

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in
Longcot Chapel
On Monday 13 January 2020 at 7pm**

Present: Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Nathan Boyd (late arrival 8pm), Amy Cooper, Alan Rich and Tina Brock, Clerk.

01/20 Apologies for Absence. DC Elaine Ware (work commitment), DC Simon Howell (work commitment) and CC Yvonne Constance (work commitment). These apologies were received.

02/20 Variation on Order of Business. None.

03/20 Declaration of Interest. Personal interests for:

Minute John Barneby lives nearby.

Minute Alan Rich rents a building on this site.

04/20 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 November 2019. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

05/20 Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

06/20 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

07/20 Report from County Councillor. No report submitted.

08/20 Report from District Councillor. Written report from DC Howell and Ware.

December was a relatively quiet month due to the General Election. As this report is prepared at the beginning of January there will be a further update on January issues included in the February report.

Full Council Meeting held on 18 December 2019 – Five Motions were considered by the Council and all agreed.

- 1) **In context of Climate Emergency** – Council commits to exploring planning policies which positively encourage all renewable sources of energy including onshore wind farms as part of the next Vale Local Plan and Oxfordshire Plan 2050.
- 2) **Council notes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism** – Council to adopt the IHRA definition. Adopt the All Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims (APPG) and officers to update the Council's equality policies
- 3) **Votes for 16 and 17 year olds** – The Leader to write to relevant Ministers and local MP's expressing the Vale's support for the Votes at 16 campaign and for the Vale to consider participating in any pilot scheme
- 4) **Proportional Representation** – The Leader to write to the relevant Government minister and two local MP's requesting that all elections be run using a form of Proportional Representation
- 5) **Unitary Authority/Merger** – Three requests were agreed
 - Officers to contact MHCLG to explore the approach the Secretary of State will take on any proposals for unitary based reorganisation
 - The Chief Executive and Leader to report to full Council by summer 2020 outlining their understanding of the Governments intentions
 - Officers bring forward proposals to consider a formal merger with South Oxfordshire District Council with the same number of District Councillors, creating a single district council based on their combined geography and increased financial resilience.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – The next meeting of this committee will take place on Tuesday 28 January at Milton Park. This is a public meeting and will commence at 6.30pm.

Local Plan Part 2 – As previously reported the decision to adopt the Plan was agreed by full Council on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

However, the issue with South Oxfordshire's Local Plan still remains. A decision on the way forward is awaited from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Jenrick.

Planning

Construction continues on all four sites in Shrivenham. The objection by OCC on application P19/V2162/FUL-2(VAR) at the L&G development has now been resolved.

Festival Grants – The Vale scheme is open for grant applications of up to £1,000.

Civic Parking Enforcement – There has been a slight delay in preparing the final report which is now expected in the next couple of months. This delay is to enable OCC as the lead authority to do more sampling of signs and lines in order to determine the potential capital outlay.

09/20 Report from Chairman. None.

FINANCE

10/20 Payments of Accounts. Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
Open Spaces Act 1906	EP53	Castle Water - allotments			66.05
LGA 1972 s112	EP54 & EP 55	Staff costs			351.85
LGA 1972 s134	000729	Shrivenham Methodist Church -room hire			20.00
LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	000730	MRH Service - play equipment service			33.00

Bank balances as at 3 January 2020:

Current a/c £8,150.45

Deposit a/c £4,908.96

11/20 Precept 2020/21. Council confirmed setting the precept for 2020/21 at £7,600.

12/20 Dial a Ride Service. Council RESOLVED not to contribute towards the ongoing service of Dial a Ride as no residents have confirmed that they use the service.

13/20 Quarterly Financials. Council verified the Council's bank reconciliation as at 30 December 2019.

14/20 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

COUNCIL

15/20 Local Electricity Bill. Council RESOLVED not to support the bill.

PLANNING

16/20 Submitted Planning Application. The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observation:

i	P19/V3288/AG	Longcot House, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7TF <i>Erection of a new agricultural building for storage to replace an existing building.</i> No Objections.
ii	P19/V3266/HH	1 & 2 Kings Farm Cottages, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE <i>Proposed single-storey rear extensions to 1 & 2 Kings Farm Cottages.</i> No Objections but wish the following comments to be taken into account. No drainage plan was submitted with the application. Council requests that a drainage plan be submitted prior to building commencing as it has been established with Leigh Travers, Drainage Engineer, VWHDC that Longcot is a village that floods and always requires a drainage plan with every application submitted.
iii	P19/V3280/FUL	Cleveland Farm, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TW <i>Conversion of redundant agricultural barns to provide five residential dwellings with parking, access, landscaping and associated works following the</i>

		<p><i>demolition of the large Dutch barn, silos and associated buildings.</i> No Objections but wish the following comments to be taken into account. Council does not object to this development, however, does have serious concerns that require addressing.</p> <p>Council would request that Leigh Travers, Drainage Engineer, VWHDC look at this application with regard to a drainage and flooding strategy, please find attached 2 photos from the floods of 2007 which show the back of Cleveland farm and surrounding area deep in water. This is an area that requires a proper drainage plan. Council realises that the Environmental Agency replaced the pipe/culvert since 2007 but Council would like reassurance from the EA that the River Ock will not put this development at risk.</p> <p>Council would request that the speed limit of 60mph on the Shrivenham Road be reduced to ensure the safety of the extra cars that will have to wait on the road to turn into this development. Traffic has massively increased along the road as it is used to avoid the A420 and for the safety of future home owners the speed should be reduced. (There has been a stop on the L&G site at Shrivenham which turns onto the A420 which has a 60mph speed limit the same as Shrivenham Road.)</p> <p>The sewerage situation needs to be approved by Council and the EA. If this site is sold to developers and the planning permission does not clearly state the requirement for top quality septic tanks then sewerage will go straight in to the River Ock. Council requests that this is monitored to ensure standards are met.</p> <p>Council requests that the height of this development fits in with the surrounding countryside and the heritage aspect of the neighbouring properties. There is no room to get this wrong or it will look out of place and not in keeping. Council is proud of its small heritage sites and this development is within the curtilage of two listed buildings.</p> <p>Council would like to ensure that the developments outside lighting is on timers to protect wildlife such as owls as they require the habitat to be dark. Artificial light disrupts nocturnal activity, interfering with reproduction and reducing populations.</p> <p>There is an appeal decision to refuse planning in a field just to the west of this site and it states that it is not a sustainable location (APP/V3120/A/14/2229236). Council has noted this but realises that this development will not be for social or affordable housing. Perhaps electric charging points should be required.</p> <p>Council would be very happy to meet with Leigh Travers at any time to discuss drainage and flooding plans if required.</p>
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Nathan Boyd arrived.

17/20 Permitted Planning Application noted.

i	P19/V2618/FUL	Land South of Red Gables, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Variation of condition 2 (drawings) to relocate parking area on application ref. P18/V1820/FUL.</i>
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18/20 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

HIGHWAYS

19/20 Update on Current Matters. The Chairman updated Council on issues that Hugh Ellins, Bevins Law have investigated on behalf of Council:
 Holly Cottage fencing matter resolved and case closed.

Ownership of verges matter resolved and case closed.

Rolling lease for the triangle of land at The Dash between Council and Faringdon Academy of Schools - the academy have agreed to continue with the lease.

PLAY AREA

20/20 Servicing of Mower. Alan Rich to arrange.

21/20 The Dash. Nathan Boyd informed Council that the grass area of The Dash between Kings Lane and the basketball court had been churned up by cars. The Chairman would contact residents if they had seen any vehicles driving on The Dash. The area would be monitored.

22/20 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

23/20 Update on Current Matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

24/20 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.

25/20 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26/20 The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** would take place on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....2020