

**Meeting of the Longcot Parish Council
on Thursday 16 November 2023 7pm
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot**

In attendance.

Council members.

Andi Cunningham, Chair, Nathan Boyd, Amy Cooper and Tina Brock, Clerk.

District Councillor.

None.

County Councillor.

None

Visitor.

3 residents.

173/23 Apologies for Absence.

John Barnaby (prior commitment), Alan Rich (prior commitment), CC Yvonne Constance (prior commitment), DC Katherine Foxhall (prior commitment) and DC Viral Patel (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

174/23 Variance of business. None.

175/23 Declarations of interests. None.

176/23 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19 October 2023.

Mr Stoves objected to minute 159/23 which stated 'Mr Stoves confirmed that he does not object to the fencing Council is considering installing' as he does object to the fence being installed. Council noted Mr Stoves objection but resolved to approve the minutes as they stand which were signed by the Chair.

177/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 162/33 ii OCC are scheduled to clear the water from under the bridge at Old Wharf Road on 23 November 2023. The pumping station has been checked and a blocked manhole would be investigated.

Minute 162/23 v the drainage grate at Kings Farm Close is the responsibility of the Management Committee and not OCC.

Minute 159/23 Council would not be accepting Mr Stoves, Holly Cottage offer to pay 50% towards the repairs of the surface of the track as the cost was a lot less than thought. Mr Stoves has been asked to add topsoil to the right of the Dash.

178/23 Public Participation.

Mr Stoves, Holly Cottage raised questions over the maintenance of the track at The Dash, the erection of the fence, an emergency exit if the track is blocked, erection of a gate, cutting back of foliage and signage. Council reiterated that the maintenance of the track is not down to the Council but agreed that it would be a standing item on the agenda for consideration in the future for any maintenance issues. The Chair said that Alan Rich cuts back overgrowing foliage at The Dash annually. The current work scheduled is the erection of fencing with no gate and access to the park area for the mower. Signage and emergency exit to be discussed at a later date. Council requested that Mr Stoves contacts Biffa to arrange that his bins are now collected with the other residents' bins rather than the bin lorry driving up to Holly Cottage. Mr Stoves agreed to contact Biffa.

Mr Stoves left the meeting.

Residents of 3 and 4 Priory Mead informed Council of the flooding issues they are experiencing. The water in the ditch at the rear of the properties is not flowing and flooding gardens with water right up to the houses. They had dug the ditch to help the water flow and opened drains to prevent water invading their houses. They are aware that the pipe in the garden of 3 Priory Mead needs replacing. CCTV has shown that 2 manholes are in a poor condition and that the culvert has too much water which indicates that the pipes may need replacing. The Chair had met with Leigh Travers, Flood Risk and Drainage Engineer, VWHDC on site and discussed the possible causes of the flooding and how to mitigate the problem. Leigh Travers would be writing to the landowner behind the properties to inform of his findings and how to mitigate the issues.

REPORTS

179/23 County Councillors report. None.

180/23 District Councillors report. None.

181/23 Chairs report. None.

FINANCE

182/23 Budget 2024/2025.

- i. Council resolved to approve the 2024/2025 budget, expected expenditure £8,555, expected income £8,442.
- ii. Council resolved to approve set the 2024/2025 precept at £8,000.

183/23 Clerk's salary.

Council resolved to approve the NALC 2022/2023 Local Government services pay agreement 2023. This pay award to be backdated to 1 April 2023. The Clerk is currently on SCP 30 and works 15 hours a month.

184/23 Grant.

Council agreed to grant £100 towards the cost of replacing the battery of the parish's defibrillator.

185/23 Payments of Accounts.

Council noted receipts received.

Table 1 List of receipts.

Statutory Power	Receipts received:	Description	Total
Cil	VWHDC	Cil share	£2,648.64

Council resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 2 List of expenditure.

Statutory Power	Payments due	Description	Total
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water Nov	£32.51
EP219 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Oct salary	£247.25
EP220 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens account	Hire of room	£15.00
EP221 LG (misc prov) Act 1976 s19	Earthline Ltd	Gravel to fill potholes on The Dash track	£264.00
EP222 LG (misc prov) Act 1976 s19	MRH Services	Service inspection of play equipment	£45.00
EP223 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Nov salary	£247.25
EP224 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens account	Hire of room	£15.00
EP225 LG (misc prov) Act 1976 s19 Open Spaces Act 1906	Henleaze Farm	Diesel for mower	£86.40
EP226 LG (misc prov) Act 1976 s19	Henleaze Farm	Hire of forklift for filling potholes on The Dash track	£240.00

PLANNING

186/23 Submitted Planning Applications.

Table 3 List of submitted planning application responses.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P23/V2438/FUL	Old Wharf House, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Demolish converted stables and two storey barn replace with similar accommodation, office, store, and double garage.</i> OBJECTS. Council objects to the proposal for the following reasons. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No drainage plan has been submitted. 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. Longcot is currently dealing with flooding issues on Old Wharf Road and other areas in the parish.• The height of the proposal does not appear to confirm with the pre-app advice given.
ii	MW.0151/23	Former Wicklesham Quarry, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7PH

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		<p><i>Outline flexible planning application for a total of up to 42,286 sq m GIA of commercial floorspace for Use Classes E(g) I (offices); and/or E(g) (iii) (research and development); and/or, E(g)(iii) (light industrial); and/or B2 (general industrial); and/or B8 (storage and distribution); and ancillary uses. All matters reserved for future determination except for access.</i></p> <p>OBJECTS.</p> <p>Firstly, the huge increase in traffic that is proposed with this application is frightening. The traffic management plans that are in place with OCC from our village, that has to use the hill going to Fernham and then onto Majors Road, is no longer capable of taking the traffic from the A420 when there is an accident, which happens very frequently. There appears absolutely no way of ensuring the safety of the A420? What are the Police and OCC proposing to keep the roads safe with this vast increase in traffic. The plan to use the roundabout will just make an already a very busy roundabout have even larger queues and a massive increase in air pollution.</p> <p>Secondly, the excellent farming land should not be lost to this very inappropriate development which will affect so many things - such as the well-used bridleways and footpaths that are enjoyed by the residents and yet nothing has been proposed to ensure the walkers and cyclists safety in this area.</p> <p>Flooding, drainage and water management - what will this proposal do to alter the neighbouring farmland, this has not been considered within this outline.</p>

187/23 Permitted planning application(s). Noted.

Table 4 List of permitted planning application(s).

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i ii	P23/V0722/LB P23/V0721/HH	Ivy House, Fernham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TG <i>Conversion of the single storey north wing into habitable accommodation, replacement roof to north wing, internal alterations, alterations to existing window and door openings, infill of existing rear storm porch, storm porch addition to north elevation, creation of new site access and dropped kerb, landscaping, and creation of 3 outbuildings (amended plans 11/7/2023 and amended Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement 26/7/2023) (amended drainage information August 2023).</i>
iii	P23/V2170/LDP	10 Church Close, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TN <i>Erection of a single storey rear extension (additional information rec'd 27/10/2023).</i>

188/23 Permitted Development applications. Noted.

Table 5 List of Permitted Development applications.

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P23/V2492/LDP	Fernley, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxford SN7 7TL <i>Single storey side extension.</i>

HIGHWAYS

189/23 New bus service.

Council noted that a new bus service 68 will operate between Faringdon and Wantage visiting Longcot along the way and will commence on Monday 27 November 2023.

190/23 Update on any matters. None,

PLAY AREA & TRACK

191/23 MRH Services service inspection. Noted.

192/23 Update on any matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

193/23 Update on any matters. None.

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.

194/23 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

195/23 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....Date.....2023