

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Thursday 16 August 2018 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Nathan Boyd, CC Yvonne Constance, and Tina Brock, Clerk.

134/18 Apologies for Absence. Amy Cooper (prior commitment), Alan Rich, (prior commitment), DC Simon Howell (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

135/18 Variation on Order of Business. None

136/18 Declaration of Interest. None.

137/18 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4 July 2018. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

138/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

139/18 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

140/18 Report from County Councillor. CC Constance reported. The highways maintenance budget would be increased by £10m and an agreement to borrow £120m for investment had been agreed 'in principle'. A business case study was currently being worked on.

141/18 Report from District Councillor. None.

142/18 Report from Chairman. None.

FINANCE

143 /18 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Payment No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	500086	Allotment rent			60.00
Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP 11 & 16	T Brock - Clerk's salary July & Aug			402.10
LGA 1972 s111	EP 12	Payroll			55.50
LG(Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19	EP 13	Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA annual inspection)	73.50	14.70	88.20
Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31	EP 14	Watchfield PC (shared PC speed indicator device)			15.12
LG (Financial Prov) Act 1963 s5	EP 15	Clerk's reimbursements			97.13
LGA 1972 s134	000709	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			10.00

As at 8 August 2018 Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £4,142.57

Deposit a/c £4,905.47

144/18 Update on other current matters. None.

FINANCE

145/18 Right of Way at The Dash. A resident has enquired whether the Council could assist with the surface maintenance of the track. Referring to the deeds of easement and ROW across The Dash, the Council and other users of the track are not liable for any damage caused or maintenance of the track. Council has contacted David Jaecock, Solicitor for advice who has confirmed that the easement is between the Council and the purchasers of

the properties developed by Tithegrove. Council would suggest that residents get together to discuss future maintenance of the track.

146/18 Update on other current matters. None.

PLANNING

147/18 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observations:

i	P18/V1820/FUL	<p>Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Proposed replacement dwelling.</i></p> <p>Objects.</p> <p>This plot has been put to planning many times over many years. The Parish Council has always worked hard to make sure that the outcome of all planning decisions were the best outcome for ensuring the plot was developed in a manor in keeping with being one of Longcots old heritage sites, in the curtilage of more than one Grade II listed building and also to comply with the requirement of houses required in a designated small village.</p> <p>The site is in a unique situation as it sits within a zone that is prone to flooding, caused by heavy rain on Longcot clay. The site has had water moving through it on 3 occasions within 36 years according to the flood group's knowledge. Of course it was not a dwelling then so the houses around it on the downhill side were all flooded by the water passing over it and across it, so any building that takes away area of absorption will increase the risk of flooding to neighbouring properties quite dramatically. Longcot was a village with many ponds and trees. Attached is the original map of the village to show that this site had 2 ponds on it, which is why water will find its way to the site and as it now has no ponds it needs to plan for such. The Parish Council does have a flood policy in place and requires detailed drainage plans, this is an area where this is of great importance, and no such plans have been submitted.</p> <p>Attached is an aerial view of the existing stables that were pulled down this year after agreed planning permission was granted for a partial demolition of the building, existing building materials and matching materials were to be used and the footprint was in keeping with the original outline of the building. This proposal is much larger which the Parish Council cannot accept as it is over development of this plot.</p> <p>The site had planning permission for a partial demolition of the old heritage building. It had to be halted because the developer did a total demolition and so the process appears to be that a new planning application had to be submitted. The Parish Council strongly feels that a legal precedent could be set if any future developer did not like the terms of permitted planning consent, especially involving heritage buildings, by ignoring totally the conditions of planning permission to achieve a bigger footprint with no heritage details required etc. Hence the Parish Council strongly feels that the original planning footprint should be adhered to and advantage of breaking the law should not be beneficial.</p> <p>The Design and Access statement of this application suggests 'demolition' - i.e. to dismantle the existing stable structure, as the stable has been totally demolished this application should be facing the position it is in now and how it is going to ensure that the building process will deliver what it said it was going to. The Design and Access statement also states that the Vales Legal Department confirmed that Barn A was not curtilage listed in February 2018,</p>
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		however, Longcot Parish Council would like to suggest that as we are a designated small village and take our old buildings very seriously we very much care what the look of any building is when close to our village grade 2 listed buildings.
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148/18 Naming & Numbering. Erection of 1 new residential dwelling to the rear of The Gables to be known as: The Byre, Kings Lane was noted.

149/18 Update on other current matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

150/18 Hedgehog Friendly area. Deferred.

151/18 A420 capacity and Safety Issues. Fyfield and Tubney PC have contacted Parish Councils along the A420 seeking views on an initiative to engage with Ed Vaizey MP to seek a collective solution to issues with the A420. Council agreed that writing directly to Ed Vaizey MP and CC Yvonne Constance high lighting the issues of Longcots residents would have more impact than a joint case. It was considered that the local CC Yvonne Constance was well aware of the problems in the area.

152/18 Update on other current matters. None.

PLAY AREA

153/18 RoSPA Report. The inspection of the Dash Play Park was carried out on 6 July 2018 with no high risks being reported the following recommendations were made:

Litter bin needs to be secured - the bin belongs to VWHDC. Clerk to report.

Fit a warning sign to the basketball post 'Do not climb' - low risk.

Replace toddler seat - to be replaced

Roundabout - bolt missing and corrosion on platform and clearance is incorrect - MRH Herring to be asked to repair.

BMX track is overgrown - due to lack of use.

Goal posts - rot at base - to be monitored.

154/18 Update on other current matters. None.

ALLTOMENTS

155/18 Update on other current matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

156/18 Oral Update. See annex 1.

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.

157/18 Personal Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

158/18 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** will take place on Thursday 4 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....2018

Annex 1

August 2018

Faringdon Neighbourhood

Team Newsletter

Priorities

Burglary: We are continuing to tackle the increase of burglary and theft related offences in the area.

Faringdon Neighbourhood team will be working alongside Operation Monitor team, based at Abingdon. This team will be focusing on burglary in the area, targeting known offenders to disrupt their activity. Please continue to report any activity you believe to be suspicious on 101, or 999 if there is an immediate risk.

Rural Crime: Rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. There has been several thefts from vehicles across our Beauty Spots. Please make sure you take everything with you and do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle even if hidden. Please report any suspicious behaviour that you may see happening in and around these locations on 999 to help us catch offenders and provide us with information for targeted patrols.

We have seen a spike in rural thefts and hare coursing due to the early harvest. We ask you to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity that is happening at the time on 999.

Scams

We would like to make residents aware of some door-to-door scams/potential rogue traders that have been in our area recently:

- A victim in Longworth received visitors to their door stating they were from Lloyds Bank. This was the second time they had visited in the same week and asked for the victim's PIN number. They were in Lloyds bank uniform and had ID.
- We received a report that a cold caller was trying to sell replacement windows for houses in Shrivenham and was using pressure tactics.
- A man was trying to sell beds on the street from a vehicle in an elderly residential area.

Security do and don'ts for door-to-door scammers:

DO

- Ask for identification before letting someone in.
- Check credentials before purchasing anything – e.g. their business address at gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company.
- Get personal recommendations when looking for reputable traders or search for one on trustmark.org.uk.
- Get at least two quotes for anything like building work and a written contract.
- Put up a no cold caller sticker.
- Consider getting a chain on your door or fitting a door viewer.
- Check other entrances are secured before answering the door, as door-to-door callers can try and distract you while someone else enters your home to burgle you.

DON'T

- Be pressured into buying anything on the spot – ask for time to consider and shop around to check the price you have been quoted is fair.
- Pay for any work, such as home maintenance or window cleaning, until it's been completed and you are happy with it.
- Ring a phone number on their ID card to check who they are – look up the company in the phone book instead.

REMEMBER

- Older people are more susceptible as some scams often target people who live alone, are at home during the day and are willing to talk to the scammers.

- Your bank or the police will never ask for any bank details/PINs.
- Never give your card or cheque book to anyone who come to the door – your bank and the police will never come to your home and collect these.

ACTION

- Please pass this message on to any elderly relatives or neighbours.
- Please be vigilant and report all suspicious people and vehicles by calling 101.
- If you have been the victim of a scam please report it. Contact Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre (0300 123 2040, www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud). Being scammed can be distressing, but don't be embarrassed – you are the victim – report it and get any support you might need.
- If you think you have put your personal or banking details at risk contact your bank straight away.
- If a crime is in progress and you need immediate assistance, call the police on 999.

Crime Prevention Advice

Vehicles, trailers and horseboxes are all potential targets for criminals, especially if they are left unsecured or in isolated locations. If possible park them as close to your premises as possible, preferably out of sight from nearby roads. Please consider fitting wheel clamps and locking posts in order to toughen security. Good practice is to mark your trailers/vehicles/tools/machinery so they are easily identifiable! This can deter thieves and help police return them to their rightful owners if they are stolen. There are several marking schemes, which use either your postcode or a unique number that is entered onto a database. This information can be die-stamped or engraved on. Alarms can also be installed to vehicles, trailers and horseboxes that are activated if they are moved.

Appeal

We are appealing for help tracing Juan Clarke aged 26 who is wanted in connection with a series of offences including aggravated burglary and assault. If you see him can you call 999 quoting reference 43180190493. If you have information of where he may be staying please call 101.

Good news

- A male from Faringdon has been arrested by the Neighbourhood Team for Possession with Intent to Supply Class B drugs. This is currently being investigated.
- A dog was seized following a Hare Coursing Incident at Buckland and the offending vehicle identified.
- A Land Rover Defender was located in Great Coxwell with a dodgy paint job, brand new number plates and a drilled out ignition. This vehicle was suspected to be stolen and running on false plates and has now been seized. This is currently the subject of further enquiries and also subject as the offending vehicle in recent diesel thefts from combine harvesters in the area.

Faringdon Neighbourhood team news

Many congratulations to PC Robert Maris who has been promoted after working so hard for the Faringdon Area. Sergeant Robert Maris will be based in his new role at Abingdon Police Station. PC Tom Pryor has returned to Faringdon as his replacement. And last but not least Faringdon is gaining two new PCSOs who are currently in training and should appear on the area in September.

Engagement

- The Faringdon Team attended Faringdon Folly Fest in the Town centre. This event was well attended by the Public who enjoyed the music and stalls and everyone was well behaved and responsible leading to zero arrests.
- We will be patrolling the White Horse Show on 26th August, if you see us and want to tell us about any issues you have please come and talk to us. Please remember when you attend this event not to leave your dogs in hot cars!

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.