

**Meeting of the Longcot Parish Council  
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot  
on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 7pm**

**Present**

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, DC Simon Howell and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**72/22 Apologies for Absence.**

Alan Rich (work commitment), Nathan Boyd, (work commitment), CC Yvonne Constance (unable to attend) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). Council resolved to approve these apologies.

**73/22 Variance of business. None.**

**74/22 Declarations of interests. None.**

**75/22 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 4 May 2022.**

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

**76/22 Matters arising from the minutes. None.**

**77/22 Public Participation. None.**

**REPORTS**

**78/22 Report from County Councillor. None.**

**79/22 Report from District Councillor.**

DC Ware had sent a report via email.

**Homes for Ukraine** – The countywide partnership is continuing to carry out relevant Safeguarding and accommodation checks, respond to any concerns, and are successfully processing school place applications and finance support payments to guests. Work to develop a rematching process where sponsorship arrangements break down is also taking shape. The partnership is moving into a confident system-wide longer-term approach for delivering support.

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**Planning** – The number of planning applications for Ward villages continues to rise. Details by each Parish may be found on the Vale website [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning)  
The application for 90 dwellings at the rear of the Bovis development on Townsend Road in Shrivenham has been refused by the Vale. At this time, it is not known if the developer will appeal the decision.

The application for 26 dwellings also on Townsend Road in Shrivenham has been submitted to the Planning Inspector on the grounds of non-determination. However, the developer has failed to provide the additional information that has been requested and it remains to be seen if the Planning Inspectorate will accept the appeal. The Vale planning officer advised in April that the Planning Inspectorate has a backlog and that it is taking many months to register appeals.

A formal application has been submitted for a 64-bed care home in the garden/paddock of Wayside Townsend Road in Shrivenham. This application has caused a great deal of concern and a considerable number of objections. Objections include - Clinical Commissioning Group, Elm Tree Surgery, Thames Valley Police, Thames Water, Forestry Officer, Oxfordshire County Council, and numerous residents. A decision on this application is expected early July.

The Vale has placed Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) on the majority of trees on Shrivenham Park Golf Club.

Joint Local Plan consultation – There is still time to comment on the proposals. The consultation runs until 23 June. Consultations are also taking place these are: Sustainability

Appraisal Screening and Scoping Report Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report, Draft Settlement Assessment Methodology and Duty to Cooperate Scoping Document. There will be more opportunities to comment on the Joint Local Plan proposals later in the year.

**Council Meeting** – At the full Council meeting held on 18 May at Milton Park it was agreed for the Vale to have a Food and Farming Champion. The Champion, who will be a sitting Councillor, will help to promote food production, distribution, healthy eating, and the environment. Further details will be available once the appointment has been made.

**Climate Emergency Advisory Committee** – The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Monday 11 July. The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 5 April are available on the Vale website.

**Swindon CCG/Integrated Care Alliance** – We met with the CCG on 6 May. We received an update on the transformation from CCG to the new ICA which is due to take place later this year. We are awaiting a Newsletter which will enable us to keep Parish Councils updated with health and wellbeing information. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29 June.

**Electric Vehicles Charging Points**– EV Charging points have now been installed in Car Parks in Wantage, Abingdon and locally in Faringdon and are fully operational. The charging points are primarily to assist those who do not have access to home charging.

**Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee** – Elaine attended the meeting held on Monday 13 June. Items discussed included the 20mph project, projects for CIL funding, Shrivensham Bypass roundabout, pedestrian crossings, and pavements. Although Parishes tend to contact their County Councillor directly with any traffic issues Elaine can also raise matters and report back to Parish Councils. The next FATAAC meeting will be held on 12 September.

**Abingdon Outdoor Pool** – for those who use the outdoor pool in Abingdon's Abbey Meadow please note that the pool will only be open for a six-week period this summer and will open on 25 July. The reason for this is primarily financial bearing mind the high costs involved in running the pool. Details may be found on the Vale website [www.whitehorselottery.co.uk](http://www.whitehorselottery.co.uk)

**White Horse Community Lottery** – The lottery continues to attract new voluntary and charitable groups – remember its free to join!

### **Swindon Borough Council – New Eastern Villages**

At last, we can relax because the roadworks at the White Hart Roundabout have been completed. Alas that cannot be said for Gablecross and Oxford Road. However, we are assured that all will be completed in the next few weeks. The knock-on effect is still being experienced as the rat runs that were sought in order to avoid the roadworks continue to be used. There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of traffic using the Bourton Wharf/Townsend Road access from the A420. This we believe is due to traffic avoiding the traffic lights and single lane access on the Bypass where the new roundabout is being constructed. We hope that this increase will only be temporary.

We have been very busy over the past few weeks attending Annual Parish Assemblies and AGMs with our 12 Parishes. It is so interesting to see how diverse our Ward is. Yes, it is primarily a rural community, but it is also a tourist area and there is a need to cater not just for our residents but for visitors too.

Although we don't normally hold surgeries, we are always available to deal with any issues.

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DC Howell left the meeting.

### **80/22 Report from Chairman.**

Longcot Village Trust held a picnic on The Green for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which was well attended.

Longfest would take place on Saturday 2 July 2022.

## **FINANCE**

### **81/22 Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit 2022/2023.**

Council reviewed the system and found it adequate.

**82/22 Audit 2021/2022. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022 Form 2.**

- i. Internal audit 2021/2022. Council considered the recommendations made in the report and approved the internal audit report 2021/2022 carried out by Jane Olds.
- ii. Council resolved to certify that during the financial year 2021/22 Council's annual total gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 and wish to certify Council as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- iii. Council noted that Jane Olds has completed and signed the Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22 section of the AGAR on 13 April 2022.
- iv. Council completed Section 1 Annual governance Statement 2021/22 of the AGAR which was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- v. Council resolved to approve the Council's year end accounts 31 March 2022 which was signed by the Chairman.
- vi. Council resolved to approve Section 2 Account Statements 2021/22 of the AGAR which was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- vii. Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2022 which was signed by the Chairman.
- viii. Council resolved to approve the explanation of variances.
- ix. Council resolved to approve the dates for the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022. To commence on Wednesday 22 June 2022 and end on Tuesday 2 August 2022.

**83/22 Expenditure.**

- i. Council noted and approved the increase in The Net Results payroll fees by £11.00.
- ii. Council resolved to approve a working allowance for the Clerk of £6.00 per week.

**84/22 Payments of Accounts.**

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

*Table 1 List of payments.*

<b>Statutory Power</b>	<b>Payments now due:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water	£5.00
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EP 153 LGA 1972 s111	Gallagher	Council insurance – LTA until May 2024	£693.44
EP 154 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	May salary	£210.80
EP155 LGA (misc prov) 1976 S19	MRH Services	Service inspection of play parks	£45.00
EP156 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens'	Hire of room June	£15.00
DD LGA 1972 s111	Information Commissioners Office	Annual data protection fee	£35.00
EP157 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	June salary	£210.60

**COUNCIL**

**85/22 Jubilee Oak Tree.**

A resident had requested that an Oak Tree be planted on the green opposite the church. Council considered the request and agreed that the tree would obscure drivers' vision as it grew and was not a good location.

**PLANNING**

**86/22 Submitted Planning Applications.**

Table 2 List of submitted planning application responses.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P22/V1370/FUL	Church Farm, Fernham Road, Longcot, Oxon <i>Variation of condition 2 (schedule of approved plans), 4 (surface water drainage scheme), 5 (foul water drainage scheme) 6 (great crested newt mitigation strategy), 7 (biodiversity enhancement measures) &amp; 8 (details of boundary treatments) on application P21/V1838/FUL.</i> <i>Condition 2 – to allow for minor changes to approved scheme including re-siting of dwelling. Conditions 4, 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8 to allow for revised permission to be issued without need for submission of further details prior to commencement.</i> <b>Response.</b> Thank you for submitting a drainage plan. Council would request that if planning permission were granted that this should not set a precedent for further development along the south side of the B4508.

**87/22 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.**

Table 3 List of permitted planning applications.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V1235/LB	2 Church View, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TA
ii	P21/V1234/HH	<i>Erection of first floor rear extension and outbuilding (replacing shed). (As amended by plans rec'd 23/2/2022.) (Amended location plan and ownership certificate rec'd 23/2/2022.)</i>

**PLAY AREA**

**88/22 Update on new play equipment at The Dash.**

OALC informed the Clerk that funding from Longcot Village Trust can be received towards the expenditure of the new play equipment. No update from Louise Cooke.

**89/22 MRH Services.**

A new wooden step with anti-slip had been installed to the slide and one set of swing chains had been replaced.

**90/22 Maintenance requests. None.**

**HIGHWAYS**

**91/22 Reduction of speed on Fernham Road.**

No update on the request made to OCC to reduce the speed from 40mph to 30mph on Fernham Road between Mallins Lane and King and Queen pub.

**92/22 Update on any matters. None.**

**ALLOTMENTS**

**93/22 Update on any issues.**

Gary Holcombe was collecting the allotment rents.

**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.**

**94/22 Any Matters. None.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**95/22 Next meeting of the Parish Council.**

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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