

**Meeting of the of Longcot Parish Council
held in the St Mary's Church Hall, Church Close, Longcot
on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 7pm**

Present

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich, 2 residents and Tina Brock, Clerk.

196/21 Apologies for Absence.

Nathan Boyd (work commitment), CC Yvonne Constance (unwell), DC Simon Howell (unwell) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). Council resolved to approve these apologies.

197/21 Variance of Order of Business.

Council approved bringing forward item 10 i a planning application P21/V3278/HH Acorn Cottage – two-storey extension.

198/21 Declaration of Interest.

Personal interest:

Minute 202/21 i Andi Cunningham knows the applicant.

199/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29 November 2021.

Council resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

200/21 Matters arising from the minutes. None.

201/21 Public Participation.

Residents chose to speak on item 10 i P21/3278/HH Acorn Cottage after Council had resolved to approve a planning observation.

PLANNING

202/21 Submitted Planning Applications.

Council resolved to submit the following observations.

Table 1 List of submitted planning application responses.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V3267/HH	<p>Acorn Cottage, The Green, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SY <i>Two-storey side extension.</i></p> <p>Objects. No drainage plan has been submitted with the application. Council has established with Leigh Travers, Drainage Engineer, VWHDC that Longcot is a village that floods and always requires a drainage plan with every application submitted, especially involving any roof proposed so that it's run off can be anticipated. Council would request sight of a drainage plan for this application. Especially as there are properties that were flooded in 2007 that are nearby, and this plan is part of our protection of the established properties from any flooding incurred through new building. Council would request that Highways are consulted on adequate parking provision and vision splays. Council would question whether this proposal is overdevelopment of the site. Council would like to draw attention to the streetscape and the situation and location of nearby heritage buildings including any grade 2 listed buildings. Under the VWHDC local plan Longcot is designated as a small village, and as such do require to have small properties which Council believes are essential. Is the window in the roof drawings a skylight or Dormer? In the access statement is states a Dorma, but it is drawn as a sky light. Council has concerns regarding the privacy of both the neighbours and the Green.</p>

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		How far will the hedge line be taken back to? Any encroachment on to Parish land, The Green, will require permission (Title no ON129117 registered to the Parish Council). See attached.

2 residents left the meeting.

REPORTS

203/21 Report from County Councillor.

CC Constance submitted a written report.

20mph speed limit still awaits OCC Cabinet decision to proceed with the scheme. The budget meeting is in February 2022.

I now know that OCC proposes that County will pay for the signs and lining, and Parishes will pay for any engineering required ((which is likely to be more expensive and is also harder to estimate.) My concern is that it will take 3 years to roll out the new speed limit that way, and I hope for my villages to have it installed next year. I intend to try to persuade OCC to programme it so that villages can pay for signing (engineering is very unlikely in our villages where change is from 30mph to 20mph). The estimates so far stated are: £5,000 for small villages; £15,000 for a large village and £35,000 for a town, but we don't know what that is based on engineering works or numbers of signs/lines. My hope is that all my villages will register their interest without any commitment to spend, so that this Division can claim early priority in the queue. I intend also to persuade OCC that Parishes should be required to pay only for the signs/lines or engineering work they require and not a flat based fee.

Speedwatch continues to be trialled by TVP, but difficult to know with what progress because TVP is not reporting to County Cllrs or to Parish Councils. I assume it is making progress to be implemented as soon as trials have identified the problems.

OCC's LTCP consultation is now shifted to January. It will be a first stage consultation on the 'vision' with no site-specific plans. I'm hoping it will enable A420 residents to make a strong case for A420 to serve as a local road.

204/21 Report from District Councillor.

Covid – Since circulating our November 2021 District Councillor Report the new variant Omicron has been identified. The Vale has seen an increase in positive infection rates and is encouraging resident to take precautions and get vaccinated as they become available. More information may be found on the Vale website

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Purchasing Strategy. A new purchasing strategy has been implemented which aims to

*Ensure efficient and economic contracts are managed well

*Reduce costs and risk within the supply chain

*Ensure council spending contributes to the economic, social, and environmental benefits for our communities

Funds available for local business. The Vale has launched the latest round of business grants. Information is available on the South and Vale business support website. Applications close at midday on 16 December.

Waste Collections over Christmas period. Residents are reminded of the changes to collections over the Christmas period:

Normal date	Revised date
27 December	29 December
3 January	6 January
10 January	12 January
17 January	18 January

Garden waste collections are suspended over the period and will re-commence on Tuesday 18 January

Household Support Fund – The government fund is now open offering important lifeline for households who may struggle to afford life's essentials over winter. To find

out more or seek help call Citizens Advice 0808 2787907 or Vale Community Impact on 01235 765348

205/21 Update from Chairman. None.

FINANCE

206/21 Payments of Accounts.

Council resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 2 List of receipts and payments.

Spending Power	Payments due:	Description	Total
EP131 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Churchwardens	Room hires 11 Oct and 29 Nov 2021	£30.00
EP132 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	Clerks Dec salary	£210.80
EP133 LGA1972 s111	A Cunningham	Volunteers' expenses	£92.20
EP134 (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19 Highways Act 1980 EP89	Henleaze Farm	Oil for mower	£57.60

PLAY AREA

207/21 Maintenance requests. None.

HIGHWAYS

208/21 Update on any issues. None.

ALLOTMENTS

209/21 Update on any issues.

- i. Council resolved to approve increasing the allotment rent 2022-2023 for an allotment plot from £10 to £12 a year.

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.

210/21 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

211/21 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed.....Date.....2022