# Community Meeting: Responsibilities, Developing Plans, and Collaborative Feedback

Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council

ENGAGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH FOR A SHARED VISION , AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF IDEAS FOR ACTION



# Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting

**Keith Smith** 

Chairman Longwick-Cum-Ilmer Parish Council



## **Meeting Agenda**



- Meet your Parish Council
- What we learned during the election
- Future Plans and Goals
- Open forum: Seeking Feedback and Ideas From the Community
- Next Steps



### THE PARISH COUNCIL





### **MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

- A broad spectrum of our community
- All with a strong desire to enhance the place we call Home
- A spread of experience in social, charitable and business roles
  - Socially inclusive

- Environmentally friendly

- Understanding

- Considerate

- Responsible

One Common aim



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# *"EVERYONE WITHIN THE PARISH SHOULD BE PROUD AND HAPPY TO LIVE HERE AND TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF OUR COMMUNITY"*



### We can't do this alone!



**APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION** 

We value and appreciate all of you taking the time to attend and participate in making this meeting successful



**IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGEMENT** 

Engagement from everyone is crucial for achieving our common goals and addressing the needs of the community



**WORKING TOGETHER** 

Collaboration is key as we come together to solve community challenges and create positive outcomes



# WHAT WE LEARNED DURING THE ELECTION

**Alan Livingston** 

Vice Chairman of the Parish Council



# **Key Issues Raised on the doorstep**

#### • Risk of becoming a Risborough suburb

- The Village has doubled in size in last six years – more on the way
- Community spirit is being lost

#### Traffic, roads and footpaths

- Speeding / heavy traffic in the Parish
- You feel unsafe walking on the roads
- Footpaths poor condition or overgrown
- Improved transport links needed

#### Lack of amenities /Social groups

- Nothing for older children to do
- Coffee shop / meeting point needed
- Village Hall availability an issue

#### Local sporting groups / Playing field

- Field overgrown with weeds
- Need tp attract new teams /groups to the Village
- Improved dog waste facilities

# **Knowledge Gained**

- There is pent up demand in the Parish for Community Initiatives
- Desire to improve the Parish activities
- Several Common areas of concern
- Need for change
- On the whole, residents love living here





### The Role of the Parish Council

Parish councils are run by Councillors, who volunteer their time to make their community a better place.

Their work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs
- Striving to improve the quality of life in the parish

Learn more at www.longwickcumilmer.org.uk





# **Parish Council Responsibilities**

#### PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

<u>Advise / lobby on Roads , Speeding etc</u>

Planning advisory notices

Allocation of CIL money It has to be spent on infrastructure within our area of responsibility Maintenance of Parish Assets Playing field, Gym equipment, MUGA etc.

Certain devolved services e.g. Some grass cutting etc

Parish Council Website

#### NOT PARISH COUNCIL DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY

Road conditions / Potholes etc.	Bucks CC
Pavements / grass verges*	Bucks CC
Planning Decisions	Bucks CC
New Housing decisions	Bucks CC
Speeding / Traffic	Thames Valley Police
Law Enforcement	Thames Valley Police

For more details visit: <u>www.longwickcumilmer.org.uk</u> > Village Information



# **Long-Term Vision for the Community**



#### Sustainable, controlled Growth

Focus on sustainable and controlled growth aims to balance development with environmental care, ensuring resources are available for future generations

#### **Community Development**

Community development initiatives are essential to enhance quality of life, promote education, and build strong social networks

#### **Alignment with Goals**

Aligning our activities with our long-term goals ensures that our efforts contribute effectively to our shared vision for the future



### **Importance of Community Involvement**

#### **Fostering Belonging**

Community involvement creates a sense of belonging and strengthens social bonds among us all, enhancing overall community well-being and buy-in

#### **Diverse Perspectives**

Involving the community ensures that varied perspectives are included, leading to more informed and effective decision-making processes and a greater variety of outcomes



## **Areas We Will Address**

- Community Development & Engagement
- Youth Facilities & Activities
- Senior Citizen Groups / Disabilities
- Longwick School / Longwick Pre-School
- Sporting Opportunities & Playing Field
- The Hamlets (Ilmer / Horsenden / Owlswick/ Meadle
- Footpaths & Bridleways

- The Neighbourhood plan
- Village Environment / Litter
- The Village Hall Evolution
- County Council & Police Liaison
  - Speeding / Traffic / Transport
- Buckinghamshire Councillors Liaison
  - Communication & Support
- Improved Parish Council Website



# **Areas We Will Address**

Community Development & Engagement
The Neighbourhood

# We need your help to prioritise

- what is most important to you
- The Hamlets (Ilmer / Horsenden / Owlswick/ Meadle
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### **Open Forum To Identify The Key Needs Of The Parish**

#### **Identification of Key Projects**

Identification of the KEY NEEDS of the community is crucial for sustainable growth and ensuring our resources are allocated effectively.

#### Your Input is Key

Your input here is critical as it will guide us in tackling the biggest issues first







# **Thank You**

ANY QUESTIONS?



# OPEN FORUM: Seeking Feedback and Ideas From the Community

Your Opportunity to Influence Decision Making in the Parish



### **Three Points To Make This Session Successful**

#### **Give Us Your Opinion**

Open dialogue encourages attendees to express their questions and concerns freely, fostering a supportive environment

#### **Address the Issues**

Voicing concerns is crucial for addressing community issues effectively and leads to constructive solutions. Don't hold back

#### **Be Fully Transparent**

Open communication enhances transparency and builds trust between us all. What can <u>YOU</u> offer



# **Time for refreshment & reflection**





# **NEXT STEPS**

# WHAT'S NEXT?

PS: REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

# Thank You for attending tonight



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# Conclusion

#### **Appreciation for Participation**

We are thankful for your participation today. Your insights help shape our community initiatives.

#### Value of Insights

Every suggestion and insight shared is invaluable in our efforts to enhance our community.

#### **A Brighter Future**

Working together, we can create a brighter future for our community and its members.