

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council  
held in Longcot Chapel  
on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Present.**

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Nathan Boyd, Amy Cooper, Alan Richards, CC Yvonne Constance, DC Elaine Ware and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**123/19 Apologies for Absence.**

DC Simon Howell (prior commitment). This apology was received.

**124/19 Variation on Order of Business.**

None

**125/19 Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**126/19 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 July 2019.**

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**127/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

None.

**128/19 Public Participation.**

None.

**REPORTS**

**129/19 Report from County Councillor.**

Report CC Constance.

The proposed routes for the Ox/Cam Expressway was still not known.

OCC and VWHDC are meeting to discuss Oxfords' congestion.

A meeting to discuss Local Transport Plan 5 was due to take place.

The VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 had been found sound by the Planning Inspector. The VWHDC new administration would be discussing whether to adopt the plan. If LPP2 was not adopted then LPP1 and the Housing Infrastructure Fund would fail.

**130/19 Report from District Councillor.**

Report from DC Ware.

**Climate Emergency** - Following the agreement to a Climate Emergency in February the new administration has created a new Climate Emergency Advisory Committee. The proposal was approved by full Council on 17 July. The new Committee will be non-decision making but will make recommendations to Cabinet.

**Local Plan Part 2** – The Planning Inspector has declared that the LPP2 is sound and is subject to local democratic approval. The new administration has indicated that it wants to make sure that they fully understand the implications of adopting the plan or otherwise. The Deputy Leader of the Vale has written to the Secretary of State highlighting concern about the figures to meet Oxfords Unmet Need and development in the Green Belt. The Plan will be considered by the Vale Cabinet on 4 October and the decision will be an agenda item for full Council on Wednesday 9 October.

**Pop Up Business School** - A Pop Up Business School will take place in the Memorial Hall Shrivenham between 7 and 11 October from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event follows the success of others held in the Vale and South Oxfordshire. The intensive course provides guidance on topics such as starting a business with no money, building a website for free, taxes and marketing. This is a FREE course organised by the Economic Development Team at the Vale.

**Planning**

**Construction continues on all four sites in Shrivenham.** There has been a further delay in the use of the A420 access road but it is hoped that this will be available for use from Monday 9 September.

**Appeals in Shrivenham** - The lodged appeal with the Planning Inspectorate to allow tarmac to the green highway verge at the front of the property and drop the kerb to improve vehicular access at 43 Highworth Road has been dismissed.

**Chowle Farm** - The Outline Planning Application for a Lorry Park and 9 residential dwellings has been refused by the Vale.

**Land South of Steeds Farm** -The independent Financial Viability Assessment commissioned by the Vale is awaited.

**Oxford to Cambridge Expressway** – The Deputy Leader of the Vale has written to Government objecting to the Expressway. However, the public consultation for this proposal has not yet been published.

**Shrivenham Neighbourhood Development Plan** – residents are reminded that the consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan is open for comments until 1 October.

**Parish Planning Training** – Town and Parish Councils have been invited to attend planning training on 9 September. Councils are encouraged to attend.

**Household Enquiry - Yellow Letter** – Residents are reminded to complete the information required and return to the Vale asap.

**Festival Grants** – The Vale scheme is open for grant applications of up to £1,000.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Points Consultation** – the Government has published a consultation on EV smart charging points and regulations. Comments to be submitted by 7 October. Additionally, the Vale is working with the County on an Oxfordshire wide EV charging strategy.

**Civic Parking Enforcement** – Consultants have been appointed to undertake a feasibility study and prepare a report for Cabinet.

**Cycling Champion** – The Vale has appointed a first ever Cycling Champion to encourage people to travel by bike.

**World Car Free Day 22 September 2019** – Give driving a miss. The Vale is promoting this world-wide event by awarding a prize for what you did by using alternative transport on Sunday 22 September. There is an online survey to complete and entries must be submitted by 5pm on Monday 30 September. The draw will take place on 1 October. More details on the Council's website.

CC Constance and DC Ware left the meeting.

**131/19 Report from Chairman.**

None.

## FINANCE

**132/19 Payments of Accounts.**

Council RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

*Table 1 List of payments.*

Spending Power		Payments received:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LGA 1982 s150		VWHDC - 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of precept			3,700.00
Spending Power	Cheque No.	Payments now due:	Net Cost	VAT	Total
LGA 1972 s111	EP45	The Net Result - payroll			55.50
LGA 1972 s112	EP46	T Brock - August salary			201.05
LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	EP47	Playsafety Ltd - Annual play inspection by RoSPA	75.50	15.10	90.60
LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 S19	000725	MRH Services - play equipment service inspection			33.00
Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	000726	Berners Allsopp - allotment rent			10.00

As at 9 September 2019 Councils bank accounts held a credit balance of:

Current a/c £9,516.40

Deposit a/c £4,908.14

**133/19 Expenditure.**

Council AGREED not to purchase any grit/salt for 2019/2020.

**134/19 Internal Audit.**

Council AGREED to commission Arrow Accounting to carry out the internal audit of the Council for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 at affixed fee with no site visit of £211.

## HIGHWAYS

**135/19 Update on Current Matters.**

None.

## PLAY AREA

### 136/19 RoSPA Inspection.

July 2019 reported a high risk of rot on the goal post and low risk of holes in the surface of the roundabout and slide. The Council is currently looking at new goal posts and the Clerk would contact MRH Service to repair the holes.

### 137/19 MRH Services July 2019.

Service Inspection of The Dash highlighted the same risks as the RoSPA report.

### 138/19 Update on Other Current Matters.

None.

## PLANNING

### 139/19 Submitted Planning Application.

The Council RESOLVED to submit the following observation:

*Table 2 List of planning applications.*

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P19/V1583/HH amended details	3 Priory Mead, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TJ <i>Proposed rear and side single-storey extensions.</i> This application was looked at prior to the meeting due to time constraints and the following comments were submitted to VWHDC. <b>Objects.</b> Although Longcot PC are very grateful for the extra work that has been done on the application – we are not sure about the discharge of the water proposal around the side “assumed route” and refer to note 3 that suggests verification of the existing drainage to be undertaken prior to construction. Council would have liked this to have been done so that we are working with the facts which makes for better planning. How does the existing water drain to the north of the property connect? The levels are not clear nor the connection detail. Because of this we will have to object.

### 140/19 Permitted Development Application was noted.

*Table 3 List of permitted development application.*

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P19/V1963/N4C	Plover Barn, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Conversion of agricultural barn to storage and distribution use (use class B8)</i>

### 141/19 Agricultural Notification was noted.

*Table 4 List of agricultural notifications.*

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P19/V0202/AG	Longcot House, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TF <i>Erection of new agricultural building for storage, to replace an existing building.</i>

### 142/19 Update on Other Current Matters. None.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

### 143/10 Update on Current Matters. None.

## ALLOTMENTS

### 144/19 Allotment Tenants Meeting.

Council AGREED that a meeting was not necessary as no problems had been reported.

**145/19 Update on Current Matters. None.**

**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.**

**146/19 Any Matters. None.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**147/19 Next meeting.**

The next meeting of **Longcot Parish Council** would take place on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....Date.....2019