

**Meeting of the Longcot Parish Council
on Thursday 19 October 2023 7pm
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot**

In attendance.

Council members.

Andi Cunningham, Chair, Alan Rich, and Amy Cooper.

District Councillor.

None.

County Councillor.

CC Yvonne Constance.

Visitor.

1 resident.

154/23 Apologies for Absence.

John Barnaby (prior commitment), Nathan Boyd (prior commitment), DC Katherine Foxhall (prior commitment), DC Viral Patel (prior commitment and Tina Brock, Clerk (unable to attend). These apologies were received.

155/23 Variance of business. None.

156/23 Declarations of interests. None.

157/23 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28 September 2023.

Council resolved to approve the minutes which would be signed by the Chair at the next meeting.

158/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

Hedges have been cut back and quotes obtained for all work to be undertaken at The Dash.

159/23 Public Participation.

Mr Stoves, Holly Cottage has offered to pay 50% towards repairs to the surface of the track. Council thanked Mr Stoves and that confirmation of his offer would need to be in writing once a quote had been agreed and prior to starting the work. Mr Stoves confirmed that he does not object to the fencing Council is considering installing but that all utilities must be accounted for. Holly Cottage has a pump going across The Dash which Council was unaware of and no permission had been given, this would need to be addressed. A sign would be erected on the fence to say 'Do not block access needed at all times'. Mr Stoves asked if a section of fence could be dismantled for access if required. This would be considered.

REPORTS

160/23 County Councillors report.

CC Constance reported that she had received complaints of drivers parking, leaving engines on, and blocking driveways and gates around the school. The Chair would write to the school.

161/23 District Councillors report. None.

162/23 Chairs report.

- i. The 20mph signs have been installed at Kings Lane and Mallins Lane.
- ii. Flooding at the bridge. Council has requested a new gauge and has been in contact with OCC and VWHDC and has been informed that the gullies would be cleared soon. OCC has been asked to contact Network Rail to contribute to costs as the bridge is underwater again and this must have an impact on the structure of the bridge.
- iii. Council has received a request from residents of Kings Farm Close for access to the mower. Council checked the documents relating to the development regarding mowing the open spaces but were told that if this was to happen then the open spaces would become the responsibility of Council. This was never agreed. A management company was set up to carry out this maintenance.
- iv. Council reported to OCC and VWHDC drains that required clearing as some areas were blocked and overflowing mostly outside the Methodist Church area.
- v. The drainage system outside Kings Farm Close has been unblocked. There is a dispute over ownership of the drainage grate, land registry shows that it belongs to the new development.

FINANCE

163/23 Expenditure.

Council approved the following quotes.

- i. Shrevenham Fencing £5,500 + VAT expenditure from CIL and general funds. Funding of £1,000 from the County Councillors Priory Fund would be applied for.
- ii. Grundon for hardcore £1,050 + VAT.

164/23 Quarter 2 financials.

- i. Council noted and approved the quarter 2 bank reconciliation.
- ii. Council noted and approved the quarter 2 budget.

165/23 Payments of Accounts.

Council noted receipts received.

Table 1 List of receipts.

Statutory Power	Receipts received:	Description	Total
LGA 1929 s115	SSE	Wayleave	£2.00

Council resolved to authorise the payments below:

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Statutory Power	Payments due	Description	Total
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water Oct	£32.51
EP217 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens account	Hire of room	£15.00
EP218 LGA 1972 s111	The Net Result	Payroll	£88.50

COUNCIL

166/23 Mower.

Council received a request from residents of Kings Farm Close to borrow the mower to cut the open spaces with offer to contribute towards expenses. See minute 162/23 iii.

PLANNING

167/23 Withdrawn planning application(s). Noted.

Table 2 List of withdrawn planning application(s).

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V1696/FUL	Wellington Farm, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon <i>Erection of Cattle Housing Unit – as amended by surface water drainage scheme 16/9/21.</i>

HIGHWAYS

168/23 Update on any matters. None.

PLAY AREA

169/23 Update on any matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

170/23 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.

171/23 Any Matters. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

172/23 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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