

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in the
Village Community Room, Kings Lane, Longcot
on Thursday 5 December 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

138/13 Apologies for Absence: CC Yvonne Constance (prior commitment) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

139/13 Declaration of Interests.

Minute 147/13 i Andi Cunningham is a neighbour.

140/13 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

141/13 Matters Arising:

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

	Net Cost	VAT	Total £
Payments now due:			
MRH Services (half yearly inspection of play area and repair to basketball hoop)			44.50
Mr C Wheeler (ditching)			200.00
DD New Estate Maintenance (supply & fit new fencing at The Dash play area)	1329.00	265.80	1594.80
Peter Kinch Plant Ltd (ditching)	185.20	33.52	218.72
Henleaze Farm (diesel for mower)	44.00	8.96	53.76
T Brock (Clerk's salary and reimbursements)	152.40	0.20	152.60
P Young (reimbursement for a tyre for mower)	77.30	15.46	92.76

As at 5 December 2013 the Current Account was in credit at £5,278.10 and the Deposit Account was in credit at £3,887.36.

b. Matters not otherwise on the agenda. None.

REPORTS

142/13 Report from County Councillor. CC Yvonne Constance sent an email report which was read out by the Chairman.

The Council's request for funding from the Area Stewardship Funding for the installation of street signs in the parish (see minute 106/13) is progressing.

The Community Governance Review is looking at the boundary between Longcot and Watchfield.

VWHDC staff at Abbey House, Abingdon are preparing to move to SODC all but a total of 100 front line staff.

143/13 Report from District Councillor. DC Elaine Ware sent an email report which was read out by the Chairman.

As far as the district is concerned planning is still top of the agenda. Simon and I continue to work hard behind the scenes to raise the profile of the problems that our area is experiencing. The impact of recent approved applications on the A 420 are of significant concern and Yvonne Constance is meeting with officers at OCC to ensure that this road is included in the new local transport plan 4 and any responses to further planning applications. I attended the planning inspectors exploratory meeting on Swindon's local plan recently. As you will have seen from the note that Yvonne prepared there were a number of concerns raised which hopefully will be resolved over the next few months. If the plan should be rejected that could result in a deluge of applications to the east of the town. Already there is an outline application for 2380 dwellings around South Marston and the new village of Rowborough north of the A420. Simon and I will be responding to this application as will Vale Planners

You may know that in order to save significant expenditure the majority of Vale staff in Abbey House will be relocating to the offices of South Oxfordshire DC in Crowmarsh Gifford. Parts

of Abbey House will be let to OCC which will enable two tiers of local government accessible to all Vale residents. There will be no impact on access to Vale front line services at Abbey House as officers dealing with these services will still be located there. The new arrangements are due to be completed by June 2014.

FINANCE

144/13 Estimates 2014/15. The Council discussed the estimates and AGREED the expected expenditure for 2014/15 in principle, subject to final agreement at the next Council meeting. The Council was minded to set the precept for 2014/15 at a desired level of £5,500.00. *(Clerk's note: for legal reasons Parish Councils cannot currently formally set the precept for the coming year. They are allowed to determine a desired level. This level will need to be confirmed or modified later, probably in January.)*

145/13 Update on any other current matters. None.

PLANNING

146/13 Change of Property Name from Inveresk to South View, Kings Lane, Longcot Oxon SN7 7SS was noted.

147/13 Planning. Submitted Planning Application. The Council has submitted the following observation:

i	P13/V2450/FUL	<p>Land adjacent to Red Gables, Longcot, Oxon SN7 <i>Erection of four bed dwelling with separate detached two bed annex and additional double garage.</i></p> <p>OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons: Longcot Parish objects to this application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. this site is surrounded by many of the properties that have been flooded in the past and they will be particularly effected by any development and therefore any development must fit with the Longcot flood plan. The proposal states that it is not a flood zone which is inaccurate and misleading. It is well known in the village that we are a flood risk and it is taken very seriously. Please can Peter Dela at the Vale advise on the drainage of this site, plus the impact of development of this site on foundations of the adjacent houses. 2. This site sits on one of the oldest parts of the village, so the adjoining houses are listed. We need to ensure that the look and feel surrounding the site is protected and any adjoining walls are taken into the listing procedure as they are very much critical to not only adjoining properties, but for our village future heritage. 3. The site consists of lovely old stables with old roofs and a dovecote, which will be loved by our very healthy bat population in Longcot. We now request that our bats plus other wildlife be taken very seriously and that they are catered for in any project, and we see no allocation for this in this application. 4. The application states a large house and an annexe and garages, this is not appropriate for the size of this site. The larger of the two houses is also two stories which is too big and will be very dominant for the surrounding existing houses. 5. The building materials are critical that they adhere with the listing properties surrounding. 6. That the views of the neighbours are properly taken into account as this site is not a stand alone site, it really does incorporate walls and buildings of the surrounding properties. 7. Highways need to ensure that all accesses are appropriate. Also that fire service etc can access hydrants etc 8. We are a small village and do not need more huge houses in a
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	village that needs smaller dwellings.
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148/13 Update on other current matters.

- i. Erection of two new properties to be known as: Birch House and Beech House, The Green, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SY.
- ii. Outline planning application Eastern Villages, South Marston, Swindon S/OUT/13/1555 Outline planning permission for a sustainable urban extension for up to 2,380 dwellings, a mixed use local centre and mixed use areas, community uses, sheltered accommodation, a primary school, green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, sports facilities, sustainable drainage, engineering works including ground re-modelling, other infrastructure, demolition and the formation of new accesses from the A420, Old Vicarage Lane, Thornhill Road. The Council discussed how the application would affect Longcot and the local area and AGREED to submit a response objecting to the application for the reasons: the plans for drainage and sewage are unclear and the unacceptable impact of traffic on the A420 and the local road network.

COUNCIL

149/13 Community Governance Review are looking at the boundary between Watchfield and Longcot. The Council AGREED that the new boundary proposed was acceptable.

150/13 Licence to Assign relating to Lease of Land at The Dash, Longcot between and the Governing Body of Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School and Faringdon Academy of School had been signed.

151/13 Update on any other current matters. None.

PLAY AREA

152/13 Update on Current Matters. Dan New had supplied and fitted fencing around the Dash, a salt/grit bin had been installed and a new dog waste/litter bin would be supplied and installed by VWHDC in the next few weeks..

HIGHWAYS

153/13 Go Ride. Deferred.

154/13 Update on current matters. None.

ALLOTMENTS

155/13 Update on current matters. The Chairman reported that an allotment tenant had kindly supplied gravel and hardcore and filled in the rutted entrance track. This work was greatly appreciated. The Allotment Tenants meeting would take place in March 2014.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG)

156/13 Oral update. The response of the Neighbourhood Teams to reported crime within the villages had been well managed with positive outcomes. It was important that with the growth in residents to the area that there are enough people in the teams to cope. Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfield had been quoted in the Oxford Mail suggesting TVP would need at least 18 new officers a year to cope with the new housing developments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

157/13 The next meeting would take place at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 9 January 2014** in the Village Community Room, Kings Road, Longcot.

Further meetings to be held in **2014** at **7.30pm** in the will **Village Community Room** on **Thursdays : 27 February and 10 April.**

158/13 ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION. OCC is running a consultation on revised proposals to reduce the range of schools to which children would qualify for free transport. The Home to School Transport Policy 2015 Consultation document is available to see on the OCC website.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed..... Date.....2014