

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, Nathan Boyd, John Bridge, Alan Rich, 1 parishioner and Tina Brock, Clerk.

01/18 Apologies for Absence. John Barneby (prior commitment), DC Simon Howell (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

02/18 Variation on Order of Business. None.

03/18 Declaration of Interest. Personal interest:

Minute Andi Cunningham lives near to the applicant.

04/18 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 30 November 2017. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

05/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

06/18 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

07/18 Report from County Councillor. Report sent see annexe 1.

08/18 Report from District Councillor. Report sent see annexe 2.

09/18 Report from Chairman.

- i. An email was sent to Ridgeway Coaches regarding the damage to the grass triangle on Fernham Road caused by a school bus. Alongside the damage I have requested that OCC is asked to see where the safest place is for a 'drop off' point is as the Fernham Road is very busy and fast. I have received a reply that Ridgeway Coaches will have a look at the damage and meet with OCC soon to discuss the 'drop off' point for the school bus. We await the next reply.
- ii. With the help of Alan Rich we cleared a large broken tree section out of the main ditch that carries the water away from the village that had been bought down by recent heavy snow. Once cleared the water levels dropped and the water ran away – this area is the most important section to keep clear in our flood plan.
- iii. Potholes in Longcot have been reported via fixmystreet. Some have been repaired this week and we will continue to take photos and submit them to the website.
- iv. I have met with Greencore the developers from Kings Farm Close and had discussions regarding welcome packs and sustainability, what works and what could be practical. The developers would be paying for a sustainability study that will involve transport etc this will be interesting with regard to a country situation rather than the usual urban studies.
- v. Update from Shrivenham Parish Council see annexe 3.

FINANCE

10/18 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP36	HMRC - TAX & NI Oct - Dec			142.60
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP37	T Brock - Clerk's salary Dec & Jan			380.00
LGA 1972 s111	EP38	The Net Result - payroll			55.50
LGA 1972 s111	EP39	CPRE - annual membership			36.00
LGA 1972 s134	000702	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			10.00

As at 30 January 2018 the Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £4,517.49

Deposit a/c £4,904.25

11/18 Defibrillator. A request had been received from Longcot & Fernham School to contribute towards a defibrillator to be installed at the school. Council fully supported the request but would need to know exactly the grant amount required.

12/18 Update on other current matters. Nathan Boyd would arrange for the mower to be serviced.

PLANNING

13/18 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observations:

i	P18/V0065/HH	Waylands, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TW <i>Greenhouse.</i> FULLY SUPPORT.
ii	P18/V0101/FUL	Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Conversion of stable block into a dwelling.</i> OBJECTS for the following reasons:

14/18 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.

i	P17/V3059/HH	6 Hughes Crescent. Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SU <i>Proposed pitched roof extension to existing detached double garage. Conversion to ancillary accommodation containing a downstairs kitchenette and small bathroom upstairs in the loft space, Conversion of the current loft space of the existing garage into a sleeping area.</i>
ii	P17/V3092/FUL	Henleaze Farm, Fernham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7PR <i>Installation of 3 shipping containers, 1 wooden summerhouse building and 3 commercial poly tunnels for local horticultural social enterprise. Ancillary works to include installation of solar PV for sole business use and groundworks for provision of appropriate utility connections from existing local supply. (Additional information on solar panels received 6/1/2018.)</i>

15/18 Planning Appeal to the Inspectorate. Noted.

i	P16/V2951/HH	The Homestead, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Demolition of existing link building, replacement two-storey link building, part garage conversion and erection of new external stair (as amended by drawing no E110.00 Rev E, 010.01 Rec C, 011.01 Rev C, 012.01 Rec C, 030.00 Rev D and 031.00 Rev c 14/4/2017 revisions to proposed two-storey link building, amended plan 030.00 Rev E 21/5/2017.)</i> Appeal made to Secretary of State against VWHDC's decision to refuse the above planning application.
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16/18 Certificate of Lawful Development Application.

i	P17/V3397/LDP	Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Certificate of lawfulness that any of the operations proposed to be carried out in the erection of 6 semi-detached 3 bedroom houses granted planning permission on 9/4/2015 under planning permission ref P14/V2830/FUL would amount to the lawful commencement of the development through a material operation having been begun.</i>
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17/18 Naming and Numbering. The Council RESOLVED to submit the name Wellington Close (numbering to continue from existing) for the new street name for development P17/V0573/RM land off Kings Lane, Longcot - 15 new residential dwellings.

18/18 Update on other current matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

19/18 Hedgehog Friendly area. Deferred.

20/18 Update on other current matters. Andi

PLAY AREA

21/18 Update on other current matters. None.

ALLTOMENTS

22/18 Update on other current matters. The broken water meter had been reported to Castle Water but had not yet been repaired. This would be reported again.. The Chair had thanked Gary Holcombe for looking after the allotments.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

23/18 Oral Update. See annexe 4.

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.

24/18 Personal Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25/18 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** would take place on **Thursday 22 March 2018** at **7pm** in **St Mary's Church, Longcot.**

Further meetings to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....2018

Annexe 1

REPORT TO Longcot PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2018 FROM CLLR Constance

GENERAL OCC REPORT

COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND KEY PART OF BUDGET PROPOSALS

A key proposal for the upcoming Oxfordshire County Council Budget is to have a Councillor Priorities Fund – all County Councillors will have a £15k fund each to support parish council Highways needs and community group projects. In addition, the county council is choosing to prioritise children's social care with £1.9m extra being put in to this service. Overall this means £8.5m is being added to the budget for children's social care in 2018/19. This follows the central government announcement in late December that it would allow councils to raise council tax by an additional 1% primarily to address financial pressures in children's social care. Earlier in December the council had proposed a 1.99% Council Tax, with an additional 3% precept for adult social care bringing the total proposed rise to 4.99% the same as last year. The additional 1% that has now been allowed would take the total rise for 2018/19 to 5.99%, with a proposed 2.99 % rise in 2019/20. Other calls on funding include the local government national pay settlement where a total of £2.9m extra is required over 2018/19 (£1.4m) and 2019/20 (£1.5m) for staff pay across all of its services, including employees such as librarians, care workers for vulnerable children and adults, highways staff, trading standards, the Registration Service etc. OCC is able to fund this from reserves over these two years. The Budget proposals go to Full Council on February 13th.

GROWTH DEAL

As detailed in the December report, the Oxfordshire Growth Board* has reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement (Growth Deal) with Government. This will see an additional

£215m of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the county. This breaks down as: £30m pa for five years for infrastructure; £60m for affordable homes across the county; and £5m to develop a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP). The Board wants the five-year deal to be the first stage in a sustained partnership with Government to secure the ongoing investment needed to deliver properly planned growth and economic development over the coming years. This will support councils to achieve the ambition of 100,000 new homes across the county over the period 2011-2031, as identified through the 2014 countywide Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Local Plans. During the period of development all planning authorities will have their five-year land supply requirement reduced to a three-year land supply with that condition in place for the first three years of the new JSSP. The Growth Deal is coming to the stage that it will soon go through the six councils' democratic processes to be agreed.

*The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP).

CARILLION: OCC AGREES EXIT DEAL AFTER COMPANY COLLAPSE

OCC has formally terminated its contract with Carillion LGS Limited effective from 1 February 2018, following the collapse of the parent company. This brings forward the already agreed end of the contract set for the end of June 2018. OCC made a net payment of £10.65m to Carillion to cover work already completed as part of the final settlement to end the contract with the company. Carillion provided services on behalf of OCC including school meals and cleaning; maintenance of council buildings; property services, and building work such as school extensions. Carillion staff in OCC's maintained schools who contracted their services via OCC will be transferred to OCC under staff transfer arrangements known as 'TUPE', and services will continue as normal. Services previously provided by Carillion to the county council will continue through a mix of bringing staff in-house (e.g. school meals, cleaning); continuing with suppliers (mainly catering), and working with existing sub-contractors (mainly construction and property services). Like every other Carillion customer, OCC is now working out the most cost-effective way to complete work left unfinished by Carillion. OCC will now take over direct responsibility for commissioning future construction work and service delivery. County council officers are reviewing the uncompleted works under the Carillion contract and talking to sub-contractors about the best way forward. Carillion sub-contractors and suppliers will be financially exposed to the collapse in Oxfordshire, as is happening across the country. OCC is establishing a process to assess, on a case-by-case basis, the impact on companies in the Carillion supply chain involved in providing county council services such as building maintenance.

NEW FUNDING BOOSTS SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

Extra funding to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs) living in Oxfordshire has been received by the county council. A government grant worth £335,000 has been awarded to help strengthen the support services available to UASCs over the next two years. It is part of a wider [national funding announcement of £29million](#). OCC has the same responsibilities for looking after UASCs arriving in the county as it does for all other children and young people in care. Young asylum-seekers are among the most vulnerable groups in society – often with no connections or family in the UK, little spoken English and having made long and traumatic journeys. The new money is not for covering the cost of care placements themselves, but for additional support to help UASCs adjust to living in the county, and integrate with local communities. The council currently looks after 52 UASCs. These young people have predominantly travelled from Afghanistan, Albania and Eritrea.

Annexe 2

District Councillors Report to Parish Councils Watchfield & Shrivenham Ward – February 2018

Great Western Railway Consultation – The Department of Transport is setting out its proposals for improving train services on the Great Western rail network after the current franchise with GWR ends. They are running a consultation to help identify passengers most pressing priorities for improvements from 2020 onwards. Comments need to be submitted by 21 February. Details can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Planning

There are a number of appeals in the Ward that are being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. These are considered either in writing or by public examination. The next application is the Gypsy and Traveller site on Compton Road. The hearing will be held in Shrivvenham Memorial Hall on Tuesday 13 March commencing at 1000hrs.

Legal & General Consultation – Residents will have received notification of the public exhibition to be held on Tuesday 20 February from 1500hrs to 1900hrs.

Bovis – Townsend Road – The Vale is still awaiting Bovis to address the many issues that have been raised by the Planning Officer including those of residents.

Gladman – Townsend Road – Phase 2 – A letter has been received by Simon and Elaine from Gladman proposing up to 85 dwellings on Phase 2 of the Townsend Road Site. The Vale has not been informed.

Golf Course – The application to demolish the existing Clubhouse and replace with a new one, staff flat and machine store has been approved.

Longcot Road – The Vale Enforcement Team are dealing with issues that have been raised by local residents.

Swindon Eastern Villages – Elaine attended a “drop in” event on 23 January which was held in Wanborough and organised by Swindon Borough Council. The purpose of the event was to highlight the transport proposals for traffic improvements in and around the White Hart Roundabout. The impact of the proposals on the A420 are considerable so much so that Oxfordshire County Council are extremely concerned and meetings between the two authorities are ongoing.

Go Active – The Go Active Team have won the Oxfordshire Sports Development Project of the Year Award for encouraging people aged over 60 and living in rural areas to be more active. Shrivvenham has benefitted from this programme and as a result there are more residents keeping active.

Go Active Get Healthy is a new project to help people with diabetes. The aim of the project is to help and advice to the 28,000 registered sufferers in the County. For more information go to the getoxfordshireactive.org website

Food Waste Trucks – Residents are being asked to vote for their favourite names put forward by local school children for the new food waste recycling trucks. The most popular will be printed on the trucks. The child whose suggested name gets the most votes will receive 150 book tokens for their school and a swimming pass for their family. To vote go to: survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/valetrucknaming

OCC Recycling Consultation – Oxfordshire County Council is consulting on how to recycle more and create less waste. The consultation is open until 18 February. To complete the survey go to: recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk The results will be published in July

Wantage Link Road – The Vale has been awarded £7.7 million to provide an easy route around the east of Wantage. This funding together with monies from developers and other funding pots will support the large development sites in and around the town.

Growth Deal – Oxfordshire Council Leaders have been working for some time on a deal to provide the necessary infrastructure to support up to 100,000 homes. The Chancellor announced funding of £215m over a five year period for the County in his November budget.

It is anticipated that all six Oxfordshire Councils will refer the deal to their full council meetings for consideration during this month.

Annexe 3

Developments: Shrivenham There will be a public exhibition on Tuesday 20th February between 3-7pm at Shrivenham Memorial Hall concerning the proposals for the land East of Highworth Road, Shrivenham (between the A420 and the Church). This is for 515 houses, land for a primary school (not the school itself!!) and a new road junction onto the A420. Additional questions to Beth Park on bpark@quatro-pr.co.uk or 020 7566 7966. Do go and ask awkward questions! **Eastern Expansion of Swindon** New Eastern Villages (NEV) Transport Scheme Events on Saturday 3rd March at Grange Leisure Hall, Grange Drive SN3 4JY 9am - 1pm and Monday 5th March 2018 at Hooper's Field Sports Hall, Rotten Row, SN4 0AN. Please note the website link where the plans are currently available www.swindon.gov.uk/nev not much indication of improvements to the capacity of the A420.

Speed watch: Now that the mornings and evenings are slightly lighter, we will be running more Speed watch sessions 12th Feb - 25th Feb, mostly on the High Street and Major's Road. If you are trained and can help out during those two weeks, let me know your availability and I will put a rota together. I have some warm Hi-Viz coats!

Environment projects: If you have a bit of time Sunday 11th Feb 10am - 12 noon, please do lend a hand finishing the clearing of the ditch and hedgerow next to footpath 2 (between the recreation ground and the paddock/allotments). I have cleared about half to expose the previously planted snowdrops, primroses etc. but the rest needs to be done soon. We also will need to replace some of the hedging plants put in last winter. It is hard to believe that we experienced a mini-heatwave and drought in May/June and some of the plants did not survive. We have spares. As long as it is not lashing down with rain bring gloves and wellies and a trowel and secateurs if possible. Feel free to dive in the ditch at any time to keep the brambles and nettles under control!

Pot holes: There seem to be an ever increasing number of holes in roads and pavements after the cold and wet weather. Please do report them via <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> It is always helpful to attach a photo but not compulsory. If you do not wish to do this yourself, email me with the details and I will do it for you.

Upcoming events: Bingo Friday 16th Feb, eyes down 7.30pm, Village Hall. Everyone welcome **Quiz:** Annual Village Quiz Friday 2nd March 7.30pm Village Hall, £8/person including supper everyone welcome **160th Anniversary:** Of the consecration of the current St Thomas' Chapel. Service with extracts of village life at 5pm and wine and nibbles afterwards at the Village Hall with an exhibition of Village and Church life. Everyone welcome **Film Show:** Wednesday Feb 14th 2pm, Village Hall 'The Love Punch' starring Emma Thompson, Pierce Brosnan, Celia Imrie, Tomothy Spall. £3.50 to include tea and cake. Everyone welcome **Bingo:** Friday March 16th, eyes down 7.30pm, Village Hall. Everyone welcome. **Easter Craft Café and Easter Egg Hunt:** Free craft materials to make Easter bonnets, bunny ears, cards etc. Bacon butties £1! 2-4pm Watchfield Village Hall. Entry forms for an Easter Egg Hunt (£1) from the Village Hall with chocolate eggs for all participants. Floral display in St Thomas' Church.

Post Office: The outreach post office continues every Wednesday at the Village Hall between 12.30 and 2.30pm. All usual Post Office services including banking, bill payment and money withdrawal. Community Café also runs for donations of 50p to £1 towards the Village Hall. This week Raspberry fresh cream sponge and gluten free lemon drizzle cake, luxury hot chocolate and toasties.

Faringdon Neighbourhood Team

Newsletter

February 2018

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PCSO Howard Pack.

Priorities

Hare coursing and other rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. We have conducted regular patrols throughout our Policing area which has dissuaded more than one group of offenders from starting or continuing their illegal activities.

A big thank you to stakeholders in the rural community for promptly reporting any suspicious activity.

Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) in Shrivenham has been reduced as a result of patrols and stop checks on potential offenders. Recently there have been several lots of road works in Stanford in the Vale where it appears offenders have moved cones or road signs into the middle of the road or on resident's driveways causing potential hazards.

Please can we ask you to report any ASB that occurs in Faringdon or the surrounding villages by calling 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed, we rely on the community to let us know what is happening in their area.

Witness appeals following two shop burglaries in our area

- Between 11pm Sunday 14/01/2018 and 5:45am on Monday 15/01/2018 at Co-Op, Majors Road, Watchfield. Offender(s) have broken into the premises and have stolen all the cigarettes. Crime reference no: 43180014087.
- At 2:36am Saturday 27/01/2018 at the One-Stop Community Stores, High Street, Shrivenham. Offender(s) have broken into the premises, the smoke alarm has gone off and they have immediately left empty handed. Crime reference no: 43180027689.

If you have any information about the above please call 101 and report it quoting the reference number.

Crime prevention advice

On 23/01/2018 I took part in a Fraud Prevention event at Lloyds/TSB in Wantage giving advice to customers, so please can I pass on the following to Faringdon residents;

Fraud and identity theft

Understanding how to keep your personal details and identity safe is one of the best ways to prevent yourself from falling victim to fraud or identity theft. Be cautious of anyone asking for your personal or financial details. Your bank, the police and other reputable companies will never ask for this type of information over email or the phone.

To protect yourself:

- never give personal details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly
- don't carry documents or bank cards unless you need them
- always shred unwanted documents such as bills, bank statements and even mail
- keep personal documents in a secure place
- report lost or stolen bank cards and personal documents immediately
- check bank statements as soon as they arrive and always report any unusual activity
- always keep your card in sight when paying at a shop or restaurant
- don't respond to unsolicited phone calls or emails

Online

If you shop, bank or use your card online, it's important to take a few simple steps to make sure your details are protected.

To help keep your details secure:

- create a strong password and use different ones for different accounts
- only enter card details on secure websites, look for the padlock icon in the address bar
- check the address starts with 'https://', the letter 's' means it's secure
- make sure all devices have up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed
- always use the latest version of your web browser and regularly check for updates
- never respond to suspicious emails asking for personal information

Community engagement

Where possible, one of the Faringdon Neighbourhood team attends the Wednesday morning Cake Café at the Pump House, Swan Lane, Faringdon 9.30-11.30am. Please come along and have a chat to us about any local concerns.

PCSO Howard Pack

After 10 years as a PCSO in Wantage I felt it was time for a fresh challenge so I successfully applied for a vacancy at Faringdon and started my new role 1st February 2018. Prior to joining the Wantage Neighbourhood Policing Team I was based at Slough for two years and before that I had 12 years policing experience in Kent.

I'm looking forward to meeting the residents of the Faringdon area and am happy to talk over the problems that concern you, especially if there is a cup of tea involved!

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale