

**Meeting of the of Longcot Parish Council
held remotely by Zoom
on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7pm**

Present

Andi Cunningham, Chairman, John Barneby, Nathan Boyd, Amy Cooper, Alan Rich, DC Elaine Ware, DC Simon Howell, CC Yvonne Constance and Tina Brock, Clerk.

139/20 Apologies for Absence.

None.

140/20 Variance of Order of Business.

None.

141/20 Declaration of Interest.

None.

142/20 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020.

Council resolved to approve the minutes which were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman when Council next meets in person.

143/20 Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

144/20 Public Participation.

None.

REPORTS

145/20 Report from County Councillor. CC Yvonne Constance.

Regular email reports are received from OCC.

146/20 Report from District Councillor. DC Ware circulated a report prior to the meeting:

The Vale Communications Team continue to provide regular updates to all Town and Parish Councils.

As mentioned previously most Vale staff are working from home and this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Obviously working from home doesn't provide the same support as in the office and it would be appreciated if there is a need to contact officers please do so by Email rather than telephone.

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

The Committee met on 7 September. The Committee acknowledged that following the restructure of Cabinet roles Cllr Catherine Webber is now the Cabinet Member responsible for Climate and Environment. The Committee agreed to hold public meetings on a quarterly basis rather than monthly but task and finish groups will continue as required. Agendas and minutes for this Committee are available on the Vales website.

Civil Parking Enforcement

A report is due to be presented to Vale Scrutiny in November.

Corporate Plan

This has been considered by the Vale Scrutiny Committee and will be considered by the Cabinet on 2 October it is also an agenda item for the full Council meeting on 7 October.

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The agenda includes changes to the existing budget 2020/21, an update on Oxfordshire's Growth Board, a review of the Council's constitution and a Motion on the Governments Planning proposals.

Yellow Letter

Please remind your residents if changes have taken place to return the completed form asap.

Planning

The Government consultation – Planning for the Future has caused a great deal of controversy. The Vale will be making a formal response and Town and Parish Councils and residents are encouraged to reply. Part 1 of the consultation – Changes to the current planning system closes on 1 October but Parts 2 and 3 on 29 October. Details of the consultation are available on the Vale's website and the Governments website

In the last few weeks a number of planning applications have been submitted from within the Ward. Three of these have caused concern. Should these applications be recommended for

approval by officers Simon and Elaine have requested that they be called-in for the Vale Planning Committee to consider.

Swindon Borough Council- New Eastern Villages – The Southern Connector Road through the NEV to Commonhead roundabout has been agreed and work is expected to commence in spring 2021. These works together with other works affecting the A420 will obviously have a knock on effect to all villages in the Ward. Simon and I work closely with our County Council colleagues and the impact of the NEV on the Vale cannot be underestimated. It is hoped that a steering group will be set up in the near future with Swindon Borough Council, the County Council and Simon and I as District Councillors to ensure that the A420 is recognised as the local road it is and not another trunk road like the A34.

147/20 Update from Chairman.

Neighbourhood Action Group. The chairman has been dealing with an increase in rural crime and the consequences of safeguarding communities.

FINANCE

148/20 Payments of Accounts.

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

Table 1 List of receipts and payments.

Spending Power	Payments now due:	Description	Total
EP84 Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	The Silver & Land Settlement	Allotment land rent	£10.00
EP85 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	Sept salary	£201.05
DD Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908	Castle Water	Allotment water - September	£3.00
EP86 LA 1972 s111	The Net Result	Payroll May - Sept	£92.50
EP87 LA & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Reg 2020 (Reg part 2 section 4 (2))	Zoom (A Cunningham)	Remote meetings	£143.88

149/20 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation.

Council noted the quarterly bank reconciliation as at 30 September 2020.

PLANNING

150/20 Submitted Planning Applications.

Council resolved to submit the following observations.

- i. P20/V2181/HH 3 Hughes Crescent, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7SU. Proposal: *Hardstanding and dropped kerb on land owned by Sovereign Housing Association (permission granted by Sovereign).*

SUPPORT.

- ii. P20/V2501/HH Willow Copse, Old Wharf Road, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7QT *Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a two-storey extension on the footprint of the outbuilding. Demolition of utility room and erection of single-storey link between house and extension. Addition of first floor dormer window.*

RESPONSE. Under the terms of the Longcot Flood Plan Council would request that a drainage plan is submitted prior to approval of the application.

COUNCIL

151/20 What3Words.

What3words divides the world into 3^{m2} and gives each one a unique three word address in order for people to be easily found in emergencies where there may not be a formal address. It is also being used to report fly tipping, locations of assets or organising events. The Chairman reported that she regularly uses the service and that it was exceptionally useful in rural areas. Council considered and agreed to being included in a proposed new list of Parish Council on the What3Words website.

FLOODING

152/20 Update.

The Chairman reported that during the recent heavy rainfall Ivy House was nearly flooded and Downs Cottage had water coming in from the new development at Red Gables. The Chairman had raised concerns at the VWHDC Planning Committee about the drainage but was told that Longcot was not a flood risk. The Chairman has arranged for Leigh Travers, Drainage Engineer, VWHDC on Monday at 9.30am to make a plan going forward. The Chairman has put a question forward to the Chairman of DEFRA's Agriculture and Environment Select Committee regarding agricultural flooding and how to manage and understand it. This is needed as the Environment agencies flood map that VWHDC uses when considering planning applications does not highlight the flooding issues in Longcot. The Chairman reported that 2 land drains in Kings Lane, which were reported to OCC in 2015 for upgrading, were under water and need looking into. This would be discussed with Leigh Travers. CC Constance and DC Ware asked for a copy of the report when available.

PLAY AREA

153/20 Maintenance requests.

None.

HIGHWAYS

154/20 Update on any issues.

John Barneby had reported to CC Constance of another accident at the Majors/Old Wharf Road crossroads. Accidents had not decreased following the recently installed signage. CC Constance had put in a request to consider reducing the speed to 50mph.

ALLOTMENTS

155/20 Update on any issues.

It was reported that the tap at the allotment was dripping. The Chairman would visit the allotments and arrange for the tap to be repaired.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Exclusion of Press and Public

To move the following resolution, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting and they are requested to withdraw.

156/20 Any Matters.

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

157/20 Next meeting of the Parish Council.

Thursday 19 November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

Signed.....Date.....2020