Minutes of the Meeting of Longcot Parish Council
on Wednesday 11 February 2026 7pm
held in St Mary's Church Hall, Longcot

In attendance.
Council members.
Andi Cunningham, Chair, Neil Campbell, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich and Tina Brock, Clerk.
County Councillor. CC Emma Markham
District Councillor. None.
Visitors. 2.

24/26 Apologies for Absence.
John Barneby (prior commitment) and DC Viral Patel (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

25/26 Variance of business. None.

26/26 Declarations of interests. None.

27/26 Public Participation.
P25/V2593/FUL amended details – Cherry Tree Cottage and Former Methodist Chapel. A resident raised concerns parking issues and inaccurate photos submitted to the Vale.

28/26 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8 January 2026.
Council resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chair.

REPORTS

29/26 Report from County Councillor.
CC Markham submitted a written report.

Wicklesham Quarry approval for commercial development

OCC Application MW.0151/23
Oxfordshire County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee on Monday 19 January approved the outline application for the potential development of a Life Sciences park at Wicklesham Quarry. The application received outline approval however several amendments were proposed.
Councillors have used the system and experienced no issues.

Recycling centre booking

As previously mentioned, from Wednesday 14 January 2026, you'll need to book a time slot before each visit to our household waste recycling centres. Booking is easy, you can do it as little as 30 minutes before you visit or up to two weeks in advance. Unable to book online, just call 01865 519800, Monday to Friday.
State the recycling location and type of waste you're bringing and pick your date and time. Once you've booked, you'll get a confirmation email with all the details you need. On the day of your visit, please bring your booking number and proof of address to show you're an Oxfordshire resident (£15 per booking for non-Oxfordshire residents).
There are also changes to the van and trailer permit scheme . If you require a permit for your commercial-type vehicle or trailer, please apply for this separately through the online van and trailer permit application. Please keep a log of your permit number and input your permit number when making a booking on the system, this will use/mark off one of your 10 visits which you're allocated across a 12-month period.

Taking action on dangerous roads

Due to limited resources, for OCC or Thames Valley police to prioritise road safety changes it requires a track record of incidents in a location. Please can all residents be encouraged to report any road traffic incidents and near misses to TVP help identify potential accident hotspots. Report a road traffic incident | Thames Valley Police

Village Halls Week - 16 to 22 March 2026

Village Halls are at the heart of rural communities and are often that unsung place bringing rural people together to celebrate all the major milestones in the village year, like the summer fete, Christmas carol concert, children's birthday parties, and community talks. ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) supports rural communities and organises Village Halls Week to celebrate the role of these buildings, providing resources and supporting for events.

Visits and engagements

Tuesday 27 January 2026, I attended a MOD meeting at Sudbury House in Faringdon, bringing together County and District council along with schools and the Integrated Care Board, to acknowledge the achievements of MOD Operation Lazurite.

Fix My Street Reports

This winter has seen a significant number of serious and dangerous potholes due to the wet and freezing conditions. There were two major potholes which had been causing multiple car type blowouts, one at Longcot rail bridge and one on the Longcot road near Shrivenham, both have now been repaired. Please continue to report potholes to FixMyStreet and please escalate any dangerous potholes which have not been repaired to me on Emma.Markham@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

30/26 Report from District Councillor.

DC Foxhall and Patel submitted a written report.

Wicklesham and Coxwell Pits application approval for commercial development OCC Application MW.0151/23 We are writing this month with deep disappointment following the decision by Oxfordshire County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee on Monday 19 January to approve the outline application for development of a Life Sciences park at Wicklesham Quarry. Despite the site being a restored Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) containing unique fossils and valuable biodiversity, and the Vale Local Plan 2041 explicitly excluding this site from development, the committee voted 6-5 to approve the application. Viral and Kat spoke strongly against this application, alongside County Councillor Emma Markham, raising serious concerns about the destruction of a unique ecological site, the safety risks posed by increasing industrial traffic on the already dangerous A420. The decision also disregarded core local policies in Vale Local Plan, which was particularly disappointing given the presence of Vale District Councillors on the OCC committee. This decision prioritises speculative development over the protection of our open countryside and the safety of our residents. The application approval is as "outline" only, and we will be watching carefully for any reserved matters application that follows.

Bloor Homes Planning Application at Shrivenham Golf club - P25/V2394/O The consultation for this application for up to 200 homes closed in January following a huge local response and we await further information.

A420 flooding

Kat continues to work with County Councillors and through FATAC to raise issues related to flooding and the condition of local roads. Particularly problematic spots include the A420 (flooding in the dip at Tuckmill has improved following work by OCC), the Longcot to Shrivenham road, Kidson Trigg bridge and the railway bridge south of Longcot.

31/26 Report from the Chair.

Evidence of building works at Mallins Lane, without planning permission, had been sent to VWHDC Planning and Enforcement Team. Enforcement had visited the site and informed the resident that the spoil had to be removed from site.

FINANCE

32/26 Payments of Accounts.

Council resolved to authorise the payments.

Amy Cooper and Alan Rich signed the invoices as proof of authorisation.

Table 1 List of receipts received.

Statutory Power	Receipts received	Description	Total
Transfer LGA1972 s111	Unity	Lloyds	£5,000.00
VAT Act 1994 s33	Inland Revenue	VAT reclaim 2024-2025	£326.70

Table 2 List of payments.

Statutory Power	Payments due:	Description	Total
BACS LGA1972 s111	Unity	Bank charges – Oct	£6.00
BACS LGA1972 s111	Unity	Bank charges – Nov	£6.00
BACS LGA1972 s111	Unity	Bank charges – Dec	£6.00
SO LGA 1972 S112	Staff costs		£274.30
UB001 LGA 1972 S142	Abbey Hill Studio	Website maintenance	£270.00

Statutory Power	Payments due:	Description	Total
UB002 LG (misc prov) Act 1976 s19	MRH Services	Service inspection of play equipment and s&f cradle seats	£110.50
UB003 LGA 1972 s134	Longcot Churchwardens	Room hire	£54.00
BACS LGA1972 s111	Lloyds	Bank charges	£4.25
DD Telecom Act 1984 s97	EE	Mobile	£19.15
Transfer LGA1972 s111	Lloyds	Unity	£5,000.00

Bank balances as of 31 January 2026.
Lloyds community account held a credit balance of £2,732.66.
Lloyds deposit account held a credit balance of £13,148.09.
Unity Trust account held a credit balance of £4,931.50.

PLANNING

33/26 Submitted planning application(s).

Council would submit the following comments.

Table 3 List of submitted planning applications.

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P25/V2593/FUL amended details	Cherry Tree Cottage and former Methodist Chapel, Shrivenham Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TL *Use of former Methodist Chapel as ancillary residential accommodation linked to Cherry Tree Cottage and small extension to link the two buildings (as amended by amended plans and additional information received 27/2/2026).* **Response.** Council does not object to the proposal but if planning permission is to be granted requests the following: 1. Council requires, as with all planning applications in Longcot following our flood plan strategy, that a drainage map be supplied for the extension works on this application. 2.Council notes that the conditions of sale of this property, and would require a restriction that the chapel cannot be sold separately in the future. If the proposal is to link the cottage and chapel, it should be classed as one plot. Council would add that it supports the comments from the Highways and Drainage officers. Please take into consideration the views of the neighbours.
ii	P25/V1442/HH amended details	Eyrie, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE *Single storey extension to detached dormer bungalow, with a mix of flat and pitched roofs. Internal alterations including partial conversion of large garage, enlargement of opening on front elevation to create new entrance. Demolition of timber conservatory to southern elevation.* **Objects.** Longcot Parish Council would like to highlight the extensive groundworks and building works that have been taking place over the past weeks at Eyrie (now being referred to as 'Field View' by the developer) where there is no planning permission in place. The additional information that has been posted and Council would like to voice our concerns.

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		Regarding the Nature Space Great Crested Newt District Licensing Scheme which sets out Protocols and Best Practice Principles, this has been utterly ignored. Council notes the following written within the Certificate: Informative: It is essential to note that any works or activities whatsoever undertaken on site (including ground investigations, site preparatory works or ground clearance) prior to receipt of the written authorisation from the planning authority which permits the development to proceed under the District Licence (WML-OR150, or a 'Further Licence') are not licensed under the great crested newt District Licence. Any such works or activities have no legal protection under the great crested newt District Licence and if offences against great crested newt are thereby committed then criminal. investigation and prosecution by the police may follow. Council has never had in our village such blatant ignoring of the basic rules of planning procedure and posting information but not following it does not sit well in our community. Council is always pleased to see the inclusion of Bat and Bird Boxes on any application; however, the Tree officer would have to give Authority for any bird or bat box being attached to the trees that are shown on the diagram as they have TPO's on them. Council requests that such boxes are a condition before the start of any work, before the wildlife is disturbed, as there has been so much work taking place with no thought of the wildlife, Council is not sure if this is too little too late. With regard to The Drainage Strategy, Council requests that this is referred to the Drainage Engineer, Leigh Travis for his expert advice. Council has looked at the drawings and does not think that the existing pipe in place can take any more water into it without increasing the flood risk to Priory Mead, especially if using a non-return valve to the outfall, so have concerns with the proposed drainage strategy.

34/26 Refused planning applications. Noted.

Table 4 List of refused planning applications.

Ref.	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P25/V2310/PIP	Land East of Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE *Proposed erection of 4 number self-build dwellinghouses (Permission in Principle).*

HIGHWAYS

35/26 Update on any matters. None

PLAY AREA & TRACK

36/26 New play equipment update.

Andi Cunningham is sourcing like for like quotes.

37/26 Play area.

Two new cradle seats have been installed. One of the new goalposts have been installed, the other goalpost will be installed when the weather improves, and the field is not so sodden. New bench waiting to be fitted once the new play equipment has been installed.

38/26 Track.

Nothing to report.

ALLOTMENTS

39/26 Update on any matters.

Andi Cunningham to update the allotment register.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

40/26 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

TBC

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed….....Date….....2026