

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
on Wednesday 25 March 2019 at 6.30pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich, CC Yvonne Constance, DC Elaine Ware and Tina Brock, Clerk.

40/19 Apologies for Absence. Nathan Boyd (prior commitment). This apology was received.

41/19 Variation on Order of Business. None

42/19 Declaration of Interest. None.

43/19 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30 January 2019 and Monday 18 February 2019. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

44/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

45/19 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

46/19 Report from County Councillor. CC Constance reported. Funding for the works at the Longcot crossroads Majors Road had gone through from the Locality Fund 2019/2020. No start date had been given.

A420 Safety Group had met and requested that the following should be written into the OCC Local Transport Plan 5; A420 to be seen as a local road not a major road, bus stops should be set back for the safety of waiting passengers, pedestrian islands to cross to the bus stops at Longcot, Littleworth, Tubney and Fyfield and the diversion of HGV's to A34 and M4. The Chairman informed CC Constance that there are 5 bridle paths crossing the A420 in this area at Great Coxwell, Tythe Barn (Field Farm), Pennyhooks and by Acorn Bridge.

It had been flagged that the Oxfordshire Plan/JSSP (Joint Strategic Spatial Plan) 2050 consultation does not mention the A420 and the impact an increase in traffic would have on existing congestion.

47/19 Report from District Councillor. DC Ware report. See annex 1. The Chairman requested that during the Thames Water works in Shrivenham that a new emergency diversion route for the A420 should be put in place. CC Constance would inform the Transport Management, OCC.

CC Constance and DC Ware left the meeting at 7.45pm.

48/19 Report from Chairman. None.

COUNCIL

49/19 Longcot Festival Residents Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee had been in contact to discuss the conditions set by Council for using The Dash to hold the festival on Saturday 22 June 2019:

1. To arrange adequate insurance
2. To arrange with Highways to close the road
3. To correct any damage to The Dash and The Green
4. Litter to be picked and disposed off
5. To insure all outside bodies involved have adequate insurance
6. If required to obtain a music and drinks licence
7. To inform residents
8. To finish at 11pm and ensure that this is upheld
9. To arrange for a warden to make sure that no person enters the field where the ponies are at the bottom of The Dash.

The Chairman and Amy Cooper would meet with the Committee on Wednesday 3 April at 8pm to discuss.

The Committee had carried out a Risk Assessment and would like to remove the wooden goalposts as they are showing rot and replace them with new after the event. Council RESOLVED to agree this request.

50/19 Lease between Council and Faringdon Academy of Schools. Council RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the lease.

FINANCE

51/19 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	000718	MRH Services - play equipment service inspection			33.00
LGA 1972 s111	000719	Arrow Accounting - y/e internal audit			200.00
LGA 1972 s134	000720	Shrivenham Methodist Church - room hire			30.00
LGA 1972 s143	000721	CPRE - annual membership			36.00
LGA 1972 s143	EP 25	Community First - annual subscription			55.00
LGA 1972 s111	EP 28	The Net Result - payroll			55.50
LGA 1972 s112	EP 27	T Brock - Jan & Feb salary			401.90
LGA 1972 s112	EP 29	T Brock - Mar salary			201.05
LGA 1972 s112	EP 30	HMRC - Tax Jan/Feb/Mar			163.20
LGA 1972 s140	EP 31	Stackhouse Poland Ltd - mower insurance			279.17

As at 18 March 2019 Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £4,851.28

Deposit a/c £4,907.12

52/19 Internal Audit 2018/2019. The Internal Auditor reported that 'Overall, the Council has sound arrangements in place to satisfy itself that its systems of internal financial control are both adequate and effective. There are approval and authorisation controls and there is a clear audit and management train for financial transactions'. Council received the Internal Audit 2018/2019.

53/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

PLANNING

54/19 Submitted Planning Application. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observation:

i	P19/V0463/FUL	Willow Copse, Old Wharf Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7QT <i>Reuse existing fence to form a 20m by 40m menage in an area of field that is currently used to exercise horses. The field is currently fenced 16m to 47m.</i> No Objections.
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55/19 Permitted Planning Application was noted.

i	P18/V2996/FUL	Eyrie, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE <i>Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 2 x dwellings (as amended by plans received 4/2/2019 - changes include access details, drainage and siting of unit 2).</i>
ii	P19/V0022/FUL	Stone Farm, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P15/V2330/FUL to change the external elevations and reduce balcony areas.</i>
iii	P19/V0164/FUL	(Small paddock off) Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon <i>Erection of barn with adjoining lean-to for storing hay, straw and agricultural machinery (as per amended location plan received 5/2/2019).</i>

56/19 VWHDC Tree Preservation Order was noted.

i	19V03	Eyrie, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon <i>Trees specified: Walnut located on the southern boundary of Eyrie and Pine located adjacent to the southwest boundary of Eyrie.</i>
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57/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

58/19 Update on Current Matters. None.

PLAY AREA

59/19 MRH Services January 2019 Service Inspection of The Dash was noted.

60/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

61/19 Update on Current Matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

62/19 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.

63/18 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

64/19 The next meeting of **Annual Parish Meeting for the Longcot Parish** followed by the **Annual Meeting of Longcot Parish Council** would take place on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed..... Date.....2019

Annex 1

District Councillors Report to Parish Councils Watchfield & Shrevenham Ward – March 2019

Planning

Local Plan Part 2 - The public consultation is now live and responses are due by 1 April 2019.

Legal & General Shrevenham (Total 515 dwellings) - Development of up to 240 dwellings (Phase 1) and a site for a primary school along with associated public open space and highways works. The development has commenced. The temporary access road from the A420 has been agreed with OCC through an s184 agreement and L&G are awaiting confirmation of when construction and usage may begin. There are still issues regarding the school which are being progressed with the County. A meeting with L & G has been arranged for Tuesday 12 March to discuss progress and meet the new Project Manager.

Bovis Development Shrevenham (116 dwellings) – Townsend Road

An application for a change of house type has been refused.

For information - Lorry Park – Chowle Farm – amended plans were submitted on 28 November and 16 January. The target date is now 31 March. The Planning Officer has agreed to keep Simon and I informed of any further amendments and changes to the target date.

Community Grants – Festival Grants are still available. 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.

The Grants Team are available to assist and can be contacted on 01235 422405 or grants@southandvale.gov.uk

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. Arrangements have been made with other District Council's and the County to undertake a feasibility study. The County are leading on the procurement of consultants to carry out this work.

Oxfordshire 2050 – The public consultation for Oxfordshire 2050 is open until 25 March. There are a number of elements associated with the Plan and Town and Parish Councils are encouraged to respond.

Housing Delivery Test 2018 – The test is an annual measurement of house building in areas throughout England. The Vale was required to build 1305 and delivered 4357 – 334% and were listed as 6th in the country.

2019/20 Budget – On 13 February the Vale agreed the budget for the financial year 2019/20 and a medium term plan for the following four years. It has been necessary to increase Council Tax by £5 for the forthcoming financial year. The Vale like all local authorities is awaiting the outcome of the Governments Spending Review. It is anticipated that the review will address the proposed changes to New Home Bonus.

One area that has remained unchanged in the budget is car parking charges. The two hour free parking also continues.

Environmental Enforcement – The Vale Environmental Enforcement Officers have dealt with a number of fly tipping/littering cases in recent months and prosecutions have followed. Last month a man from Oxford refused to pick up a cigarette butt in The Square in Abingdon. He failed to pay the fixed penalty notice and as a result was prosecuted and found himself with a bill for £607 issued by the court. Fly tipping/littering really does not pay.

Waste – The Waste Team have arranged for a number of Crisp Packet Collection Boxes to be installed in various Council buildings (Milton Park, Cornerstone Art Centre Didcot and The Beacon Wantage). This is a national campaign organised by Walkers. All makes of empty crisp packets can be placed in the boxes and they will be sent to a special recycling facility where they will be transformed into plastic such as garden furniture.

Recycling Wheels – Recycling wheels are being promoted by the Vale to encourage residents to recycle as much as possible and know what can and cannot be placed in the recycling bin. Supplies are available from the Vale but Elaine has a couple of boxes and Parish Councils are encouraged to inform residents of this initiative.

NAG – Neighbourhood Action Group – The next meeting of the NAG will place on Monday 18 March. Obviously the current spate of burglaries is of concern and these will be raised with the new Neighbourhood Police Inspector. If you are not represented please let Elaine know if you wish any issues to be raised.

PURDAH – District and Town & Parish Elections – Elections are due to take place on 2 May 2019. The period of Purdah commences on 26 March. It will be necessary to ensure that formal guidance is followed throughout the process.

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

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