

Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council
Held at the Hall on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors: Mr G R Cox (Chairman), Mr T Brand, Mr T P Shire, Mr C Dowse, Mrs E Elliott, Mr G Stoddart-Stones and Mr M Turpin. District Councillor Mr G Tucker and 9 members of the public.

Public Observations/Question Time: The Chairman said that any observations regarding planning would be taken later in the meeting, otherwise no other matters were raised.

1. Apologies for Absence: County Councillor Mr Dean Ruddle. He has however given his comments on the planning application to be discussed at item 8 on the agenda.

2. Welcome new Parish Councillor

Mr Richard Fell having now been added to the Electoral Roll, it was proposed Mr Brand, seconded Mr Turpin and unanimously resolved that he should be co-opted onto the Council.

Mr Fell being present and having signed an Acceptance of Office was invited to join in the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 6th November 2018 - It was resolved that these should be signed by the Chairman as a correct record following the amendment of "Me" to "Mr" in the second line of item 15.

5. Matters Arising, not covered by the Agenda: No matters were raised.

6. County Councillor's Report: Mr Ruddle was unable to be present.

7. District Councillor's Report

Mr Tucker reported that there has not been an Area North Committee meeting since September due to lack of business.

At Full Council, a report was received requesting that SSDC can obtain an overdraft to the value of £30m in support of investments. He said that he remains very nervous about taking our authority into debt, as it puts enormous pressure on ensuring that the investments are identified correctly and perform appropriately. He is also concerned and has raised this on a number of occasions, that the new investments identified and considered are outside of South Somerset and in his view not conducive in supporting economic growth in the local area. He did not support this motion which was subsequently passed.

He has been asked to input on one planning application in LS, the roof lights on a property in Knole, which he supported in line with the PC's own recommendation.

District Executive this month will consider a draft review of the economic development strategy, a draft of the strategic plan for the Heart of the South West Local Strategic Partnership and the business plan for the Waste Partnership which are quite involved subjects. He said that he has enquired again what economic activity is proposed in this Ward or adjacent Wards, which is sadly very little.

Finally, he said that the Chairs of both Pitney and High Ham have asked if he is to organise another meeting of the Ward PC's Chairs and Vice-Chairs and he asked LS's response to the suggestion which was favourable.

He reminded the PC of the NHS Consultation "Fit for my future".

In response to being questioned regarding his contact with the local Police, he confirmed that the Beat Manager for this area is George Flint. He said that the Police camera bike is also based in Somerton.

8. Planning:

Re-consultation - Application No: 18/02799/CPO: Proposed re-opening of former quarry including proposed temporary processing building and internal access track. Batts Lane Quarry.

The public were invited to address the PC and the matters raised in objection to the application related to traffic impact, environmental impact and acoustic issues.

The PC then went into meeting.

The Chairman read to Councillors the contents of the email received from County Councillor Mr Ruddle.

During discussion, matters of objection raised by Councillors included lighting, noise, dust, access and the hydrology and environmental impact to include wildlife. The sustainability and benefit to the village was also questioned as only two jobs will be created.

It was agreed that if the application is granted, there should be conditions regarding attenuation of dust, noise, access, lighting and no work to take place on Saturdays.

It was proposed Mr Brand, seconded Mr Turpin and unanimously resolved that the Chairman should draft a letter to be sent to SCC for the approval of Councillors, taking account of the matters raised.

9. Village Hall and Recreation Ground:

i Matters brought forward by the Committee

Mr Stoddart-Stones reported that matters are running smoothly.

A new Booking Clerk is required. The job has been quite demanding and they are looking at ways of improving this. The Chairman said that the PC would like to help and have an opportunity now whilst advertising for a new Clerk. The Committee would however like, if possible, to find someone local.

Another PC representative for the committee is required. Following discussion Mr Brand said that he would be prepared to attend meetings in a representative capacity but not to be involved in any active role. The PC's representatives will therefore be Mr Stoddart-Stones, Mr Dowse and Mr Brand.

ii Approval of Agreement between LSVH&RG and LS Cricket Club

Following discussion of the proposed Agreement, it was proposed Mr Shire, seconded Mr. Brand and unanimously resolved that the Chairman should sign the Agreement on behalf of the Trustee (the PC).

10. Finance: Balances and Accounts for Payment:

Unity Trust Account		37,668.91
Less Alcs agreed Nov meeting	615.81	
Pd out of meeting:		
PWB Loan Repayment DD	1,405.84	
Clerk's Salary (Nov) paid by SO	<u>300.00</u>	<u>2,321.65</u>
		35,347.26

Add SSE Energy Payment	855.53
	<u>£36,202.79</u>

A/cs for payment

CW's Fee for Nov £586.31 + Weed killer £20.00	606.31
Timeback Accounts & Payroll (£4.50 owing for Aug)	9.00
Mrs P Allen Printer Cartridges	69.00
Stationery	16.48
Postage 1 Apr to 30 Nov	<u>56.56</u>
	142.04

It was proposed Mr Brand, seconded Mr Shire and resolved that the accounts be paid.

Budget 2019/20 – The Chairman, Mr Brand and Mr Stoddart-Stones are to meet on the 11th December to discuss the Budget and put forward recommendations to the Council.

The Clerk was asked to enquire of the Public Works Board the amount owing on the loan and the amounts involved if all of the sum owing was to be repaid or a half or a quarter.

Review of appropriate Financial Regulations. Mr Brand said this would be discussed at the budget meeting next Tuesday.

11. Community Warden Scheme

The CW has been carrying on with the general clearance and maintenance required around the Parish to include some drainage work in areas that needed attention.

Mr Shire said that he has been in contact with the landowner regarding the stile off Crouds Lane which requires repair and he is aware of the situation and will contact the CW to assist when the work is to be undertaken.

The CW is to attend the January PC meeting.

12. Representative Reports and any other matters regarding:

- a. **Community Safety:** The Police report for Area North for November is 90 investigated crimes, 47 arrests and 21 reports of ASB. Enquiry is to be made as to the actual number of crimes solved.
- b. **Highways:**
 - i. **Traffic Calming:** It was reported that High Ham wish to know the actual costings for a SID and enquiries are in the process of being made.
 - ii. **Parking at the end of Shute Lane:** An email has been received from a Parishioner regarding the dangers caused by parked vehicles at the end of Shute Lane near the junction with the A372. Mr Shire reported that a negative response to support the PC had been received from highways and he suggested a way of resolving the problem might be to obtain no parking signs to fix to the wall, that is owned by the Quakers. The Chairman said that cars have in fact always been parked in the area in question for a great number of years. It was agreed that under the circumstances, there was little that the PC could formally do.
 - iii. **Update on other highways matters**
Mr Shire raised the state of the triangle at Shute Lane. He is to obtain a quote from M&M to resolve the problem.

The Chairman suggested that the ultimate solution is to do away with the triangle and tarmac the area.

c. **Environment:** SSDC's Streetscene Department are offering their Christmas tree recycling service again this year. The Clerk said that Mr Ellerbeck arranged for this to take place on land at the VH last year. She is to contact him regarding the same arrangements for this year.

d. **Footpaths**

Mr Turpin reported that he had been in touch with Mr Saint the SCC Rights of Way Officer regarding the proposed footpath at Hammocks Drove and there are serious gaps in the paperwork before they can proceed. They are trying to obtain further information from the Land Registry.

Mrs Elliott said that she has had no response to her enquiry regarding the footpath at Knole.

13. Correspondence not previously distributed - None.

14. Date of next meeting - 8th January 2019 at 7pm – The Chairman and Mr Stoddart-Stones gave apologies.

15. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting

The Chairman reported that he had heard, by way of the Agents acting in the matter, that last best offers in respect of the freehold of the Shop premises have to be made by the end of this week.

16. In Council: Recruitment of Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

The Public & Press and the Clerk were excluded from discussion of this matter due to the confidential nature of the business.

The Council approved the JD and recruitment process of a new Clerk as set out by the Chairman following a sub-meeting of Cllrs Brand, Stoddart-Stones and himself

The meeting closed at 8.50pm