

**Meeting of the of Longcot Parish Council
held remotely by Zoom
on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 7pm**

Present

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, Howell, CC Yvonne Constance and Tina Brock, Clerk.

22/21 Apologies for Absence.

Nathan Boyd (work commitment), Alan Rich (prior commitment) DC Elaine Ware (work commitment), DC Simon (work commitment) and CC Yvonne Constance (work commitment). These apologies were received.

23/21 Variance of Order of Business. None.

24/21 Declaration of Interest. None.

25/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2021.

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

26/21 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Chairman reported that Gary Holcombe had looked at the wooden goal posts at The Dash, Play Park and reported that the wood was not rotten but the post needed securing.

27/21 Public Participation. None.

REPORTS

28/21 Report from County Councillor.

None.

29/21 Report from District Councillor.

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

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

As previously reported Vale staff continue to work from home. Although this is not ideal they would appreciate it if any communications are by Email rather than telephone.

Local Covid Updates – Throughout the pandemic Simon has provided local Resilience Groups with updates these will continue as long as is necessary.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee – the meeting scheduled for 8 March has been cancelled. The next meeting is likely to take place in May.

Garden Waste – The garden waste service has been suspended until further notice. The service is reviewed by Vale and Biffa on a weekly basis. The suspension of this service has caused a great deal of concern for the users of this paid service.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Following the agreement of all Councils involved the County Council has requested delegation powers from central Government which will enable the new arrangements to commence later this year.

Planning – There have been a number of applications submitted in the Watchfield & Shrevenham Ward and these are currently going through the planning process. Decisions are still awaited on the three (2 in Shrevenham and one in Buscot) applications of concern that have been ongoing for a number of months. The delays have included the need for reconfiguration of layout and type of dwelling, viability assessment and flooding issues. If any of the applications are recommended for approval they will be called in for the Vale Planning Committee to consider.

CIL Consultations – There are currently two CIL consultations. These relate to the Charging Schedule and Developer Contributions. Parish Councils are asked to consider responding to both of the consultations as they relate to how the Council raises funding for infrastructure and for planned growth throughout the Vale. The deadline for comments is 8 February.

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

Full Council meeting – the next full Council virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 February at 1900hrs. This is the annual meeting that will set the budget and Council Tax for 2021/22. The agenda will be published on Wednesday 3 February.

Swindon Borough Council – New Eastern Villages – Work has started on the Southern Connector Road and other road improvements as part of the infrastructure to support the 8000 NEV dwellings, new schools, commercial construction etc. The distribution centres at Symmetry Park are well on the way to being completed. OCC Officers have met with Swindon BC Officers to discuss the impact that the road works will have on the A420 as well as the long-term disruption which will be created as the NEV construction begins. Currently the expected build out time for the NEV is 14 years.

30/21 Update from Chairman.

None.

FINANCE

31/21 Payments of Accounts.

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 1 List of payments.

Spending Power	Payments now due:	Description	Total
EP97 LA 1972 s111	The Net Result	Payroll	£30.00
EP98 LA 1972 s111	The Net Result	Oct – Dec payroll	£25.50
EP99 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	Jan salary	£201.05
EP100 LG (Misc prov) Act 1976 s19	MRH Services	Visual inspection of play park	£36.50
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water - January	£3.00
EP101 LGA 1972 s143	CPRE	Annual membership	£36.00
EP102 Public Health Act 1936	OnSite	Drain jetting and CCTV	£1,920.00

PLANNING

32/21 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	P21/V0044/HH	3 Downlands, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TY <i>Erection of wooden gates 1.8m high, new dropped kerb and gravel driveway.</i> Objects. Council objects in full to this application. Firstly, this new proposed entrance is dangerously close to the junction of Fernham Road. Please find attached a photo of Mallins Lane as seen from the Downlands entrance which also does not have good sight of the proposed new entrance. The hedge was part of the agreement to be retained when Downlands was developed and is in keeping with a village. When Longcot flooded in both 1993 and 2007 the high pavement was actually really helpful in keeping the water going down towards the main ditch on Fernham road. The drains are unable to cope with such storms and Downlands did have some houses that had flood water come into their homes. By reducing a curb this could allow water to find its way into Downlands via another route.
ii	P21/V0028/FUL	Verge outside Cleveland Farm, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TW <i>Erection of a new 12m steel monopole with 1x0.3m diameter microwave dish. This pole will replace an existing 12m wooden pole with 1x0.3m microwave dish.</i> Response.

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		Council requests that the monopole be erected in the same location as existing and is no taller than 12m as stated.
iii	P21/V0015/HH	<p>1 Kings Farm Cottages, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE</p> <p><i>Proposed first floor rear extension, single-storey side extension to provide store/workshop and new pitched roof and cladding to existing flat roof porch</i></p> <p>Response.</p> <p>Under the terms of the Longcot Flood Plan Council would request that a drainage plan is submitted and that Leigh Travers is consulted to ensure no neighbours would be affected by the proposal, prior to approval of the application. Council would also request that the views of the neighbours are taken into consideration</p>
iv	P20/V3049/LB amended details	<p>The Byre, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TZ</p> <p><i>Replace a rotten wooden valley gutter with lead (additional details submitted 26/01/2021) – RETROSPECTIVE.</i></p> <p>Objects.</p> <p>Council objects in full as per the response we wrote on 18 January 2021 and look forward to hearing from you to establish how and when the permitted development rights were issued.</p> <p>Council would add to its objections:</p> <p>On the original planning application to Red Gables it was agreed that Red gables would not be under Grade 2 listed building regulations, but that the development would take note of the heritage of the site, thus the Glover was requested to be kept and building materials were in keeping. The Byre was never mentioned in the planning application and Council would have proposed that this was very much in the curtilage of a listed building as it adjoins a listed building. Council would again have requested that the drainage capability was not incumbered by the development of The Byre.</p> <p>Attached is a picture of the lead replacement. Council is shocked that this kind of work is acceptable to listed buildings? Water will find its way underneath and continue to rot below which it is supposed to be protected.</p>

FLOODING

33/21 Update.

Council is awaiting the CCTV report from OnSite. Once received the findings would be discussed and a quote requested for any work needed.

The Chairman had contacted the Berkshire Records Office and requested copies of all drainage maps and information that they held on Longcot Parish.

Residents had reported to the Chairman of gardens flooding which had not flooded previously.

The Chairman and Alan Rich attended a meeting to assist with clearing a ditch which was full of water and flowing onto the road and around the Sovereign houses at Hughes Crescent. During the meeting it was noted that the ditch on Merrifield's land had been filled in with no outlet to carry the water on and the ditch was filled with rubbish. The Chairman contacted Sovereign who agreed to remove rubbish from the ditch and residents gardens and contacted VWHDC for assistance with locating the drain outlet.

PLAY AREA

34/21 Maintenance requests.

The Chairman reported that she had inspected the play equipment and raised the issue of the BMX track humps looking very flat. To be looked at in the spring.

HIGHWAYS

35/21 Update on any issues.

OCC consultation on the proposal to lower speed limits on some of the main roads in the vicinity of Longcot and Watchfield. The proposal are being put forward as a result of local concerns regarding road safety and the number of road traffic accidents in the area. Specifically the proposals comprise of the following measures: a) extend the existing 30mph speed limit on Longcot Road in Shrivenham due to adjacent development of land, b) introduce 40mph speed limits in place of the existing 60mph NSL on the B4508 Majors Road, Fernham Road & Shrivenham Road, and Longcot Road in Longcot, and then c) introduce a 50mph speed limit on the B4508 Majors Road from its roundabout junction with the A420 Oxford Road south-eastwards for 1.6km. In light of this. The consultation closes on 12 March at 3pm. To respond please click on the link [OCC speed limit consultation](#).

ALLOTMENTS

36/21 Update on any issues.

None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

37/21 Update

The Chairman reported that the meeting last week covered a lot of county issues. TVP would be replacing the 4 parish SID.

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.

38/21 Any Matters

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

39/21 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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