

Long Sutton Parish
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at the Hall on Tuesday 17th January 2017
at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Mr R W Fry (Chairman), Mr J A Ellerbeck, Mr P A F Godfrey, Mr M Turpin, Mr T P Shire, Mrs H Ibbotson, Mr D R C Agnew, Mr J Foy and approximately 43 members of the public.

Chairman of the PC, Mr Fry, opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He said that the reason the PC had decided to hold the meeting was because the current Parish Plan is nearly 10 years old and much of the information it contains may no longer be relevant. It was therefore decided that this is the time to revisit and bring this up to date to better reflect the views of Parishioners.

He then handed over to Mr Ellerbeck who explained the difference between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan. He said that a Parish Plan is a reference document drawn up by the PC and Parishioners can put forward their views as to how they would like their community to develop. A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document which is very time consuming and costs between £10,000 and £50,000 to produce. This is something the Parish could not afford and is not felt to be necessary for the size of LS.

He said that all households were given a copy of the Parish Plan when this was originally produced. A copy is on the Parish Website, SSDC have a copy and the PC hold a copy.

A PC Team will be going through the comments made and they will be analysed and the majority view will be put forward. Once the Plan has been updated it will then go to the PC for approval and will then be sent to SSDC and SCC.

The PC Team are responsible for the following topics:

Mr Godfrey: Communications; Development control & Housing; Public Transport.
Mrs Ibbotson: Community; Local Economy.
Mr Fry: Local Environment; Highways; Footpaths.
Mr Ellerbeck: Community Safety; Co-ordination and Preparation and delivery of the presentation.

Mr Ellerbeck then went through the present Plan topic by topic. Some of the actions referred to therein had already been addressed and others had not.

The floor was then opened to members of the public to put forward their comments and suggestions verbally and by email via the Parish Clerk at clerk@longsutton.org.uk.

The comments and suggestions received from Parishioners related to the following topics and discussion took place on each topic raised:

The sewerage system; the sewer having burst on numerous occasions in the last few years. The Chairman confirmed that Wessex Water have promised remedial action this year and the PC will be closely monitoring this.

Planning matters: It was said that the PC's comments quite often get ignored. A very positive meeting has however been held with the DC's Development Officer and Enforcement Officer and it

has been promised that the PC will in future get feedback from the Case Officer regarding the decisions made.

Development in the Parish/Affordable Housing: The need to maintain linear development in the Parish was made.

Permission was granted under an exception policy for development of the site going out of the village on the Martock Road, but nothing has happened.

There was discussion regarding the type of housing required.

Concern was expressed regarding empty properties in the Parish which could be put to better use. It was confirmed that planning permission has recently been granted regarding the property on the Martock Road.

Support for the Youth: It was felt that people who have teenage children should be encouraged to say what they feel is needed in this respect.

Unfortunately the Parish no longer has a Football Club. The PC is however actively trying to grant the Cricket Club some security of tenure in order that they can obtain funding to improve their facilities.

Lack of Public Transport: It was asked if a bus could be diverted through LS at least once a week for those who cannot drive.

Speeding/Parking Problems in the Parish. Speeding was reported in various areas of the Parish, namely the A372, Martock Road and Shute Lane. It was also reported that there are a large number of School buses going through the village, in particular Shute Lane where the road is narrow.

Parking problems were also expressed, with regard to the A372.

Policing/Community Safety: There was concern regarding the low level of Policing and it was asked if a meeting could be arranged with the Police in the VH. It was said that the PC can ask, but it is expected that we will be told that there is a lack of manpower.

Mr Ellerbeck reported that the Parish is going to have defibrillators here shortly; one outside the Village Hall and the other in the telephone kiosk at Knole. First Aid Lectures are also going to be arranged.

It was confirmed that the PC is only looking to update the Plan at this stage and not re-write it.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed that all the points raised would be taken on board.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm