

**Meeting of the Longcot Parish Council  
on Thursday 28 September 2023 7pm  
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot**

**In attendance.**

**Council members.**

Andi Cunningham, Chair, Alan Rich, Amy Cooper and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**District Councillor.**

DC Vital Patel.

**County Councillor.**

CC Yvonne Constance.

**Visitor.**

1 resident.

**130/23 Apologies for Absence.**

John Barnaby (prior commitment), Nathan Boyd (prior commitment) and DC Katherine Foxhall. These apologies were received.

**131/23 Variance of business. None.**

**132/23 Declarations of interests. None.**

**133/23 Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3 August 2023.**

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

**134/23 Matters arising from the minutes. None.**

**135/23 Public Participation.**

Resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about overgrown hedges and potholes on the unmade surface of the track at The Dash. Council informed the resident that work to cut back the hedges was scheduled in the next few weeks. Enquiries would be made for quotes for gravel/stones to fill in the holes. The resident said that he was happy to contribute to the cost of the gravel/stones as Council does not have to maintain the track. Expenditure would be considered at the next council meeting.

**REPORTS**

**136/23 County Councillors report.**

CC Constance reminded Council that £1,000 was available from the County Council Priority Allowance.

**137/23 District Councillors report.**

DC Patel reported.

Reported that he had brought up the safety issues of the Kings Lane bus stop on the A20 at the recent Parish Transport Representative meeting.

Vale Community Impact are offering transport for residents who need transport to day centres, health centres and more. They are based in Wantage telephone number 01235 765348 or email [help@vci.org.uk](mailto:help@vci.org.uk).

**138/23 Chairs report. None.**

DC Patel left the meeting.

**COUNCIL**

**139/23 Community Liaison meeting.**

The Chair attended a meeting on Wednesday 27 September 2023. Attendees listened to a general update nothing was mentioned that would impact the parish.

**FINANCE**

**140/23 S106 Funds (16V49) public art £4,933.53 spend by 10 January 2024.**

The Chair would approach the 2 artists in the parish and suggest that the funds are split. Designs would be presented to Council at a meeting and locations agreed.

**141/23 Expenditure.**

Council agreed to meet with Shrivenham fencing to obtain another quote for the fence to extend further up the Dash with a gate at the far end with a key code lock.

**142/23 Payments of Accounts.**

Council resolved to authorise the payments below:

*Table 1 List of expenditure.*

<b>Statutory Power</b>	<b>Payments due</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water Sept	£13.63
EP209 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Aug salary	£247.25
EP210 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Church Wardens account	Hire of room	£15.00
EP211 LGA1972 s142	Abby Hill Studios	Website maintenance	£250.00
EP212 LGA (misc prov) 1976 S19	Playsafety Ltd	Annual play equipment inspection	£98.40
EP213 LGA 1972 S112	T Brock	Sept salary	£247.25
EP214 LGA1972 s142	Abbey Hill Studios	Web domain name and hosting fee	£45.00
EP215 LGA1972 s112	Inland Revenue	TAX	£185.40
EP216 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	The Silver & Land Settlement	Allotment land rent	£25.00

## **PLANNING**

### **143/23 Withdrawn Planning Applications. Noted.**

*Table 2 List of withdrawn planning applications.*

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Planning application number</b>	<b>Address and proposal</b>
i	P22/V2221/FUL	Land at Windmill View, Watchfield, Swindon, Wilts SN6 8TR <i>Change of use of land for the siting of 27 number mobile homes, 26 number touring caravans, 9 utility rooms and 15 dayrooms.</i>

### **144/23 Permitted Planning Applications. Noted.**

*Table 3 list of permitted planning applications.*

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Planning application number</b>	<b>Address and proposal</b>
i	P23/V1556/HH	8 Downlands, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TY <i>Convert existing attached double garage to utility and storeroom. Replace existing garage doors with obscure gazed doors. Remodel existing kitchen and dining room.</i>

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **145/23 Winter preparedness.**

Council agreed that no more salt was required.

### **146/23 OCC Proposal for improved rural transport.**

Council reviewed Service C and agreed to respond that a bus service through Longcot would be beneficial for residents and request that it stops on Park Road, Faringdon to allow residents access to Faringdon Health Centre.

### **147/23 Update on any matters.**

The Shrivenham Parish Transport Representative has approached Council asking for an 'expression of interest' in supporting a grant request to purchase a disability vehicle which would be run by a group of volunteers for local transport provision. Council agreed to respond that it was interested in the scheme but had questions as to where the vehicle would be stored, who would hold reserves and whether there would be enough volunteer drivers. Council does not hold information on whether residents attend Oxford or Swindon hospitals as the transport would be only for Swindon hospitals.

## **PLAY AREA**

### **148/23 Annual play safety inspection.**

Council noted that Playsafety Ltd carried out the inspection on 3 August 2023 and no high-risk issues were reported.

### **149/23 New play equipment at The Dash. None to report.**

### **150/23 Update on any matters. None.**

## **ALLOTMENTS**

### **151/23 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.

**152/23 Any Matters. None.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**153/23 Next meeting of the Parish Council.**

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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