

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
On Monday 25 November 2019 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, DC Elaine Ware, DC Simon Howell, 1 parishioner and Tina Brock, Clerk.

178/19 Apologies for Absence. Nathan Boyd (prior commitment), Alan Richards (prior commitment) and CC Yvonne Constance (work commitment). These apologies were received.

179/19 Variation on Order of Business. Council approved bringing item 12i Planning Application P19/V6218/FUL Land South of Red Gables.

180/19 Declaration of Interest. None.

181/19 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30 October 2019. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

182/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

183/19 Public Participation. None.

PLANNING

184/19 Submitted Planning Application. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observation:

i	P19/V2618/FUL	<p>Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Variation of condition 2 (drawings) to relocate parking area on application P18/V1820/FUL.</i></p> <p>No Objections to this application but wish the following comments to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Council does not object to this application but request that the following condition be attached if permission is given to the application, that cars should not be allowed to park or turn to the side or rear of the property at all. This will allow the trenches and drains that are shown on the drainage map to have the maximum chance of working as we know that Longcot sits on clay which will compact and is not permeable. Also the required permeable surfaces that are shown will become less efficient over time if driven over and as you can see from the pictures attached that the property is already surrounded by holding water.</p> <p>Longcot has not had heavy rainfall so far this year and the brooks and ditches are not full and water is running away. To see the amount of water that is now finding its way across to other properties from The Red Gables development is alarming. If there was to be a downpour this will certainly create an immediate flood issue for the surrounding 4 houses that are downhill from the development. The attached drainage plan for the property is absolutely critical in ensuring that the neighbouring properties do not flood due to the redevelopment of this site. The drainage plans were passed before the climate emergency and were fully appreciated. Thankfully VWHDC has now stated that they will take this seriously with the climate change emergency acceptance.</p> <p>As you know Longcot flooded very badly in 2007 and has badly flooded multiple times before that, which you have recorded in the Longcot flood plan.</p> <p>Since Red Gables has been developed it has already increased the amount of water that is moving across the adjoining property and finding the lowest points. Pumps have been used to move the water away and onto the road. Attached are some pictures that show the standing water.</p>
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Parishioner left at 7.30pm.

185/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

REPORTS

186/19 Report from County Councillor. Report CC Constance.

The Leader announced OCC's ambitious Climate Action Plan at a recent full council meeting:

- Set target to be carbon neutral by 2031 in our own estates (doubling the carbon reduction rates in our own property).
- Replace all 400m/v fleet with electric vehicles.
- Complete streetlight programme to replace 50,000 lamps with LED.
- Recycle 70% of waste. The arrival of a new officer funded by OCC/City/District Councils to lead the County reduction of plastic use, increase separation of food waste and drive the whole programme would be announced soon.
- Continue to support all 65 organisations in the Community Action Group.
- Work with SSE and EdF on radical new Local Energy distribution for renewable energy with the County.
- Pressure Government to raise the building standards for energy efficiency to Code 4 asap before another 25,000 houses are built at a lower standard than is achievable.

Highways continues to repair and resurface road west of Wantage and we see great improvements in maintenance of our local roads.

187/19 Report from District Councillor. Report from DC Howell and Ware.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – The inaugural meeting of this Committee took place on 15 October 2019. The Committee has recommended that the Council should aspire to become Carbon Neutral by 2030 and the District by 2045. In the first instance the Council should aim for a 75% reduction in carbon emissions in its own operations by 2025 and for the whole district by 2030.

Local Plan – Although the Vale has adopted Part 2 of the Local Plan there is still an issue with the plan for South Oxfordshire. As mentioned in our October Report the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has stepped in and instructed that for the time being their Plan is on hold. It is doubtful that any further progress will be made on this matter until after the General Election.

Planning – Construction on all four sites in Shrivenham continue. The access road from the A420 to Cross Trees Park is now fully operational.

The Financial Viability Assessment is still awaited for the Land South of Steeds Farm in Great Coxwell.

The public consultation on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway is still to be published by Highways England.

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 details are available on the Oxfordshire County Council website where there is a 30 page document entitled A vision for the Future.

Festival Grants from the Vale – The scheme is open all year round for application up to £1000. The Grants Team are available to give advice on the suitability of applications. Contact details on the Vale website.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Elaine will be attending a presentation on 11 November and will report back in the December Report.

Thames Valley Police presentation to Council on 9 October. A copy of the Power point presentation will be circulated to Parish Councils under separate cover.

Additional Garden Waste w/c 11 November – Residents with Brown Bins may leave additional waste next to the bins in bin liners or sacks. **Please note** that trade waste sacks are not accepted.

Safe Places – The Safe Places Scheme provides people who may experience difficulties in public places with the assurance that support is available. In our area there are 7 places and these are all in Faringdon – Costa Coffee Marlborough Street, Information Centre, Library, Stay Grounded Coffee Shop, Mustard Seed, Perry Bishop Estate Agents and the Leisure Centre. More details may be found on the Vale website.

General Election – Three public meetings are affected by the General Election details are as follows: Joint Scrutiny scheduled for 3 December has been cancelled. Cabinet meeting

scheduled for 6 December has been moved to The Beacon at Wantage and the full Council meeting scheduled for 11 December has been moved to 18 December.

Election Jobs – If anyone is interested in helping to run the Election you may register your interest with the Elections Team – elections@southandvale.gov.uk Tel: 01235 422528 – more details on the Vale website.

Free parking in Faringdon and Wantage during December.

DC Howell and Ware left the meeting at 7.30pm.

188/19 Report from Chairman. None.

FINANCE

189/19 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LGA 1972 s112	EP51	T Brock - Sept salary			200.85
LGA 1972 s111	EP52	The Net Result			55.50

190/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

191/19 Update on Current Matters.

PLAY AREA

192/19 Servicing of Mower. To be arranged when Alan Rich was available.

193/19 Update on Other Current Matters. MRH Services would repair the roundabout surface at a cost of £125. Council AGREED the expenditure.

Bevirs Law had notified Council that lease between Council and Faringdon Academy of School for the triangle of land that was part of The Dash had not been returned signed. The Clerk would contact Bevirs Law.

ALLOTMENTS

194/19 Update on Current Matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

195/19 Update on Current Matters. 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.

196/19 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

197/19 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** would take place on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed..... Date.....