

**Meeting of the Longcot Parish Council
on 17 November 2022 at 7pm
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot**

Present

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich and Tina Brock, Clerk.

121/22 Apologies for Absence.

John Barneby (prior commitment), Nathan Boyd (work commitment), DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment) and DC Simon Howell (prior commitment). Council resolved to approve these apologies.

122/22 Variance of business. None.

123/22 Declarations of interests. None.

124/22 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 1 September 2022.

Council resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

125/22 Matters arising from the minutes. None.

126/22 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

127/22 Report from County Councillor. None.

128/22 Report from District Councillor.

DC Ware submitted a written report.

Cost of Living – There is a range of information on the Vale website which is aimed to help those residents who are struggling to pay their bills and cope with the increased cost of living. Information includes Financial and Housing support and how to reduce your energy and costs. Go to: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/costoflivinghelp

Homes for Ukraine for general Ukraine queries please go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ukraine

Telephone helpline 01865 966444 Open 0845am-5pm Monday to Friday closed weekends and bank holidays

Email: ukraineresponse@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For general queries, housing and community support in the Vale go to www.whitehorsedcc.gov.uk/ukraine

Telephone helpline 01235 422600 Option 1 Open 0830am-5pm Monday to Thursday 0830am – 4.30pm Friday closed weekends and bank holidays

Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Planning

The number of planning applications for our Ward villages continues to rise. Details for each Parish may be found on the Vale website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning

Amongst the many applications that have been submitted is one for the change of use of land at Windmill View in Watchfield for the siting of 27 mobile homes, 26 touring caravans, 9 utility rooms and 15 dayrooms.

There are three Reserved Matters applications in Shrivenham that are still awaiting determination. These relate to Phase 2 of the Cross Trees Park development on Highworth Road. The Vale has received amendments from the developer, and these are subject to further consultation. Once comments have been received these will be considered as part of the determination process.

It was encouraging to receive notification that the new primary school planning application had been granted. Unfortunately, the expected delivery date of the new school has been delayed from the scheduled September 2023 to February 2024. This is extremely disappointing, and it is hoped that there will not be any further delays to the operational opening date.

The Vale has published an interactive webpage for the Call for Land and Buildings available for change as part of the Joint Local Plan 2041. Details may be found on the Vale website for the Joint Local Plan 2041. There are a number of sites that have been submitted for the Watchfield & Shrivenham Ward.

Planning Appeals

A date has been set for the public appeal hearing that has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for 26 dwellings on Townsend Road in Shrivenham on the grounds of non-

determination within the specified timescale. The hearing will be heard on 24 January 2023 (with 25 reserved if needed) the time and venue to be advised.

An appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for the application of five self-build dwellings on land at the rear of Swiss Cottage Faringdon Road Shrivenham. The grounds for the appeal are based on the reasons for refusal by the Vale. The appellant has requested that the appeal be held in public at a formal hearing. Date, time, and venue to be advised.

The appeal submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for a two-storey side extension to Acorn Cottage The Green Longcot has been dismissed.

An appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the refusal to erect a porch canopy at Silver Trees Fernham. The appellant has requested that the appeal be dealt with by written representations.

Council Meeting – The next full Council meeting will be held at The Beacon Wantage on Wednesday 7 December. The agenda will be published on 30 November.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – The Committee met on Monday 10 October. The agenda included an update on the new Environment Act, Climate Action Plan Quarter 1, and decarbonisation of leisure centres. The draft minutes of this meeting are on the Vale website. The next meeting will be held on 5 December 2022.

£50,000 Climate Action Fund – Another round for applications is open until 25 November. If you have a particular climate project or a scheme that could benefit from some additional funding, why not apply. Details are on the Vale website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/grants

Swindon CCG/Integrated Care Alliance – As previously reported we met with the CCG in June and September for brief updates. A more in-depth meeting is scheduled for 1 December.

Elm Tree Surgery Newsletter – The surgery has launched a Newsletter which gives details about the staff and new and existing services. Details may be found on the surgery's website www.elmtreesurgery.co.uk

Moved again – A reminder - The Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils have moved back to Abbey House Abingdon. This is a temporary move for around two years until the new offices are built at the Gateway in Didcot. Following the Covid pandemic the majority of council staff now have hybrid working arrangements. This means that they can work from home or other remote locations or in the office.

Swindon Borough Council – New Eastern Villages

South Marston - The first phase of the 2380 dwellings for the area north of the A420 in South Marston has been submitted to Swindon Borough Council. 134 dwellings are proposed for Skylark, The Woodlands, South Marston. Skylark is located just north of the railway bridge on Old Vicarage Lane and the development will be on both sides of the road. As you know Elaine is a member of the **Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee**. The Committee met on Monday 31 October and again Elaine raised the ongoing rat running around Shrivenham and the surrounding villages. The increase in traffic and the number of serious accidents on the A420 were also discussed. The amendment to the new A420 roundabout signage was welcomed. Please contact Elaine if there are any other transport issues that are causing concern.

129/22 Report from Chairman. None.

FINANCE

130/22 Quarter 2 financials.

Council noted and approved the quarter 2 income and expenditure figures as of 30 September 2022.

131/22 Clerk's salary.

Council RESOLVED to approve the NALC salary award to be back dated to 1 April 2022.

132/22 Estimates 2023/2024

- i. Council noted the election budget.
- ii. Council RESOLVED to approve the 2023/2024 precept of £7,800.
- iii. Council RESOLVED to approve the movement within the dedicated reserves.
- iv. Council RESOLVED to approve the movement of £3,000 from the election budget to recreation dedicated reserves after the elections in May 2023 if uncontested.

133/22 Financial Risk Assessment 2022/2023.

Council completed and approved the Financial Risk Assessment 2022/2023.

134/22 Payments of Accounts.

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 1 List of income.

Statutory Power	Income received:	Description	Total
LGA 1982 s150	VWHDC	2 nd half of precept	£3,900.00
LGA 1929 s115	SSE	Wayleave	£2.00

Table 2 List of expenditure.

Statutory Power	Payments due	Description	Total
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water	£5.00
EP167 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	The Silver & Land Settlement	Allotment land rent	£25.00
EP168 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Sept salary	£231.60
EP169 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	Inland Revenue	Jul – Sept TAX	£173.60
EP170 LGA 1972 s111	The Net Result	Payroll	£88.50
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water	£8.77
EP171 LGA (misc prov) 1976 S19	MRH Services	Play equipment service	£45.00
EP172 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Oct salary	£231.60
EP173 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens account	Hire of room	£15.00
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water	£8.77
EP174 LGA (misc prov) 1976 S19 Highways Act 1980	Henleaze Farm	Diesel and filter for mower	£118.20

PLANNING

135/22 Submitted Planning Applications.

Table 3 List of submitted planning application responses.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P22/V2221/FUL	<p>Land at Windmill View, Watchfield, Oxon SN6 8TR <i>Change of use of land for the siting of 27 touring caravans, 9 utility rooms and 15 dayrooms.</i></p> <p>Objects. Council has reviewed the expansive material supplied by WS Planning & Architecture and asks why this was not submitted in the correct manner before the expansion took place? By following correct procedures this would have allowed engagement with the community and families, allowing the best outcome for both, the families who want to expand at Windmill View, and for the community to be a part of rather than this approach which seems by the dialogue to be rather intimidating in nature with the decision already taken. Longcot is a small village community so it is fundamental that proper process is followed to ensure that everyone knows why decisions are made and can be part of that process. This is important for any growth within communities. Council requests a drainage map be included with all applications, but no details have been provided. How is this site prepared for the drainage? Although a note is made that foul drainage is managed on site through a package treatment plant, there are absolutely no details at all. There can be overflow with such processes and so normally Council is shown the plans that involve a congester or similar. How often it has to be emptied? How it is managed so that it is not discharged into any nearby streams, especially if there is surface</p>

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		water network? Council requests that the drainage engineer at VWHDC is consulted to ensure that what is shown will work for the residents, the community, and the environment. Longcot objects as it would with every planning proposal that is not supplied with a drainage plan.
ii	P22/V2519/HH	Stone Farm, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Insertion of glazed doors/screens to the existing openings in the northeast elevation of the cart wing and removal of the rear single storey lean-to structure.</i> Supports.

136/22 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.

Table 4 List of permitted planning applications.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P22/V1370/FUL	Church Farm, Fernham Road, Longcot, Oxon <i>Variation of condition 2, 4, 5 6, 7 and 8.</i>

137/22 Planning Inspectorates appeal decisions.

Table 5 List of Planning Inspectorates appeal decisions.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V3267/HH APP/V3120/D/22/3295857	Acorn Cottage, The Green, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SY <i>Development of two storey side extension.</i> Dismissed

PLAY AREA

138/22 Update on new play equipment at The Dash.

Louise Cooke unable to attend.

139/22 Maintenance requests. None.

HIGHWAYS

140/22 Update on any matters. None.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Exclusion of Press and Public

To move the following resolution, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, and they are requested to withdraw.

141/22 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

142/22 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....Date.....2022