

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in the
Village Community Room, Kings Lane, Longcot
on Thursday 9 January 2014 at 7.30pm**

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

01/14 Apologies for Absence: John Bridge (unwell) and DC Elaine Ware (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

02/14 Declaration of Interests. None.

03/14 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

04/14 Matters Arising:

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

| | Net Cost | VAT | Total £ |
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| Payments received: | | | |
| Allotment rent | | | 7.00 |
| Payments now due: | | | |
| T Brock (December salary) | | | 144.00 |
| HM Revenue (Clerk's TAX & NI) | | | 108.00 |
| The Net Result (Oct/Nov/Dec payroll) | | | 55.50 |

As at 9 January 2014 the Current Account was in credit at £2,920.96 and the Deposit Account was in credit at £3,887.51.

b. Matters not otherwise on the agenda. None.

REPORTS

05/14 Report from County Councillor. CC Yvonne Constance reported:

Swindon Borough Council and Oxfordshire County Council had held meetings to discuss the Local Transport Plan 4.

The issue of flooding on the A420 and surrounding roads during the recent heavy rainfall were discussed.

The A338 would be closed for 6 months for rail electrification work being carried out by Network Rail.

Council requested that the installation of the broken depth gauge under the railway bridge at Longcot Lock be made a priority. CC Constance would look into the matter.

P04/0645/FUL - Section 278 – Queensfield House No work had commenced to carry out modifications at the junction by Queensfield House (by the King & Queen pub). The last update informed the Council that the bond sum had been received by OCC and the process of commissioning the work had started in October 2013. CC Constance would look into the matter.

06/14 Report from District Councillor. Not in attendance.

FINANCE

07/14 Estimates 2014/15 & Precept. The Council APPROVED the estimates 2014/15 and AGREED to set the 2014/15 precept at £5,500. For the second year the Council would receive a payment from VWHDC to replace that previously paid by central government on behalf of certain benefit recipients. The Council expects to receive £177 in 2014/15. The payment is a transitory arrangement and is due to be phased out at the rate of 20% per annum.

08/14 Update on any other current matters. None.

PLANNING

09/14 Planning. Submitted Planning Application. The Council has submitted the following observation:

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| i | P13/V2592/LB | Stone Farm, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Proposed rear extensions and alterations.</i> |
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| | | <p>NO OBJECTIONS to this application but wish the following comments to be taken into account: Council requests that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter Dela is consulted to ensure that the proposal is in line with Longcots' flood plan. 2. The proposal adheres to Longcots' environmental policy to protect our bat population. Both the Pipistrelle and the Long Eared bat have been identified in Longcot and we need to ensure their safety. 3. That all materials and work is approved by the Vale's Listed Buildings Officers before work commences and that the views of the neighbours are taken into consideration. |
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10/14 Certificate of Lawful Development Application was noted.

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| i | P13/V2589/LDP | Waylands, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TW <i>Removal of rear window and replacement of door with a window to side elevation.</i> |
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11/14 Discharge of Conditions of Planning Application was noted.

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| i | P13/V2707/DIS | Roadside Farm The Green Longcot Faringdon SN7 7SY <i>Discharge conditions 1-14 of planning permission P13/V1660/FUL</i> |
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12/14 Update on other current matters. None.

PLAY AREA

13/14 Update on Current Matters. Lindsay Green submitted the monthly inspection sheets and reported that more bark is needed and the wooden edging around the slide area needs repairing. (*Clerk's note. Bark would be ordered when the weather improves.*)

HIGHWAYS

14/14 Update on current matters.

- i. Flooding Issues. Council voiced their disappointment regarding the lack of up to date information received from OCC regarding the closure of roads due to flooding over the past weeks. Many local roads that had been impassable had not been flagged on the OCC website. Accessing information on the website proved to be difficult. Andi Cunningham had today written to Ed Vaizey MP requesting that OCC's lines of communication be improved, how was information logged accurately and how could the information be quickly forwarded to the community.
- ii. The fire department had to rescue a driver after they had driven into deep flood water under the railway bridge at Longcot Locks.
- iii. Planning. OCC are requested by VWHDC to provide expert opinion on planning applications. If there is not a process in place to accurately log flooding issues how can this expert opinion be provided?
- iv. Flood water in the village cleared away better than in recent years since the ditches and work to the drainage system had been carried out. The Council thanked Andi Cunningham for her hard work in drawing up Longcot's Flood Plan and working closely with Peter Dela, Drainage Engineer OCC and asking residents to volunteer with the clearing of ditches.
- v. John Barneby reported a collapsed manhole drain on the corner of Majors Road/Old Wharf Road. Andi Cunningham would report this to Highways OCC.

ALLOTMENTS

15/14 Update on current matters. The allotments were flooded at the present time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG)

16/14 Oral update. Andi Cunningham reported:

The NAG prioritise were being well managed and the NAG is very pleased to have a new Neighbourhood Sergeant who will work hard to maintain good community relations. The NAG is looking into mental health care in the community, what structures are in place and how information can be accessed across parishes. The next meeting would be 25 February 2014.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17/14 The next meeting would take place at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 27 February 2014** in the Village Community Room, Kings Road, Longcot.
A further meeting will be held in **2014** at **7.30pm** in the will **Village Community Room** on **Thursday 10 April**.

ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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