

**Minutes of Meeting of Long Sutton Parish Council**  
**Held at the Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr R W Fry (Chairman), Mr J A Ellerbeck, Mr P A F Godfrey, Mr T P Shire, Mr J Foy, Mr M Turpin, Mrs H Ibbotson and Mr D R C Agnew. County Councillor Mr D Ruddle, 2 members of the public and a Representative from RNAS Yeovilton.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Mr G Farenden.

**Public Observations/Question Time:**

In view of comments made by the public regarding flying operations, a representative from RNAS Yeovilton was invited to attend the meeting. She introduced herself as Julia Wilde, the Community Relations Officer. She said that they had not veered off their regular route and there has been no extra activity. The Army has however had some intensive training activity lately. She also said that they cannot really investigate a complaint unless this is made at the time and she will send an email with details of how to complain. She took on board various suggestions that were made and said that she would report these back to Yeovilton.

The question of the missing finger signpost at Hardings Hill was raised. Mr Foy said that Highways had been unable to find this. The PC can adopt the finger signposts and make them an asset to the village thereby taking over responsibility for their maintenance.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman, Mr Fry, declared a personal/prejudicial interest in the Planning Application No. 16/04516/FUL to be discussed at item 5.1 on the agenda.

**2. Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016** - It was proposed Mr Ellerbeck, seconded Mr Shire and unanimously resolved that these should be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising other than those covered by the agenda.

**4. County Councillor's Report**

Mr Ruddle said that he did not have very much to report for the County Council. There is however a road closure in the Parish coming up shortly, namely Long Furlong Lane.

He reported on two planning applications which came before Area North relating to a nearby Parish.

On being asked if there was any news regarding a District Councillor he gave details of his understanding regarding the candidates.

Mr Ruddle then left to attend another meeting.

**5. Planning**

**5.1 Applications for consideration:**

**Application No: 16/04516/FUL Demolition of the existing building and erection of a detached dwelling with associated access, car parking, landscaping and ancillary development. Long Sutton Farm Cottage, Martock Road.**

Mr Godfrey outlined the details of the application to the PC.

The Chairman, Mr Fry, having previously declared an interest, left the room and the Chair was taken by Mr Ellerbeck, the Vice-Chairman during discussion of the application.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved by a majority (Voting 6 for and 2 against) that the PC support the application. It would however like to see re-use of the existing stone, particularly on the east and north elevations. The Planning Department is also requested to take note of the concerns regarding the sub-division of the plot and any unspecified ancillary development. In addition the potential future use of the remainder of the plot also gives rise for concern.

**5.2 Parish Development:** Matters concerning the Parish Plan are in progress.

## **6. Village Hall and Recreation Ground:**

**6.1 Claim Re Injury at Children's Play Area:** A claim has been received in respect of an injury sustained at the Children's Play Area. This is now in the hands of the VH's insurers.

### **6.2 Village Hall Maintenance/Other Matters**

Mr Ellerbeck reported that he had attended the last VHC meeting and had been slightly concerned when a suggestion had been made that the Children's Play Area should be passed over to the School.

There had been discussion regarding the fencing around the Tennis Courts and the costs of re-doing this.

As there is no Football Club using the field there is no-one to cut the grass and this is being looked into by the committee.

Mr Ellerbeck said there was concern for the PC as well as the VHC as to the way ahead with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the recreation field in order to keep it as a community asset.

The VHC are only guardians of these community assets. It was felt by the PC that all assets should remain as they are and should not be disposed of.

The Operating Instructions for the VH are clear and need to be read by all. Copies are to be forwarded to all Parish Councillors and VH Members.

Concern was also expressed that the Cricket Club, not having been granted security of tenure, there is a limitation on what they can do to get their new extra facilities and that some compromise needs to be found. Mr Agnew said that he is happy to speak to the Chairman of the CC regarding funding. It was also felt that a member of the CC should be invited to join the VHC but agreed that the matter should first be discussed with Mr Farenden the Chairman of the VHC.

Mr Ellerbeck agreed to remain on the VHC as a PC representative for a further six months.

The matter of signatories to the VH Bank Account was raised. It was confirmed that a non-PC member cannot be a signatory. In order to resolve this problem, it was suggested that, like the PC, consideration should be given to an electronic bank account. This does not however resolve the problem in the short term and Mr Godfrey, in view of his geographic location in the village, agreed to become a signatory to the account.

## **7. Finance**

### **7.1 Balances and Accounts for Payment**

Unity Trust Bank A/C

44899.69

<b>Less</b> payments agreed last meeting	<u>1262.48</u>
	43637.21
<b>Add</b> HMRC Reclaimed VAT	2150.02
SSE Energy Solar Payment	<u>1028.23</u>
	<b><u>46815.46</u></b>
<b>A/Cs for Payment</b>	
Clerk's Salary (Payable by Standing Order)	300.00
CW's account (Oct) to include Weed killer 19.50 and Mower cable 27.60	549.94
Long Sutton VH Reclaimed VAT	290.45

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

The Clerk supplied details of expenditure to date against the budget and reminded Councillors that the request for the Precept for 2017/18 must reach the DC by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. She also reminded them of the information previously received regarding the support grant.

**7.2 Loan Re Solar Installation at Village Hall:** It was proposed Mr Agnew, seconded Mr Foy and resolved that any surplus funds from the loan should be used to reduce the funds borrowed as soon as the 12 months are up.

## **8. Allotments/Farm Business Tenancies**

This is still ongoing.

## **9. Community Warden Scheme**

During October the CW has carried out vegetation management in the Parish. He has also planted daffodil bulbs in the triangle at the junction of Crouds Lane/Shute Lane. Weed killer has been applied to the tennis courts, around the skate park and multi-sport area and along some of the pavements in the village.

He has been asked to tidy around the War Memorial.

Mr Ellerbeck confirmed that the wreath for Remembrance Sunday has been ordered and he will pay for this and seek reimbursement thereafter.

## **10. Parish Website**

Mr Godfrey said that he is concerned that there are no back-up facilities for the website as Cosmic's charges were felt to be too expensive. In the circumstances however, he might be suggesting in the budget that the PC returns to using Cosmic.

## **11. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety/Civil Contingencies:**

### **11.1 Defibrillators: Housing/Siting to include BT Phone Box at Knole and Application for Funding**

Mr Ellerbeck said that after receiving advice, he proposed applying for two community public access defibrillators through Heartbeat Trust. 1 for Long Sutton and 1 for Knole and Bineham. He had prepared a draft application to the National Lottery Fund for £4600 to fund these, details having previously been forwarded to Councillors by email and which he went through in detail. He requested approval in principle to go ahead with this. It is proposed that the defibrillator for Knole should be sited in the telephone kiosk at Knole and Mr Ellerbeck confirmed that he has already registered interest in adopting this kiosk. Both the Knole and Shute Lane kiosks are on BT's list for removal.

There was discussion regarding the siting of the defibrillator for LS which included the telephone kiosk at Shute Lane and the School. The School was felt to be a more secure option but no definitive decision was made, some Councillors indicating that they would like to give further thought to this.

Discussion culminated in it being proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Agnew and unanimously resolved that the application for funding should be submitted.

## **11.2 Other matters**

No report has been received from the Civil Contingencies Officer.

The Police report for Area North for October was 111 reported crimes, 11 arrests and 22 cases of ASB.

Regarding Neighbourhood Watch, Mr Ellerbeck confirmed that he is in contact with Martock on a regular basis and vice versa.

There has been quite a lot of poaching around the area.

The annual supply of de-icing material to parishes, is available for collection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. The Community Warden is to be asked to collect this.

## **12. Representative Reports and any other matters regarding:**

### **12.1 Highways: Update on outstanding matters, to include proposed work to Village Green, Speeding: Langport Road and elsewhere in the Parish and Parking on the pavement at Langport Road.**

Mr Foy reported that he has spoken to Dave Grabham of SCC regarding the pole for the SID near Upton Bridge. He has been told that this has been ordered but due to a delay on spending between January and March and a back log of requests this is not likely to happen anytime soon. He said that he has asked him to carry out a speed survey. He has also asked for a speed survey to be carried out at Martock Road.

He also reported that he has now heard from Chris Weeks of Highways that the back edging to define the boundary between the highway and the village green is booked for next week. The PC have then to install suitable style bollards. The physical works are expected to be carried out prior to Christmas. Mr Foy is to go back to Chris Weeks to seek advice regarding suitable bollards and to enquire what they would charge for installing these.

Regarding parking on the pavement at Langport Road, it was confirmed that this has been reported to the Police and they have visited.

A Parishioner has raised the matter of the sign which has been placed on the triangle at the bottom of Hardings Hill which is restricting the view.

It was also reported that a street light at the junction of Shute Lane/Crouds Lane is not working. Mr Foy said that anyone can report a faulty street light and he would provide Councillors with the contact details.

SCC have said that they have received an application for the closure of Long Furlong Lane from the 14<sup>th</sup> November which is expected to last for 1 week to enable excavation for sewer connection works to take place.

## **12.2 Footpaths**

Mr Turpin reported that there is now a website on which you can report problems regarding stiles, footpaths, bridges etc.

### **12.3 Environment**

Mr Shire reported that he picked up the two new notice boards a couple of days ago and will treat these. They are going to have keys and he will have some cut. Hopefully the Community Warden will be able to put these up in the next couple of weeks.

### **13. Correspondence**

A report has been received regarding the Somerton/Langport Rail meeting.

SSDC have provided details of their printing services.

The Sing for Somerset Carol Service will be held at Wells Cathedral on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7pm.

### **14. Date of next meeting** - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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

It was reported that enquiry had been made as to whether the Village Shop is still registered as a community asset. Following investigation, it was confirmed that as it was sold as a going concern, it is still registered.

It was suggested that the telephone box in Knole should also be registered as a community asset.

The meeting closed at 10pm