

**Meeting of the of Longcot Parish Council  
held in the Church Barn, Opposite the Church, Longcot  
on Thursday 2 September 2021 at 7pm**

**Present**

Nathan Boyd, Acting Chairman, John Barneby, Amy Cooper, CC Yvonne Constance, DC Simon Howell and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**157/21 Apologies for Absence.**

Andi Cunningham (prior commitment) and Alan Rich (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

**158/21 Variance of Order of Business. None.**

**159/21 Declaration of Interest. None.**

**160/21 Public Participation. None.**

**161/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 July 2021.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

**162/21 Matters arising from the minutes. None.**

**163/21 Public Participation. None.**

**REPORTS**

**164/21 Report from County Councillor.**

CC Constance reported.

Major's Road - new 40 mph speed limit now installed, in time for first motorist to ignore the signs last week and crash through the junction and John's hedge into an out of the field on the other side! Officer's sympathetic with response that ideally the vehicle/driver is reported to the police and there is then a chance of claiming repair costs on insurance, but seems a long way off

CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT (CPE) now to be installed in South and Vale from November, and Cherwell too (as of today). These powers enable District Councils to use delegated powers from OCC to enforce on-street parking offences, currently enforced only by the police. Of less importance to Longcot, but it could offer important enforcement for Shrivenham.

20 mph SPEED LIMIT in all towns/villages wanting safer limits : OCC is trialling the programme in 5 locations. In my time officers were keen to establish a package of powers and processes for Parish Councils to use with minimum expense. It seems speed surveys will not be required if the Council formally endorses the new speed limit, and consultation could be at reduced cost, which will improve PCs ability to embrace this new limit.

SPEEDWATCH will be much needed to enforce the new limits. TVP tell me they expect to have it installed in the autumn. I learned that they did make a public announcement in April 2021, but only to those on TVP comms list. We did not hear it, though TVP believe a pilot has been running in Shrivenham, Faringdon and Buscot since April! I am trying to contact TVP officer to find out more. But good to know that SPEEDWATCH is on the way, and it will be good to start thinking about any shared schemes to use the cameras and share the costs. TVP have some expectation of making cameras available at no cost, but still important to know if any shared schemes will operate.

CONSULTATIONS for response :

REVIEW HWRCs needs responses from all PCs and residents in my division to support the tip at Stanford. In my time OCC made a good contract with W&S (the disposal transporter) and we were able to keep all 7 tips open. But the formal strategy is still to consider reducing 7 to 3 or 4, which puts Stanford in question again. Please let them know how important Stanford tip is in our thousands!

BUS STRATEGY: OCC is drawing up a new (rural?) bus strategy to bid for funding from government by end October. A public consultation has recently been opened, so please respond to make the case for local bus services if you can make clear they will be used.

A420 and SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL is reviewing its Local Plan and I am pressing OCC to make clear what Oxon's response will be. SBC are expecting Amazon to be main distributor at Symmetry Park (1 million sq ft ) and now starting process (with an EIA) to establish new distribution site (675k sq.ft) at Honda site. OCC's interests, and those of all communities along A420 are very much at stake if SBC continues to assume A420 is a freight corridor. I have at last got some response from OCC: an officer has been appointed to

lead on our engagement with SBC, and the new Cabinet Member, Cllr Tim Bearder has requested a meeting with officers to understand the issues, just as well I know them! I continue to press to maintain A420 as a LOCAL ROAD: it is quite unsuited to carry the freight currently on the road; any more is unacceptable!”

#### **165/21 Report from District Councillor.**

**Covid** – As things have progressed since our last report we are beginning to see a return of some normality. However, we must all be careful and follow the guidance. If there are any changes the Vale will keep Town and Parish Councils informed. In the meantime we encourage you to keep a watching brief on the Vale’s website – [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

**Garden Waste Service** – Residents will know that the garden waste service has been suspended for the whole of August. A review will take place at the end of the month to determine when and if the service will re-commence. It was unfortunate that the communication from the Vale gave such short notice. The Vale is recommending that garden waste be taken to one of the Household Waste Recycling Centres or to try composting.

**Voter Registration Letter** – The annual voter registration letter was due to be delivered at the end of July beginning of August. It is important that residents check the details are correct and act if required..

**Planning** – Last month we mentioned a community consultation survey for a small affordable housing development in Shrivenham. To date there has not been any further communication or indeed a registered planning application with the Vale.

Throughout July and the beginning of this month there have been a number of planning applications submitted to the Vale from villages within our Ward. There are two planning enforcement issues that are ongoing and being progressed.

**Oxfordshire Plan 2050** – The consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Reg 18 began on 30 July for 10 weeks. The consultation is online at [oxfordshireopenthought.org](http://oxfordshireopenthought.org) The Plan will set out the framework for future planning decisions on housing and infrastructure needs.

**Joint Local Plan 2041**- Work on this new local plan has started and more information is available on the Vale website: [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/joint local plan 2041](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/joint-local-plan-2041).

**Climate Emergency Advisory Committee** – The next two meetings of this Committee have been arranged for 4 October 2021 and 10 January 2022.

**Electric Vehicles** the County Council has arranged promotional events in Abingdon, Henley, and Witney during August. It is anticipated that the installation of charging points will be completed by next March.

**Civil Parking Enforcement** – The County Council are working on identifying suitable locations for on-street parking bay chargers. It is still anticipated that the scheme to be implemented by the end of this year.

**White Horse Community Lottery** – The lottery was launched on Monday 14 June. The Lottery now has its own website: [www.whitehorselottery.co.uk](http://www.whitehorselottery.co.uk) which provides all the information required to participate.

**Consultations** – There are a number of consultations for people to have their say these include the following:

New Vale Council website feedback and The Vale’s Great Green Recycling Bin Quiz. Both of these consultations are ongoing, and comments may be made at any time. Details on the Vale website [www.whitehorsedc.gov/consultations](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov/consultations)

New Air Quality Website – Open until 5 September and is accessed via oxford city council’s consultation portal

Have your Say on the Ox-Cam Arc - Open until 12 October and accessed via [placebuilder.io/futureofthearc](http://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc)

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC’S) – Open until 27 September and accessed via the Oxfordshire County Council’s website Let’s Talk page

Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OXIS) The strategy provides a framework for infrastructure, investment priorities and potential opportunities for funding and delivery – Open until 31 August and accessed via the OXIS consultation page

Swindon Borough Council Local Plan 2026 – SBC are reviewing its adopted local plan to extend the period to 2036 - Open until 16 September and accessed via [swindon.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://swindon.gov.uk/localplanreview)

Swindon BC is also refreshing its Local Transport Plan – Open until 17 September and accessed via [swindon.gov.uk/local\\_transport\\_plan\\_refresh\\_consultation](http://swindon.gov.uk/local_transport_plan_refresh_consultation)

## Swindon Borough Council – New Eastern Villages

With effect from Monday 16 August major reconstruction work will begin at the White Hart Roundabout. The works are estimated to last for 12 weeks. The roundabout will not be safe to be kept open to through traffic, but access will be maintained for emergency services only. Traffic will be able to use the junction to leave the A419 southbound to join the A420 eastbound or to leave the A420 westbound to join the A419 southbound only. Diversions will be signposted. Obviously these works will have an impact on traffic flow, and it is likely that villages will see an increase in traffic in order to avoid any possible queuing.

In addition the westside of the M4 at Junction 15 roundabout will be closed weekdays from 12 August through to 7 September. No access on to the roundabout from the A346 or off the roundabout to the A419 northbound. Both east and west slips will be closed.

The continuing roadworks in Swindon have had a knock-on effect to the construction of the new roundabout on the A420. This roundabout is to serve the residents of Cross Trees Park and existing residents of Shrivenham. It is now unlikely that the roundabout will be constructed until late summer 2022.

We have just received notification from SBC that there will be night works on both carriageways of the A420 at Gablecross from 10 August until 13 August between the hours of 1900 and 0600 and on Saturday and Sunday 14 and 15 August from 07.30 to 00.00. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to manage traffic.

Although we don't normally hold surgeries we are always available to deal with any issues. However, following the success of the event we held in Shrivenham on Saturday 24 July we have arranged another **Meet your Councillors**. We shall be at Watchfield Village Hall on Saturday 18 September from 1030-Midday and look forward to residents joining us for a chat about any concerns they may have or just have a moan about things that irritate them. All being well we shall be joined by County Councillor Yvonne Constance and representatives from the Faringdon Neighbourhood Police Team.

**166/21 Update from Chairman. None.**

## FINANCE

### 167/21 Payments of Accounts.

It was resolved to authorise the payments below:

*Table 1 List of receipts and payments.*

Spending Power	Payments due:	Description	Total
EP119 LGA 1972 s19	MRH Services	Service inspection of play park and repairs to roundabout and basketball unit	194.73
EP120 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	July salary	200.85
EP121 LGA 1972 s112 Contract/Pensions Act 2014	T Brock	August salary	201.05
EP122 LGA 1972 s19	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA inspection of play park	90.60

Bank balances as of 12 August 2021:

Current account £11,060.06 cr.

Deposit account £4,911.06 cr.

## PLANNING

### 168/21 Submitted Planning Applications.

Council resolved to submit the following observations.

*Table 2 List of submitted planning application responses.*

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V2190/FUL	Land off Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7PR <i>Agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw, and associated machinery.</i> <b>Supports.</b>
ii	P21/V2314/MPO	Land adjacent to A420, Watchfield Westmill Farm, Highworth Road, Watchfield, Oxon SN6 8 <sup>TH</sup>

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
		<i>Modification of the obligation to delete 'within 25 years' and substitute 'within 40 years' on planning application P01/V1421 and legal agreement 05V06.</i> <b>Supports.</b>

**169/21 Permitted Planning Applications.**

*Table 3 List of permitted planning applications.*

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
i	P21/V1329/HH	1 Kings Farm Cottages, Mallins Lane, Longcot, Oxon SN7 7TE <i>Proposed first floor rear extension. Single-storey side extension to provide store/workshop. New porch and new first floor window to ensuite with additional external alterations.</i>

**PLAY AREA**

**170/21 Maintenance requests.**

The BMX track had been strimmed.

**HIGHWAYS**

**171/21 Update on any issues. None.**

**ALLOTMENTS**

**172/21 Update on any issues.**

The water metre had been read.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**

**173/21 Update. None.**

**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.

**174/21 Any Matters. None.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**175/21 Next meeting of the Parish Council.**

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....Date.....2021