PC.

He reported that the Somerset Waste Board is due for ratification by the County Executive sometime towards the end of July. Isis is also to be ratified at the end of July.

The approval for the new Heating Plant has gone through.

He said that there was urgent need to find a way of composting food waste and answered Councillors questions regarding the recycling of waste etc.

He also urged everyone to support Waterlinks and phone in.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow Public Question Time to take place in which Mr Taylor of Farrington House addressed the PC.

The Chairman then re-opened the meeting.

5. Filling of Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk reported that following the Notice placed on the Parish Notices Boards, there had been three applications for the three remaining vacancies on the Council, these being received from Mr. J.A. Ellerbeck, Mr. A.D. Jones and Mrs. J.R. Turner.

Following discussion of the applications:

Mr. Ellerbeck was proposed by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Mr. Willoughby.

Mr. Jones was proposed by Mr. Paull and seconded by Miss Jukes.

Mrs. Turner was proposed by Mr. Willoughby and seconded by Miss Jukes.

The vote taken on each individual proposal was unanimously in favour and the Chairman therefore declared that Mr. Ellerbeck, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Turner were duly co-opted onto the Council.

6. Finance

Current A/C	£5535.07	Business Reserve A/C	<u>£3684.26</u>
Add Outstanding Farm Business			
Tenancy Rent	148.50		
	<u>£5683.57</u>		

A/cs for payment:

Somerset Landscapes Ltd – Resurfacing Work to footpath at back of Cross Lane	£235.00
Mr. M.J. Willoughby – Gift to Mr. P. Ellis	25.00
Clerk’s Salary	590.00
Clerk’s Travelling	50.40

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs Anita Barton of 1 Church Walk expressing disappointment at the results of the work which had taken place to the footpath at the rear of Church Walk. The Chairman said that he would speak to former Councillor Mr. Harding regarding this matter before payment of this account was made.

It was proposed by Miss Jukes, seconded Mr Vaux and agreed that the other three accounts should be paid on confirmation from the Bank that the new mandate had been set up.

7. Planning

Formation of New Vehicular/Pedestrian Access to Farringdon House: The PC learnt from Mr. Taylor during Public Question Time that his application had been refused on conservation grounds and that he would be appealing against this decision.

A copy of a letter from the LS Stores & Post Office to SSDC Planning Dept has also been received objecting to what they understand from Mr. Taylor to be the recommendation by the Highways Department, that he should park his vehicles on the B3165 in front of the Shop as it will adversely affect their business.

8. Parish Plan

The Chairman said that a meeting to discuss the Parish Plan, chaired by Mr Steve Sensier, was to be held on the 13th June and that he would like to invite Mrs Judy Turner to act as the PC's representative. This was agreed.

9. Correspondence

Somerset Highways: Notice of Temporary road closure of A372 Ridley Hill, Beer Road, Aller Road and High Street, Aller for 5 nights 1900 to 0700 starting 25th June 2007 for resurfacing and associated works.

10. Date of next meeting - 3rd July 2007

11. Any Other Business

The three Councillors who had attended the SALC Training Evening at Seavington on the 31st May said that although this had been 3 hours long, it had been excellent and well worthwhile.

Mr. Vaux reported that there had been complaints regarding the noise from the Summer Festival held at Bearley.

He also said that the trees bordering Crouds Farmhouse were restricting access along Crouds Lane. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the owner of the property regarding this.

The meeting closed at 8.55