

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Thursday 4 October 2018 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich, DC Elaine Ware, and Tina Brock, Clerk.

189/18 Apologies for Absence. John Barneby (prior commitment), Nathan Boyd (prior commitment), DC Simon Howell (prior commitment) and CC Yvonne Constance (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

160/18 Variation on Order of Business. None

161/18 Declaration of Interest. Personal interest:

Minute 174/18 i and ii Andi Cunningham lives next door to applicant.

162/18 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16 August 2018. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

163/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

164/18 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

165/18 Report from County Councillor. CC Constance sent a report. See annex 1.

166/18 Report from District Councillor. DC Ware report at annex 2.

167/18 Report from Chairman. None.

DC Ware left the meeting at 7.55pm.

FINANCE

168 /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	00710	Berners Allsopp - allotment rent			10.00
LGA 1972 s134	000711	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			10.00
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP 17	T Brock - Clerk's salary Sept			200.85
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP18	HMRC Cumbernauld (TAX Jul - Sept)			150.80

As at 12 September 2018 Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £6,984.52

Deposit a/c £4,905.90

169/18 Update on other current matters. None.

170/18 External Audit 2017/2018. Moore Stephen have passed the external audit for the financial period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

171/18 Quarterly Accounts. Council verified the quarterly accounts as at 18 September 2018.

172/18 Internal Audit 2019/2020. Council RESOLVED to approve the re-appointment of Mr Philip Hood FMAAT as the internal auditor for the financial year 2019/2020 at a cost of £194 with no visit.

173/18 Update on other current matters. None.

PLANNING

174/18 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observations:

i	P18/V2109/LB	Downs Cottage, Fernham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TG
ii	P18/V2108/HH	Renovate and repair the dilapidated stable block comprising a tack room, two stables and a cart store, with hay loft above and to

		<p><i>demolish the derelict garage which is of poor quality and more recent than the stable block, and to replace it with a simple car port in traditional style and materials.</i></p> <p>No Objections.</p>
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175/18 Update on other current matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

176/18 Hedgehog Friendly Location. Deferred.

177/18 Update on Other Current Matters. Council RESOLVED to purchase a bag of salt for the grit bins which Alan Rich would store.

PLAY AREA

178/18 Update on current matters. Council RESOLVED to increase the play inspection carried out by MRH Services to quarterly inspections.

(Clerk's Note: MRH Services has advised that the roundabout clearance is adequate as a rubber skirt has been fitted.)

ALLTOMENTS

179/18 Update on other current matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

180/18 Oral Update. None.

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.

181/18 Personal Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

182/18 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** will take place on Wednesday 7 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....2018

County Councillor's report for Parish Councils Annex 1

County Council has been very busy during the summer with many decisions to report:

HIGHWAYS

Potholes have been repaired at a new rate ; winter damage resulted in 8,000 reports to Fix My Street in Jan/Feb and Highways faced 30,000 defects and by start of Q1 (April) Highways faced 30,000 defects. 20,000 had been repaired by end of Q1 after introducing 2 new teams to repair (1 extra in North and 1 in South) and purchasing 1 additional Dragon

Patcher to operate 2 1/2 in the county. I hope you have all noticed how many potholes have been done, and appreciate the better roads in the neighbourhood.

County agreed to bring forward £10million from capital spend for next year to start a major programme for surface dressing/ resurfacing/ drainage, cutting vegetation and bridge repairs. County has agreed a new programme to borrow £120million (internal borrowing) over 5 years from 2019/20 to invest in improving the county's assets: £80 million will be spent on roads, footways, bridges and street lights etc, and £40 million on properties, especially schools. This is a new initiative to invest in our assets and will use the 'growth dividend' from increase in Council Tax revenue from the growth in the number of houses. County has recognised the importance of our roads and buildings to the residents and made a bold decision to bring forward works to get ahead of endless short-term repairs, to invest in better standard of our highways and properties. This programme will be flexible, with plans to draw down borrowing only as the growth dividend is available to afford the borrowing.

WASTE

Oxfordshire Environment Partnership (with the District Councils) is promoting the use of cloth nappies aiming to reduce the £1 million pa. it costs to incinerate them at Ardley. The Councils are offering free trials of cloth nappies, which are lighter, softer, better designed to be more consumer friendly.

OEP is working to recommend to the Growth Board a requirement for developers to build new houses to higher standard of Energy Efficiency.

GROWTH DEAL is progressing with set up of Advisory Sub Group to structure and spend the £215 million Gov grant available for infrastructure and affordable housing by 2031 if we deliver 100,000 new houses in Oxfordshire. This was agreed in the spring with County and all District Councils and the City in an initiative the first of its kind in the country to build infrastructure for the houses.

A Joint Strategic Spatial Plan will be agreed by the Districts and City to shape the delivery of housing in the County up to 2050: the first statement to scope and structure the issues has just been agreed by County: geography, decision-making structures, communication plans have been presented– Parish Councils will be in comms schedule.

The Affordable Housing sub-group has shaped its plan and met for the first time last week in Oxford. The Infrastructure sub-group will meet in near future.

OXFORD to CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

Highways England has announced its first decision about the corridor for this new road: they will build it east or west of Oxford and will go to full consultation on the possible routes in 2019 with decision in 2020. OCC continues to press for a route that delivers relief to the A34.

OCC TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

County has agreed to progress with a transformation of the County's operations to digitalise access to services and focus more on service delivery and less on the admin in the back office. This will be a 3-5 year programme, designed to do things differently and achieve savings of at least £33 million (to achieve the savings still required in the medium term) and possible further savings of £20 million. We intend to deliver better services with 600-900 fewer staff, recognising that staff turnover is about 650 every year, so there will be few redundancies

COUNCILLOR'S PRIORITY FUND

I remind Parish Councils that I have a County community fund for 'priorities' in my Division, and have offered each PC the opportunity to bid for projects costing £2000 to £2500, which must be supported by fully costed quotations and agreed by me before submission to County Hall. Bids seems slow, so if you have a project you want considered, please get an application presented by end October (ideally). So far I have approved bids for contributions to repair a village hall roof; a new bus shelter; and expect bids for improvements to a belisha beacon; tarring a sports field for older children; repairing play equipment. Please think about making an application – I would like to spend my fund in my Division and not surrender it again to another Councillor.

At VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have focused much time and energy with Fyfield & T ubney Parish Council at the Examination in Public of LPP2 in July to oppose Vale's allocation of 600 more houses east of

Kingston Bagpuize (in fact in F&T parish!). 600 more houses would impose unacceptable congestion on A420 and Frilford Lights on A338, and we made our case that the development was not needed, not viable and not deliverable. We await his decision.

Annex 2

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

Planning

Gladman Shrivenham – The outline application has been refused. Details of the reasons for refusal are available on the Vale website

Legal & General Shrivenham - P18/V0862/RM-2 Re-consultation: Reserved matters application following application ref. P13/V1810/O for layout, scale, appearance and the landscaping of the site. Development of up to 240 dwellings and a site for a primary school along with associated public open space and highways works. Discussions with OCC continue but the problem associated with the footpaths has been resolved.

Bovis Development – Townsend Road

Bovis has submitted a Construction Traffic Management Plan which indicates that access from the A420 will be from Bourton Wharf. Simon and Elaine will be writing to the Vale Planning Officer to ensure that the plan includes NO ACCESS for construction vehicles via the High Street.

Local Plan Part 2 -The Planning Inspector completed the inspection in early September and it is anticipated that his decision will be available in December.

Three year Land Supply

Following a consultation in July Councils in Oxfordshire now only need to provide a three year land supply of land for housing. This change has been agreed while all Oxfordshire Councils work together on a joint statutory spatial plan. The document will address the collective plan to deliver 100,000 homes across the county by 2031 which is part of the Oxfordshire Growth deal.

Grants – The current schemes for Grants are under review. Towns & Parishes will be advised of any new arrangements.

Exploring options for on-street parking enforcement

The Council is exploring whether to take over on-street parking enforcement.

Officers have met with Oxfordshire County Council (the highways authority), which is responsible for formally applying for powers and then delegating civil parking enforcement to consider the proposal to procure a feasibility study. In the meantime Officers are carrying out work to look at the business case involved in taking over enforcement, including costs and projected income.

Formal agreement from the county is required in order to apply to the Department of Transport to delegate civil parking enforcement powers. If county agree and the council decides to take over responsibility it would then need to carry out a full review of the existing car parking orders and yellow lines.

“Yellow Letters” – A reminder

In August a “Yellow Letter” Household Enquiry Form has been sent to every home in the Vale. This requires residents to confirm who lives in their property.

All residents should visit householdresponse.com/southandvale to confirm their details are correct or, if not, provide the correct information. They will need the code on the letter to do this.

This information needs to be accurate to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so in future elections, including the district, town and parish elections happening in May 2019.

Anyone who doesn't have access to the internet can confirm their details by completing and returning the form that comes with the letter. If the details are correct residents can also confirm this by phone or text – the details required for this are on the letter.

To date the Vale has received 87,000 responses but there are still some 34,000 outstanding.

Town and parish forum

The town and parish forum took place on Monday 24 September at The Beacon in Wantage. Senior managers and councillors spoke about the work the Vale is doing. There was a very low attendance from the Watchfield & Shrivenham Ward which was unfortunate. The presentations from the Senior Officers will be available online to all Towns & Parishes. Elaine does have a hard copy should anyone wish to borrow it. Parish Councillors are encouraged to see how the new management structure has been implemented. Simon and Elaine are happy to answer any questions that Parish Councils may have.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Route Announcement

The Government announced that Corridor B is its preferred option for the proposed expressway. The road would pass either to the north-west or south-east of Oxford then North to Bicester and beyond. A statement from the Leader of the Vale is on the website.

Deep Clean Update

Biffa continue to make their way around the Vale towns and villages to give them a good clean up. The deep clean involves removing weeds and overgrown plants from pavements and footpaths and ensuring roads are clean. Before Christmas Biffa crews are expected to visit our local area. Parish Councils will be notified in advance when work is to be carried out.

Extra Garden Waste

Residents may put out extra garden waste on Monday 15 October. Now is the time to clear the gardens and get ready for winter!

New Online Services from Thames Valley Police

If residents need to get in touch with Thames Valley Police to find out about or assist with ongoing cases, or to contact an officer or department directly, they can now do so online by using their contact form. If you want to speak to someone by phone please call 101. To report a crime or missing person you should use the form or dial 999 in an emergency.

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

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