

**Meeting of the of Longcot Parish Council
held remotely by Zoom
on Thursday 14 January 2021 at 7pm**

Present

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Nathan Boyd, Amy Cooper, DC Elaine Ware, DC Simon Howell, CC Yvonne Constance and Tina Brock, Clerk.

01/21 Apologies for Absence.

Alan Rich (prior commitment). This apology was received.

02/21 Variance of Order of Business. None.

03/21 Declaration of Interest. None.

04/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 November 2020.

Council resolved to approve the minutes which were agreed and would be signed by the Chairman when Council next meets in person.

05/21 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Chairman reported that Gary Holcombe had agreed to supply a quote to replace the wooden goal posts at The Dash, Play Park.

06/21 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

07/21 Report from County Councillor.

CC Yvonne Constance had circulated an email on the latest COVID-19 public health data from Oxfordshire County Council prior to the meeting. There were a large number of sites across the Oxfordshire offering vaccinations.

Funding of £1,600 had been approved from the Councillors Priority Fund for drainage repairs in the parish. The Chairman thanked CC Constance for the funding and informed her that the work would be completed by the end of the financial year.

Funding of £3,500 had been approved from the Councillors Priority Fund for the reduction of speed reduction on Majors Road. Council thanked CC Constance.

08/21 Report from District Councillor.

DC Howell and DC Ware circulated a report prior to the meeting.

Throughout December the Vale Communications Team continued to provide Town and Parish Councils with regular updates regarding Covid. These will continue for the foreseeable future.

Vale staff continue to work from home and although this is not always ideal they would appreciate it if communication is by Email rather than telephone.

Local Covid Updates – Simon will continue to provide local Resilience Groups with updates as and when necessary.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – The Committee met on 14 December. The agenda included progress on the Work Programme, update on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, the Governments 10-point green plan and membership of Oxfordshire Greentech. The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2021.

Garden Waste – The garden waste service has been suspended until further notice.

Civil Parking Enforcement – The Vale Cabinet met on 4 December and approved the proposed arrangements. The Cabinet's recommendations were submitted to and approved by full Council for on 9 December. All Councils involved have now formally approved the recommendations and expect the new arrangements to be in place by November.

Planning – Decisions are still awaited on the three (2 in Shrivenham and one in Buscot) applications of concern that have been ongoing for a number of months. If recommended for approval all three will be called in for the Vale Planning Committee to consider.

Compliance Marshals – The Compliance Marshals are carrying out inspections in all Vale towns and villages. Their role is to ensure that all public health advice is followed by residents and businesses.

Swindon Borough Council – New Eastern Villages – As previously reported work is expected to start early in the New Year on the Southern Connector Road which will link South Marston to Commonhead roundabout. Other NEV road improvements are to commence from 4 January 2021. These include enlarging the Gablecross/Sainsbury's roundabout and the installation of traffic lights. These works will obviously impact on traffic

flow along the A420. The distribution centres at Symmetry Park are well on the way to being completed.

DC Ware encouraged the Council to respond to two public consultations on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Developers Contributions which close 8 February 2021.

09/21 Update from Chairman.

The Covid-19 volunteer system Whatsapp group remained up and running.

Reports had been received of parents not social distancing outside the school. DC Howell suggested contacting the Covid Compliance Marshalls and request a visit during drop off and pick up times.

FINANCE

10/21 Payments of Accounts.

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 1 List of payments.

Spending Power	Receipts received:	Description	Total
CC Priority Fund	Oxfordshire County Council	Grant	1,600.00
Spending Power	Payments now due:	Description	Total
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water - November	£3.00
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EP93 LG (Misc prov) Act 1976 s19	MRH Services	Visual inspection of play park	£36.50
Ep94 Public Health Act 1936	Onsite Central Ltd	Drainage survey	£780.00
EP95 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	Clerk's Dec salary	£201.05
EP 96 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014 EP88	Inland Revenue	TAX	£150.80

11/21 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation.

Council noted the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 30 December 2020.

COUNCIL

12/21 Longcot Village Trust.

Council agreed to arrange a site meeting with Keith Reid to discuss if there was a suitable location on parish land for the installation of a LVT noticeboard and aluminium recycling facility.

PLANNING

13/21 Submitted Planning Applications.

Council resolved to submit the following observations.

Table 2 List of submitted planning application responses.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P20/V3049/LB	<p>The Byre, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TZ <i>Replace a rotten wooden valley gutter with lead.</i></p> <p>Objects Longcot Parish Council objects to this application totally and attach an actual picture of the Byre today that has not been "reconstructed using marine ply-wood lined with lead" as stated on the Design and Access statement and correctly picked up by your Conservation Officer. Council would also like this application to be included as part of our enquiries into the permission of permitted building rights that Red Gables obtained to develop The Byre. Attached is a copy of the letter sent to your CEO Mark Stone on January 8th 2021. The letter sets out both the</p>

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		flooding issues associated with this property and the request for information on the Permitted Development Rights that were issued, there is no application relating to this on your website. Importantly, how and what was the risk assessment, knowing the flooding issues as per our observations in the planning committee on 5/12/2018, when the planning permission was first granted. Council has at this stage had no response to our email.

14/21 Permitted Planning Applications.

Table 3 List of permitted planning applications,

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P20/V2181/HH	3 Hughes Crescent, Longcot, Oxon SWN7 7SU <i>Hardstanding and dropped kerb on land owned by Sovereign Housing Association (permission granted by Sovereign).</i>
ii	P20/V2611/HH	Vale House, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Proposed erection of a double garage within the grounds of Vale House.</i>
iii	P20/V2501/HH	Willow Copse, Old Wharf Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7QT <i>Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a two-storey extension on the footprint of the outbuilding. Demolition of utility room and erection of single-storey link between house and extension. Addition of first floor dormer window.</i>

FLOODING

15/21 Update.

Work to the drainage system paid for from the Oxfordshire County Councillors Priority Fund would be carried out a week Saturday.

PLAY AREA

16/21 Maintenance requests.

None.

HIGHWAYS

17/21 Update on any issues.

The Chairman would write to McDonalds, Watchfield to complain about the amount of litter from the takeaway wrappers along Wharf/Majors Road.

ALLOTMENTS

18/21 Update on any issues.

None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

19/21 Update

The next meeting of the group was scheduled in February 2021.

CONFIDENTIAL 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.

20/21 Any Matters

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21/21 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed.....Date.....2021