

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, John Bridge and Alan Rich,
32/18 Apologies for Absence. Nathan Boyd (prior commitment), Tina Brock (unwell), DC Simon Howell (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

33/18 Variation on Order of Business. None.

34/18 Declaration of Interest. None.

35/18 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Thursday 8 February 2018 and Wednesday 21 February 2018. Council RESOLVED to approve these minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

36/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

37/18 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

38/18 Report from County Councillor. Report sent see annexe 1.

39/18 Report from District Councillor. None.

40/18 Report from Chairman. I would like to thank John Bridge on behalf of Council for his attendance and work for the parish council and hope that we will still see him on the village mower for which we are most grateful.

On the 14th March a large goods vehicle carrying scrap metal overturned on the A420 at the junction of Kings Lane in Longcot Parish. Luckily no one was hurt but the traffic was horrendous and although emergency plans are in place, these take time to implement.

I would like to thank so many amazing members of the Parish who help in so many ways, some of our farmers helped to clear the scrap with their tractors and swept the road to make way for the crane to be able to do its job. A big thank you to Mr Luker who directed traffic on the Fernham Road for hours so that the traffic could keep moving. It was community resilience in action and I was proud to be the chairman of Longcot Parish council seeing how a village coped under such pressure.

During the recent heavy snowfall it was our farmers that kept the roads open to Uffington and surrounding villages and Council is very grateful to Compton Beauchamp Estates for all their hard work in keeping many roads open and therefore allowing the milk lorry to get through and local traffic to be able to get home when the drifts were really bad.

COUNCIL

41/18 Councillor Resignation. Council noted that John Bridge would be resigning from Council at of 31 March 2018. VWHDC Electoral Team would be notified and a notice would be attached to the noticeboard to advertise the vacancy.

42/18 War Memorial. Council noted that the war memorial in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Longcot has been listed as a Grade II building under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 amended for its special architectural or historic interest and has a listed entry number of 1452856.

43/18 Lease between Longcot Parish Council and Governors of Longcot and Fernham School. Council RESOLVED to agree that the lease should continue for a further 7 years on the same terms as the old lease.

44/18 Land Registry.

- i. Council noted that the land at The Dash (Title No ON109578) and the Village Green (Title No ON129117) is registered to Longcot Parish Council and are held with Thrings Solicitors, 2 Queens Street, Bath and the Clerk also holds copies.
- ii. Mayows Pond is not registered. David Jeacock, Solicitors would investigate registering the land to the Council.

FINANCE

45 /18 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	EP 40	Castle Water - allotments			117.40
LGA 1972 s111	EP 41	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils-annual subscription	112.55	22.51	135.06
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP 42	T Brock - Clerk's salary Feb & Mar			380.20
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP43	HMRC - TAX & NI Jan-Mar			142.60
LGA 1972 s134	000703	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			20.00
LG (Financial Prov) Act 1963 s5	EP 44	T Brock - reimbursement			105.75

As at 15 March 2018 the Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £4,066.61

Deposit a/c £4,904.65

46/18 Play Park Service. Council noted the increase in the cost of the six monthly service inspection of the play equipment at The Dash Play Park from £31.25 to £33.00 from 1 April 2018

47/18 Defibrillator. Council RESOLVED to contribute £452.00 towards the community defibrillator.

48/18 Update on other current matters. None.

PLANNING

49/18 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observations:

i	P18/V0573/FUL	<p>Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Proposed extension and conversion of stables into a dwelling.</i> No Objection but wish the following comments to be taken into account.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The drainage situation. The concept of the large ditch on the drainage drawing – Council would very much like to be included in how this will be constructed. Is it French drain style in which case where is it suggesting the soak away goes to? The drainage of this site is very important as it does affect neighbouring properties and so Council would like to make sure that best practise is delivered and the long term maintenance of the drainage that will be approved. For instance, to ensure that the ditch for instance is not built over in the future. Council would like to be included in the drainage details that are to be approved for this site. The site is set in the curtilage of listed buildings and so materials chosen should fit with this as is stated and the Glover should be in keeping with what is there now. It is not obvious to Council the height of the building and would ask that it is in keeping and fits with the heights that were established previously. Council notes that the small outbuilding at the boundary of the site is not included on these plans, but were on the last plans that were approved. It was established that this area should not be a house or similar and should be kept as outbuildings to be in keeping with the house, layout and neighbours.
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		Council would like to include this as it is within the site area.
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50/18 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.

i	P18/V0065/HH	Waylands, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TW <i>Greenhouse.</i>
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51/18 Withdrawn Planning Applications. Noted.

i	P18/V0101/FUL	Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Conversion of stable block into a dwelling.</i>
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52/18 VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

53/18 Naming and Numbering. P17/V0573/RM land off Kings Lane, Longcot - 15 new residential dwellings will be known as 1 to 18 Kings Farm Close, Longcot..

54/18 Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision. 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.</i> Appeal Dismissed.
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55/18 Update on other current matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

56/18 Hedgehog Friendly area. Deferred.

57/18 Update on other current matters. None.

PLAY AREA

58/18 Update on other current matters. None.

ALLTOMENTS

59/18 Water Meter. Castle Water has been informed that the meter has been damaged and a work order has been set up but with no timescale.

60/18 Update on other current matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

61/18 Oral Update. See annexe 2.

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.

62/18 Personal Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

63/18 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....2018

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

Planning

Local Plan Part 2 was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination inspection on 23 February. The Vale now waits a Planning Inspector to be named and a date to be set for examination.

Appeals There are a number of appeals in the Ward that are being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. Three of these have already been dismissed. The appeal hearing for the Gypsy and Traveller site on Compton Road Shrivenham was held in Shrivenham Memorial Hall on Tuesday 13 March. The Inspectors decision is awaited. The appeal for the Badbury Hill site will be held in due course. All representations to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 16 April 2018.

Legal & General Consultation – Shrivenham residents were invited to attend a public exhibition held on Tuesday 20 February from 1500hrs to 1900hrs. The exhibition gave residents the opportunity to discuss the type and design of dwellings with representatives from the company. Initially L & G propose to build 240 homes on the Phase 1 allocated site which is located directly behind the Blue Cedar development to the east of Highworth Road. This Phase also includes land for a new primary school. It is anticipated that a Reserved Matters application will be submitted within the next couple of months. The Phase 2 Reserved Matters application for 265 dwellings is expected to be submitted before the end of this year. Concerns were expressed regarding access to the Phase 1 site during construction and L & G indicated that they may build a temporary access road from the A420. This is to be confirmed with the County Council.

Bovis – Townsend Road – Bovis has submitted a revised RM application which addresses many issues that have been raised by the Parish Council and local residents. The consultation for the revised plan ends on 12 April.

Gladman – Townsend Road – Phase 2 – As previously mentioned Simon and I wrote to Gladman explaining that the Vale has more than a five year land supply and that the site is not included in either Local Plan Part 1 or in the upcoming Local Plan Part 2 which clearly states that there will be no additional allocated sites in the western vale. Needless to say there has been no acknowledgement of receipt of our letter which was sent by both Email and post.

Taylor Wimpey - Longcot Road – The Vale Enforcement Team and OCC Highways are dealing with numerous issues and breaches of planning conditions that have been raised by local residents.

The application for additional dwellings was considered by the Vale Planning Committee on Wednesday 7 March and permission granted. There will now be 63 dwellings rather than the 59 that were approved at appeal.

Land South of Steeds Farm Gt. Coxwell – An Outline application for a further 125 dwellings has been submitted to the Vale. This application is in addition to the 200 that are already being constructed on part of this strategic site. Concerns have been raised by both Gt. Coxwell Parish Council and Faringdon Town Council as well as local residents. The deadline for comments passed on 15 March and the decision target date is scheduled for 2 May 2018. This application will be considered by the full Planning Committee.

Swindon Eastern Villages – Elaine recently attended a “drop in” event 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. Additional events are being held by SBC over the next few weeks. However, details of the proposals are available on Swindon’s website

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

Naming of Food Waste Trucks – Following the consultation the most popular name chosen was Munching Molly. The name was suggested by two pupils at John Blandy Primary School in Southmoor. The children will receive £150 book tokens for their school and a swimming pass for their family. The other names proposed for the trucks were: Chompy, Compost Carl, Monster Munching Michael, Foody Fren and Banana-munch Bob.

Growth Deal – As you will be aware Oxfordshire Council Leaders have been working for some months 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 2017 budget. All six Oxfordshire Councils have now approved the deal. The deal would also see the establishment of a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP) for the County to improve a joined up approach to planning. The Vale has made it clear that the plan must not allocate housing sites and will put no pressure on the Vale before 2031. Further consultation on this plan will follow in due course.

Council Tax 2018/19 At the Vale Council meeting on 14 February the annual budget was approved. The Vale’s element of the Band D Council Tax will be £126.69. This is an increase of £5.00 from last year.

Fly Tipping – The Vale has had another successful prosecution for fly-tipping. The latest was for dumping household waste in a drainage ditch. The offender was fined, and made to pay costs and compensation which amounted to over £3000.

Public Realm Team – Included in the Vale’s budget is an allocation of £250,000 pa over the next three years for delivering improvements throughout the district. The project is in its initial stages and more details will be published shortly.

Grants – The following dates have been confirmed for grant applications:

Capital and New Homes Bonus – Round one – 25 April-6 June Round two (budget permitting) 11 September-22 October

Festival Grants – 1 April-28 February 2019

The Grants Team are always pleased to offer advice and contact details are on the Vale website. In addition the team are holding advice sessions on 16 April in Botley, 18 April in Uffington and 24 April in Letcombe Regis. For more information call 01235 422103. Booking is essential.

Social Media Communication – The Vale’s Facebook page is an excellent way to keep up with the latest news. During the recent bad weather the Facebook page reached over 24,000 people regarding the disruption to the bin collections and some 37,000 people were reached about emergency support for rough sleepers. Please help to spread the news by sharing the Vale’s posts with Facebook friends.

Voluntary Group Awards – South and Vale are sponsoring categories for Best Voluntary and Community Group at the Oxfordshire Charity and Volunteer Awards. They are looking for local groups to submit their nominations by midday on Tuesday 10 April. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday 5 June. Details are available on the OCVA website.

Royal Wedding – If any community is proposing to hold a street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 19 May you may need to submit a temporary road closure application. This would need to be submitted to the Vale Licensing Team no later than 19 April to ensure approval. For more details see Celebrating the Royal Wedding on the Vale website.

Thames Water Consultation

Parish Councils will have been notified that Thames Water is carrying out a public consultation on their proposals for the coming years. Included is a proposal to build a reservoir at Steventon. This proposal has been ongoing for a number of years. Details of the consultation can be found on the Thames Water website.

As you know we don’t hold surgeries but are always available to deal with issues.

Simon Howell – 01793 784491 – simon.howell@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Elaine Ware – 01793 783026 – elaine.ware@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Here is the latest Faringdon Police Neighbourhood Team update for you, from PCSO Kerry Davis.

Priorities

Rural crime continues to be one of our priorities. We are very fortunate to have use of the 4x4, which enables the team to cover areas such as, White Horse Hill, The Ridgeway, and surrounding farmland. Patrols have helped significantly to reduce reports of beauty spot vehicle breaks. We have received one report in the last month, where a vehicle was left insecure, resulting in a bag being stolen. Please do not leave any valuables in your vehicle.

Arrests

On 11/02/18, a male was reported to be trap cart racing along the A420. Officers attended and arrested two males. One of which has been reported for the offence of 'Driving with no insurance' and 'Causing an obstruction to the Public Highway'.

On 15/02/2018, officers attended an address in Faringdon, where a 15 year old male was arrested on suspicion of supplying Class A drugs. The arrested male is from the Coventry area, and is believed to have links to County Drugs Line (CDL). The address was being used for '**Cuckooing**'. Unfortunately, this is not the first incident of this kind for Faringdon.

Cuckooing

Cuckooing is on the increase in many areas across the country. Criminal gangs are targeting isolated/vulnerable individuals, usually living in Housing Association, or Council Accommodation, by befriending them, then taking over their homes to deal drugs. Initially, the offer of 'free' drugs is sometimes used to encourage vulnerable people, to allow their property to be used in this way.

The gangs are able to operate from an unobtrusive property, and use the premise to deal and manufacture drugs. Once the gang are using the properties for criminal activity, the tenant is often left terrified of asking for help, out of fear that they will be suspected of involvement, and face losing their home. Gang members will also use intimidation and violence to control their victim.

If you are concerned about someone you know, or a premise being used for cuckooing, please call police on 101 and ask to speak to a member of the Faringdon Police Neighbourhood Team, where your details will be handled with the strictest of confidence.

Witness appeals

Did you hear or see anything?

- Overnight, 12/02/18, a vehicle was broken into in the Tuckers Rd area. A side window was smashed, property stolen. Occurrence number – 43180046205.
- Overnight, 17/02/18, a set of number plates were stolen from a vehicle along Ferndale Street. Occurrence number – 43180051902.
- Between 17/02/18, and, 19/02/18, a large building container was broken into at a building site in Southmoor. Several items of large building machinery were stolen. Offenders also attempted to steal a digger from the site, but were unsuccessful. Occurrence number – 43180052254
- Overnight, 25/02/18, a vehicle was broken into along Town End Rd in Faringdon. Offenders entered the vehicle by smashing a window, and stole a bag. Occurrence number – 43180060248

If you have any information on any of the above please call 101 and quote the occurrence number.

Shed break reports

On the 4/02/18, and 9/02/18, breaks and thefts to garden sheds were reported in the Tubney area, where offenders stole tools and garden machinery. House to house enquiries were conducted by PCSO Maralyn Pack and PCSO Esme Brown. During enquiries, it transpired that there had been several unreported sheds broken into in the area. Please can we ask that any crimes of this nature are reported to Police so we can offer any support that may be needed, and also assist with Crime Reduction advice to help prevent further crimes being committed. We cover a large geographical area, reported crime helps us to ensure that our patrols are carried out in areas of concern.

Internet Safety – Keeping your child safe.

Many children are very fortunate to have all the latest gadgets, giving them access to, social media, chat rooms, and a whole host of opportunities on the World Wide Web. Unfortunately, it can also be a very unsafe place with opportunity for, cyber bullying, sexting, and grooming.

We often receive reports of young people being contacted by people they don't know. What can start off as a 'friendly' chat, can very quickly spiral into a situation that a child cannot control.

Do you monitor your child's internet use? Are you aware of who your child is talking to online? Do you check that photographs and videos being shared with friends are appropriate?

Please do not wait for an incident to happen to your child, or your child's friend, before you discuss the consequences of online misuse. There are many useful tools to help you to keep your child safe –

www.parentprotect.co.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.google.co.uk/familysafety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

If you have suspicions about a particular person's behaviour online, you can report them to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) www.ceop.police.uk

Engagement

Where possible, one of the Faringdon Neighbourhood team will attend The Cake Café at The Pump House on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am–11.30am.

Please come and discuss any local concerns you may have, or, just come over for a chat!

Farewell from me – Kerry Davis

And lastly, on 7th March, after 9+ years of working on the neighbourhood team in Faringdon, I will be leaving Thames Valley Police for pastures new. It has been a real honour working in the Faringdon Community. I have met with, and worked alongside some truly fantastic people. The Faringdon Community never fail to amaze me, with the care and resilience that has been so clearly displayed, particularly over the last couple of years.

Look after each other!

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.

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