

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council  
held in the  
Village Community Room, Kings Lane, Longcot  
on Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, John Bridge, Alan Rich and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**195/15 Apologies for Absence.** Nathan Boyd (prior commitment). This apology was received.

**196/15 Declarations of Interests.** Prejudicial interest for:

Minute 198/15 ii John Bridge

Personal interest for:

Minute 198/15 ii John Barneby

**197/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2015** were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### PLANNING

**198/15 Submitted Planning Applications.** The Council would submit the following observations:

i	P15/V2266/FUL	<p>Calleyherns Farm, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7QT <i>Erection of 2 65.4m long x 36m wide steel portal frame buildings for the purpose of storing grain. The proposal includes a concrete apron area and also a landscaping scheme.</i></p> <p><b>NO OBJECTIONS</b> to this application but wish the following comments to be taken into account: Council does not object it has an agricultural policy that we support our local agricultural community and industry. Council wishes to draw the following to your attention.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The building of this grain barn would require a road traffic management plan.</li> <li>2. That OCC will maintain and improve the road to support the increased use of large agricultural vehicles. Wharf Road is a busy and fast road and it does need to be kept in good condition to enable it to cope with this increase in heavy traffic.</li> <li>3. That the noise levels are acceptable to the residents of Longcot and especially those nearby.</li> <li>4. That there is provisions for the owls and bats on the site</li> <li>5. We also have no issue with the rerouting of the footpath for this building</li> </ol>
ii	P15/V2330/FUL	<p>Stone Farm, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Conversion and limited demolition of existing agricultural buildings to create four dwellings consisting of 3x3 bed dwellings (2with workspace) and 1x4 bed dwelling. Dwellings to be provided with amenity space along with associated landscaping, manoeuvring and parking areas.</i></p> <p><b>OBJECTS</b> to this application for the following reasons: Council objects strongly because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drainage plans were not supplied.</li> <li>2. The planned balcony overlooking Hill view requires to be re visited. Council has received requests for balconies in the past and feel it is best to have no ability to overlook anyone's property from a balcony.</li> <li>3. The drawings delivered are not up to date. Council has been informed that the barn design has been changed.</li> <li>4. It is in the curtilge of Stones farm itself which is listed, so Council requests that the Conservation Officer to be across any conversions.</li> </ol>

		<p>This is an area that does flood, please find attached 2 pictures taken from the other side of the road in 2007. In times of high rainfall this is an area that needs to be carefully managed for the adjoining properties as well as the ones being proposed.</p> <p>Council cannot accept the reference to “soakaways” in the application under 12. Assessment of flood. Council runs a flood plan and every resident understands the risk Longcot has of flooding in properties as well as roads. There is a well-known level and run off issue at the cross roads and with the huge increase of water use this will have to be planned really carefully with the experience of Mr Dela who understands Longcot drainage issues. (Council also notes that the area around the bridge and canal requires much work if this is planned to be used with regard to pipe sizes, fall and flow.)</p> <p>The refusal notice for the application of a house on a paddock close to Stones Farm is attached. Council understands however, that this was for a new build and not for the conversion of farm buildings that already exist, which the NPPF does allow. However the transport remains unsustainable and since this appeal Longcot has no buses. Buses can only be accessed from the A420.</p> <p>John Bridge took no part in the Council’s observations submitted to VWHDC.</p>
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**199/15 Update on other current matters.** None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**200/15** 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 8.10pm.

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