

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich, 1 parishioner and Tina Brock, Clerk.

01/19 Apologies for Absence. Nathan Boyd (prior commitment). This apology was received.

02/19 Variation on Order of Business. None

03/19 Declaration of Interest. None.

04/19 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 November 2018. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

05/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

06/19 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

07/19 Report from County Councillor. None.

08/19 Report from District Councillor. See annex 1. The Chairman reported that discussions were to take place with DC Ware to designate Longcot as a 'no cold calling' zone.

09/19 Report from Chairman. The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting with the developer of the 15 houses on Kings Lane to discuss ways to integrate new residents with existing residents ie meetings to introduce the development to residents, Neighbourhood Action Groups, arrangements for allotments, etc. Section 106 had been secured relating to the development of: £4,500 towards public art within the site or vicinity and £19,665 towards leisure and community facilities within the parish. The Clerk would contact VWHDC to find out if local artists could be commissioned to produce the public art. The Clerk and Amy Cooper would liaise to source suitable equipment to be installed at The Dash Play Park.

COUNCIL

10/19 King and Queen Public House. Council RESOLVED to nominate the King and Queen public house as an Asset of Community Value (Localism Act 2011 Chapter 3 part 5). Once on the list the asset cannot be disposed of without giving the Council or other local body the right to bid for the asset. There is then a 6 month period in which to raise funds.

FINANCE

11/19 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	EP22	Castle Water - allotments			11.63
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP23	HMRC Tax Oct, Nov, Dec			150.60
LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	EP 24	T Brock - Clerk's salary Nov			201.05
LGA 1972 s134	000716	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			10.00

As at 31 December 2018 Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £6,101.21

Deposit a/c £4,906.51

12/19 Quarterly Financials. Council verified the Council's bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2018.

13/19 Budget 2019/2020.

- i. Council RESOLVED to approve the budget 2019/2020.
 - ii. Council RESOLVED to set the precept 2019/2020 at £7,400.
 - iii. Transfers to Dedicated Reserves to be reviewed in June after the May 2019 election.
- 14/19 Update on other current matters.** None.

PLANNING

15/19 Submitted Planning Application. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observation:

i	P18/V2996/FUL	<p>Eyrie, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE <i>Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 2 x dwellings.</i></p> <p>Objects. Council is sorry that it will have to object to these pleasant houses because no drainage map has been enclosed with the plans. This particular area is of extreme importance when it comes to the Longcot Flood Plan. It was recognised as an area of interest after the floods of 2007 and during the survey carried out by VWHDC of this specific area. Without a good comprehensive drainage plan houses will be put at risk of flooding that just managed to escape water entering their houses in the last flood and increase the risk to those that did flood. The proposal has two roofs to consider and so very careful planning will be needed. As the applicant is also the land owner a comprehensive drainage plan could be made to work. Attached are the drainage maps that are all relevant to this plot. You will note that the architect himself owns the house where the pipes lead to Mallins Lane, at the moment the surface water does not drain to this point and this is where it needs to drain to. You will note on the NEW drainage map, carried out by VWHDC, there is a drain that cannot be traced going down past the house called The Orchard. The back of Priory Mead is piped but the pipe looks like it is blocked and goes nowhere. It cannot be left to chance to increase the surface water with the two new houses to this area without a strategy to upgrade and mend the existing collapsed drains across this area. There is a solution which can be achieved by inserting a pipe from the drain on Mallins Lane, across the field to connect to the pipes under Wakes Place. The Parish Council are very happy to meet the drainage team regarding this area. Enclosed are all our drainage maps which all have relevance, especially regarding a grate shown. There is also a picture of the back of the field in question that backs onto Priory Mead to show how the rain is not draining away. Increasing the risk with another roof needs to be mitigated.</p>
---	---------------	--

16/19 Permitted Planning Application was noted.

i	P18/V1820/FUL	<p>Land south of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Part retrospective: proposed replacement dwelling (amended drainage plans received 7/11/2018).</i></p>
---	---------------	---

17/19 Withdrawn Agricultural Notification was noted.

i	P18/V3068/AG	<p>Land at Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE <i>Erection of barn for storing hay, straw and agricultural machinery.</i></p>
---	--------------	--

18/19 Update on other current matters. The Chairman attended a VWHDC Planning Committee meeting on 5 December 2018 to speak in objection to the officer's recommendation to grant planning permission of application P18/V1820/FUL Land South of Red Gables - part retrospective: proposed replacement dwelling. During the meeting it was clear that the applicant and VWHDC were not aware of flooding issues within the parish or

that the River Ock flowed near the village. It appeared that the flood plan produced by Council and Peter Dela, Drainage Officer, VWHDC had either been lost or possibly destroyed in the fire at the VWHDC Crowmarsh offices in 2015. The application was granted permission

The Chairman met with two VWHDC Drainage Engineers and visited locations in the parish that flood. Pictures, drainage maps and data have been forwarded to the Vale so that there was now a better understanding of the flood issues in the parish.

Council agreed that all the information regarding the flood plan should be collated and uploaded to the Council website for future reference and information.

The drainage plan that Council holds shows that some drains have collapsed and need to be repaired (marked red). The Chairman would contact DC Ware to chase the work.

8.10pm parishioner left the meeting.

HIGHWAYS

19/19 Longcot Crossroads. Council met with Lee Turner and Mark Francis, Highways, OCC to discuss ways to improve safety at the Majors/Old Wharf Road crossroads. A Gateway Scheme would be installed, funding from OCC Area Stewardship. Existing signage would be removed and new signs installed.

20/19 Update on Other Current Matters. CC Constance would be updating the diversion of the A420 following an accident and would be involving the police and fire services. The Council would like to thank residents who assisted with moving traffic, particularly HGV's, through the village during the diversion. Without their help traffic would not move through the village which would cause tailbacks further along the diversion.

PLAY AREA

21/19 Update on current matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

22/19 Update on other current matters. Gary Holcombe would be asked to send a water meter reading to the Clerk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

23/19 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.

216/18 Personal Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24/19 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** would take place on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....2019

**District Councillors Report to Parish Councils
Watchfield & Shrivenham Ward – January 2019**

Planning

Local Plan Part 2 - The Planning Inspector has responded following submission of additional information. He has outlined his proposed modifications and there will be a consultation shortly.

Legal & General Shrivenham - Development of up to 240 dwellings and a site for a primary school along with associated public open space and highways works. The development is due to commence on Monday 7 January 2019. The temporary access road from the A420 has been agreed with OCC and L&G are awaiting confirmation of when usage may begin. There are still issues regarding the school which are being progressed with the County.

Bovis Development Shrivenham – Townsend Road

A new application has been submitted for a change of house type. Bovis have a new Phoenix range which they wish to substitute on a number of plots. This particular house type has three bedrooms and a dressing room and there is concern that the dressing room could become a fourth bedroom. Interested parties may wish to view the proposal and comment.

Community Grants – The New Homes Bonus Grants scheme is now open for applications until noon on 28 January. The Grants Team are available to assist and can be contacted on 01235 422405 or grants@southandvale.gov.uk

Grants remain available for organisers of community events. Grants of up to £1000 are available to cover up to 75% of the cost for local community events with at least 100 people expected.

Exploring options for on-street parking enforcement

As previously reported 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.

Business Awards Nominations

Nominations are open until 18 January 2019 to celebrate and recognise local businesses.

There are eight (8) categories. Anyone can nominate and further details may be found on the Vale website – vale4business.com/svba