

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council  
held in the  
Village Community Room, Kings Lane, Longcot  
on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Andi Cunningham, Chairman, Nathan Boyd, John Bridge, Alan Rich, CC Yvonne Constance (late arrival) and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**177/15 Apologies for Absence.** John Barneby, (prior commitment), DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment) and DC Simon Howell (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

**178/15 Declarations of Interests.** None.

**179/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 August 2015** were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**180/15 Matters Arising:**

- a. **Finance Payment of Accounts.** It was RESOLVED to authorise the payments below:

	Net Cost	VAT	Total £
<b>Payments received:</b>			
VWHDC (2 <sup>nd</sup> half of precept)			3,000.00
Allotment rent			20.00
<b>Payments now due:</b>			
VWHDC (uncontested election fees)			85.00
T Brock (Aug salary)			144.00
Playsafety Ltd	71.00	14.20	85.20
Inland Revenue (TAX & NI Jul, Aug, Sept)			108.00
T Brock (Sept salary)			144.00

Council agreed that £2,000 be transferred from the Councils' current account to the deposit account.

As at 9 September 2015 the Current Account had credit balance of £5,440.13 and the Deposit Account of £10,891.64.

- i. **Matters not otherwise on the agenda.** None.

**REPORTS**

**181/15 Report from County Councillor.** Deferred due to late arrival see minute 192/15.

**182/15 Report from District Councillor.** See annexe 1. Email received too late to read out at meeting attached to minutes for information.

**FINANCE**

**183/15 Update on other current matters.** SSE have requested consent for a wayleave across The Village Green. Council agreed that David Jaecock should negotiate terms of £2,000 plus solicitor costs and a condition that The Green would be reinstated to its original condition and if in a years time the ground had subsided they would agree to return and make good.

**HIGHWAYS**

**184/15 Update on current matters.** No new issues to report. The bench on The Green had been repaired.

**PLAY AREA**

**185/15 RoSPA** inspected The Dash Play Park on 30 July 2015 and found no high risk levels.

**186/15 Update on current matters.** The Chairman would be meeting with ARD Playgrounds Ltd to discuss upgrading the play equipment at The Dash Play Park.

**PLANNING**

**187/15 Permitted Planning Applications** were noted.

i	P15/V1659/HH	Ridgeways, Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SS <i>Raise height of existing roof for bedrooms on loft plan. Extension at</i>
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		<i>front to form porch. Extension at rear to form store. Extend garage length and raise roof of garage.</i>
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**188/15 Proposed Public Open Space (POS) at Kings Lane (P15/V0271/O Outline application for 15 houses).** Council had previously informed VWHDC that it did not want the POS to be transferred to it. The long term maintenance and up keep of the POS would be put in the hands of a Management Company through the developer who would maintain it in perpetuity. Therefore, VWHDC would not be seeking a S106 agreement for maintenance of the POS.

**189/15 Update on other current matters. P15/V0271/O Land at Kings Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SZ Outline application for 15 houses.** VWHDC would be seeking S106 for a cycle stand and hardstanding by bus stop on Kings Lane/A420 of £5,000 which Council are opposed to. A risk assessment carried out by the Neighbourhood Team highlighted how dangerous the bus stops are. To put a cycle stand at this location with no safety improvements to the bus stops is not supported by Council.

The Chairman would make enquiries to remove the bus stop on kings Lane/ A420 due to health and safety reasons and to request that Stagecoach re-route bus service 66 through the village.

## **ALLOTMENTS**

**190/15 Update on current matters.** Nothing to report.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

**191/15 Oral Report.** The Chairman gave the following report:

### **Update for September**

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PS Ryan James, PC Robert Maris, PC Chris Linzey, PC Trevor Gorman, PC Debs Cannon, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Maralyn Pack, PCSO Myra Harvey, PCSO Andy Gunn and PCSO Alex Hill.

### **Local priorities**

- ▲ Dwelling burglary
- ▲ Violence
- ▲ Anti-social behaviour. Rural crime
- ▲ Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Although a few small incidents of ASB have been reported over the previous month, it has not been the increase that we predicted. Young people have been smashing bottles on the tennis courts and knocking on doors and windows of the Memorial Hall in Hanney. Tuckers Park has had young people climbing onto the roof of the football club. These incidents are not only anti-social but also dangerous and will be dealt with firmly when the young people concerned are caught.

### **Crime**

A number of sheds were broken into during last month. This is still an ongoing investigation and a man from Faringdon has been arrested in connection.

We are seeking information in regards to an appalling case of animal cruelty. On Saturday 15 August, we were informed by the RSPCA, of a Lurcher dog found in Great Coxwell. The animal had electrical tape wound so tightly around its muzzle it caused severe swelling and the blood supply to her nose restricted to the extent of irreparable damage. The tape had to be removed under anaesthetic and the vets are doing everything they can, however the current prognosis for this dog is poor. Please, if anyone has any information about who could have done this, please contact us on 101 quoting Crime Number: 43150235623 or the RSPCA directly.

In the early hours of 5 August, Tesco on Park Road in Faringdon was subject to a break in. Cigarettes were stolen during the burglary and offenders made off in what is believed to be a silver Peugeot.

As it comes to the start of the new school year, many younger children will be looking forward to going back. Unfortunately sometime between 14 August and 21 August, offenders

have entered the grounds of Faringdon Infants School and stolen the children's play tepee. All the infants from the school are going to be incredibly upset to find a well-loved piece of equipment stolen.

If you have any information regarding the above crimes, please contact us on the police non-emergency number 101 or anonymously on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

### **Offenders brought to justice**

We have also successfully conducted three drugs warrants in the Faringdon area. Arrests have been made and two men remain on bail with suspected controlled substances and mobile phones due to be analysed. During one of these warrants a samurai sword was found near to a window. We work closely with the housing associations and the consequence of these warrants has also lead to some tenants being evicted from their homes. Our community have shown that they do not welcome drug dealing in the area. We will continue to act swiftly on intelligence we receive to bring offenders to justice and disrupt the supply of controlled substances into the area.

A 17 year old young person from West Hanney was convicted of three serious traffic offences and was banned from driving for 12 months and received a youth rehabilitation order.

### **Have Your Say meetings**

Have Your Say meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSOs about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Upcoming Have Your Say meetings are:-

- a) Saturday, 12 September 2015, midday – 12.30pm at Southmoor Shops with PCSO Alex Hill.
- b) Thursday, 17 September 2015, 2pm – 3pm at the Watchfield Co-op with PCSO Maralyn Pack.
- c) Sunday, 20 September 2015, 5pm – 5.30pm at the Hinton Waldrist Village Hall with PCSO Andy Gunn.
- d) Thursday, 24 September 2015, 3pm – 3.30pm outside Stanford in the Vale primary school with PCSO Myra Harvey.

Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

### **Crime mapping**

The Home Office national crime mapping website gives the public access to street-level crime information as well as information on their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Priorities and Events - details of Have Your Say and other neighbourhood activities. Log on to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) (opens new window), type in your local postcode or neighbourhood name and then click on 'Find out more'.

### **Contact us**

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: [FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

### **NAG update:**

The NAG meeting that took place on September 7<sup>th</sup> was well attended by every council that is represented in our area. We come together to look at solutions to major concerns and ongoing problems.

The use of Twitter by the police is going to become the point of information in the future, as social media is the information link of the future.

The Police response is all about threat/risk and harm and we focus of the priorities that feed into this policy.

Once again everyone is asked to phone 101 with anything they think is suspicious as often the smallest thing that looks odd will feed into a jigsaw that can be a vital piece of information. So do not worry if it's very small just call 101 and you will have done your community a service.

The 999 number is for a crime in progress and the 101 number is for everything else.

Longcot is grateful to anyone who rings the emergency service so we were most grateful to passers-by who phoned the fire service when a grain barn was seen on fire on the night of 25<sup>th</sup> August in Longcot.

## **REPORTS**

**192/15 Report from County Councillor.** CC Constance arrived at 8.10pm and reported: There had been no progress in reducing the speed limit of all roads leading into the parish to 40mph. Lee Turner would be contacted for an update. Stagecoach had refused to re-route bus service 66 through Longcot due to timetabling. Thames Travel bus service 67 was not a commercial service and was partially subsidised and had refused to consider re-routing through Longcot as the distance was too far. OCC had received many responses to the consultation on Household Waste Re-cycling Centres.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**193/15** The next meeting of the **Parish Council** would take place at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 12 November 2015** in the **Village Community Hall, Longcot.**

Further meetings are due to be held in **2015** at **7.0pm** in the **Village Community Hall, Longcot**, on **Thursdays: 17 December** and in **2016 21 January, 25 February, 31 March and 7 April.**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** and the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** would take place on **Thursday 12 May 2016** at **7.00pm** in **Village Community Hall, Longcot**

## **194/15 ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed..... Date.....2015

**District Councillors Report to Great Coxwell, Watchfield and Longcot Parish Councils  
– September 2015**

We should like to highlight the following issues from the Vale:

- Oxford City's Unmet Housing Need – Although the City are reluctant to review their existing Local Plan the other Districts are required under the duty to co-operate with neighbouring authorities to make provision for any unmet need. We would stress that due to the distance away from Oxford how our area could contribute to the unmet need.
- Stanford in the Vale Household Waste Recycling Centre – We sent a message to all Parish Clerks encouraging councils and local residents to respond to the consultation which ends on 5 October.
- From Monday 5 October Biffa will be collecting small electrical items e.g., hairdryers, toasters, kettles and old/damaged textiles from the kerbside. Over the next weeks information will be left on bins informing residents of the details of the new service.
- A number of public bodies (DC's OCC, LEP Clinical Commissioning) in Oxfordshire have submitted an expression of interest in taking greater control of £4bn+ funding for transport, skills training and health services. Further discussions will need to take place and initial details are on the Vale's website
- Free compost will be available to Vale residents on Saturday 3 October at Rye Farm Car Park in Abingdon from 0900hrs until 1100hrs. If interested suggest arriving early!
- Refugee Crisis – The Leader Matthew Barber has today issued a statement on behalf of the Vale. For information we currently have 1272 people on our housing list who are deemed to be in urgent or real need of accommodation. In addition we have 15 households in emergency B&B.
- At the meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group 1 on Monday the Police Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld addressed the meeting and explained the funding challenges ahead. As you may know when Anthony was first elected he identified his main priority was for rural policing. During the four years since his election we have been fortunate to live in an extreme low crime area. However a lot of work has been done by the Neighbourhood Policing Team to ensure that crime remains low. During recent years Thame Valley Police has had to reduce its budget by over 25% and they anticipate that in future years they will have to save between 25 and 40%. Of course this can only be achieved by cutting people and in turn services. There is only so much that can be achieved through efficient working practices before cuts impact. Rural Parishes are being encouraged to respond to the current consultation at the Home Office. Email address: [policefundingconsultation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:policefundingconsultation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

Cllrs. Simon Howell and Elaine Ware – Watchfield and Shrevenham Ward