

**Minutes of the Longcot Parish Council
held in the
Village Community Room, Kings Lane, Longcot
on Monday 13 October 2014 at 7.30pm**

Present: Phil Young, Chairman, Andi Cunningham, John Barneby, John Bridge, Alan Rich, 1 parishioner and Tina Brock, Clerk.

143/14 Apologies for Absence: District Councillor Elaine Ware (prior commitment) and County Councillor Yvonne Constance (prior Commitment). These apologies were received.

144/14 Declaration of Interests. None.

145/14 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 September 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

146/14 Matters Arising:

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

	Net Cost	VAT	Total £
Payments received:			
Wales & West (wayleave)			1,250.00
SSE (wayleave)			2.00
Payments now due:			
The Net Result (payroll July - Sept)			55.50
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assoc (membership)			40.00
T Brock (September salary)			144.00
Berners Allsopp (allotment rent)			10.00
HM Revenue & Customs (July – Sept)			108.00
Bridge Engineering & Mamba Motorsport (repairs to roundabout & tennis net posts)			110.00
Henleaze Farm (diesel for mower)			50.40

As at 13 October 2014 the Current Account was in credit at £4,788.79 and the Deposit Account was in credit at £3,889.14

REPORTS

147/14 Report from County Councillor. None present.

148/14 Report from District Councillor. The Chairman read out an email received from DC Ware:

The Vale Cabinet approved the Local Plan last Friday. It is being considered by full council on Wednesday 15 October and once approved will be subject to public consultation from the beginning of November for six weeks. The Local Plan along with comments received will then be submitted for examination in February 2015.

COUNCIL

149/14 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – new government regulations. The Clerk informed the Council that a new set of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would need to be prepared to replace the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be consistent with the relevant Model Orders prepared by NALC. Consideration of the draft documents would take place at the Councils next meeting.

150/14 Wayleave to Wales & West and the restrictions accepted by the Council was noted that:

3 The Landowner agrees with Wales & West Utilities as follows:

(b) That no tree or large shrub will be planted within 1.5 metres either side of the gas pipe: and

(c) That he will not erect, except with written consent of Wales & West Utilities, any building or other structure within 1.5 metres either side of the gas pipe nor carry on or allow others to carry on any activity which may interfere with the gas pipe or obstruct access to it or materially increase or reduce the depth of soil above the gas pipe.

FINANCE

151/14 Future Projects. The Council discussed allocating funds to the following:

- Flood Defence – Mallins Lane drainage survey – this is a grey area on the flood plan map. To commission a survey and carry out repairs to suspected collapsed drains the Council agreed that the Flood Defence Dedicated Reserve should be increased to £4,000. *(Clerk's note: to date the Flood Defence Dedicated Reserve has an allocated total of £2,000.)*
- Storage container for the mower. The Chairman and Alan Rich would source 3 quotes and source a suitable location for the storage container.
- Replacement mower. The Chairman and Alan Rich would source 3 quotes to part exchange at a maximum cost of £4,000.
- New goal posts. *(Clerk's note: to date the Recreation Dedicated Reserve has an allocated total of £1,500.)*

152/14 Update on other current matters. None.

PLANNING

153/14 Submitted Planning Applications. The Council would submit the following observations:

ii ii	P14/V1745/FUL P14/V1816/LB	<p>Land adjacent to Red Gables, Longcot, Oxon <i>Conversion of existing stables into a three bedroom dwelling and conversion of existing animal shelter into a garage/workshop. (as amended by drawings received 19 September and additional information received 3 September).</i></p> <p>REFUSED for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. The amended details state "proposal : conversion of existing stables into a three bedroom dwelling " and yet the plan submitted is for a 4 bedroom dwelling. The impact statement is dated March 2104 and again has different plans shown (from the first submission and surely should be replaced with the true and most recent drawings).</p> <p>2 There is no realistic SUD system shown. The evaporation tests supplied are dated August. We need Mr Peter Dela to translate these and assure they have some meaning, especially as 'evaporation' in August will be different in December. There cannot be a drainage plan without some solution of how the water is going to be managed and ensure that any rain run off does not make its way onto the neighbouring properties. This is more important as the footprint of the roof is going to be so much larger, and so there is going to be so much more water to manage.</p> <p>P14/V1816/LB Again the proposal is for a three bedroom dwelling and yet the plans are for a four bed dwelling. We are strongly relying on the council to ensure that the design and footprint of this proposal is in line with the grade 2 listed curtilage and heritage buildings of a village in Oxfordshire, where we are creating for the future the design impact for generations to come This is an area surrounded by our listed buildings and the church. It is significant. We are a designated small village and this must be reflected in any proposal with more importance than ever as tourism will be reliant on these sorts of details. Previous comments were also resubmitted.</p>
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154/14 Withdrawn Planning Application. Noted.

i	P14/V2586/FUL	<p>Barn at Stone Farm, Majors Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TR <i>Conversion of former barn from offices (Class b1(a) to two dwellings Class C3).</i></p>
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155/14 Update on any other current matters. None.

PLAY AREA

156/14 Update on any other current matters. The play bark has been spread around the slide area.

HIGHWAYS

157/14 Bus Services Review – VWHDC and South Oxfordshire area consultation. OCC are reviewing subsidised bus services 65 and 66 which serve Longcot. The Council would respond objecting to the possible withdrawal of the 65 service for the following reasons: the elderly and young would need to walk a mile along a rural road which has no footpath or street lights to wait on the A420 for the 66 service.

there is no bus shelter or crossing of the A420 which is an extremely busy fast road.

Responses need to be received by 15 November 2014

158/14 Update on current matters. Challow Bridge closure. Network Rail are on target to complete by 5 December as planned.

Speed limits on roads into the parish. The Clerk would contact CC Constance for a progress report on the Councils request for a speed reduction to 40mph on roads leading into the parish. A request would be made directly to OCC Highways.

ALLOTMENTS

159/14 Update on current matters. None.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

160/14 Update on current matters. Andi Cunningham reported:

Longcot continues to be an active part of NAG1, and attended the NAG1&2 meeting on 9th October 2014. The Vale has successfully prosecuted a person for fly tipping. This is taken very seriously.

There was much concern regarding the closure of the A417 and the use of the alternative roads through villages. Speed was flagged and the fact that these routes will get more difficult as the worse weather approaches.

Network Rail are the lead for all the bridge closures and all complaints must be addressed to them.

Our area has had another drop in crime by 8% and our TVP area also has the best detection rates in the whole force.

TVP are running operation Migrate over the next coming months in conjunction with West Berkshire to try and stop rural crime.

South and vale TVP also now has a rural crime task force.

TVP would like everyone to sign up to community messaging. This can be found at: <https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/85/Join>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

161/14 The next meeting would take place at 7.30pm on **Monday 8 December 2014** in the **Village Community Room, Kings Road, Longcot.**

A further Parish Council meeting is due to be held at 7.30pm in the **Village Community Room, Kings Road, Longcot** on **Thursday 8 January 2015.**

162/14 ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION. None.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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