

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), H. Archer, A. Smith, M. Langhorn, R. Stanford, District Cllr. Mills

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Langhorn proposed Cllr. A. Archer seconded and carried unanimously. Cllr. Archer signed the declaration of office form prior to the start of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

County Cllr. Williams.

3. To take any questions from the floor

Member of the public commented on the dead oak tree that was planted less than one year ago within the village. With the tree being less than one year old, it was felt that we should try and obtain a replacement tree.

Cllr. Langhorn suggested that a replacement tree should be purchased in the event that the shop where the tree was purchased would not be able to offer a replacement tree for free.

Action for Cllr. H. Archer to will follow-up to carry out further actions.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. Appointment of Vice Chairman, Financial Officer and councillors to committees

Cllr. H. Archer proposed Cllr. Smith as Vice Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Langhorn.

The Chairman proposed to co-opt Mr. R. Stanford onto the council, seconded Cllr. Smith. The Clerk was appointed as financial officer.

The Chairman and Cllr. H. Archer were nominated as the Parish Council representatives on the Gaydon Liaison Committee.

6. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting draft minutes. An amendment was made to remove Cllr. Langhorn's name from the list of attendees' and to insert his name under the apologies for absence section.

Cllr. Archer proposed that the minutes be accepted in it's amended form, this was seconded by Cllr. Langhorn. The Chairman signed the minutes.

7. To consider the following planning applications

(i) 10/03776/FUL - Pippin Cottage

Cllr Smith advised that we had missed the original deadline for standard consultations for planning application 18/03776/FUL. Two residents had submitted comments with legitimate concerns. Cllr Smith had exchanged e-mails with the planning officer to alert them to our concerns. Later notification of an extension to the deadline afforded a second opportunity to submit consultation comments, but unfortunately this, too, was missed. We must hope that the planning officer takes our informal comments into account, as well as those from residents.

(ii) 19/00115/FUL - Home Farm – Approved

(iii) 18/01261/FUL - Home Farm – Refused. Appeal allowed

(iv) 18/02053/FUL – Home Farm – Refused. Appeal dismissed

The dismissal of this appeal for the change of use of the 10m strip of land calls into question whether the material removed without consent will now have to be reinstated, along with the hedgerow.

8. District Council Matters

- (i) To receive report
Cllr. C. Mills started his report by highlighting the changes due to the elections. Cllr. Tony Jefferson was appointed as the new leader.

Please see the full report attached.

- (ii) Planning enforcement investigation update - Home Farm
(17/00558/CRIT).

Please refer to item 7(iv) for information.

9. County Council Matters

- (i) To receive report

The Cllr. H. Archer read out Cllr. Williams' report. Please see the full report attached.

- (ii) Traffic Calming Update

An amount of £6,500 has been allocated to the Parish to help towards village gateway signs as a traffic calming measure. In order to initiate the process, the Parish will have to pay £500.00 for a survey to be carried out.

Cllr. Langhorn suggested that it would be a good idea to meet with the company carrying out the work, allowing the survey and proposals to be reviewed prior to the work commencing.

(iii) Blocked Drains

Cllr. H. Archer got in touch with the WCC Highways via email to highlight that we are still experiencing problem with the drains on Bishops Hill. The response came back, that we are on the list and they will get to us as soon as they can.

10. Parish maintenance

(i) Police and Crime Commissioner Safety Fund

Cllr Smith reported that a fund of £0.5m is available for road safety projects. Applications must be submitted by 3rd June. Cllr Smith suggested applying for funding towards a safe footpath from the village to the sports field. Complementing this is an offer from Hawksmoor representative of the developers of GLH to look at the costs of providing a footpath. It was agreed that Cllr Smith should look into this.

A member of the public raised the need for a footpath from the Village Hall to Post Office Lane. This has been explored before and would require the acquisition of private land. Cllr A Archer reported that the land owner is not sympathetic to this.

(ii) Sport Pavilion/Sport Ground

Nothing to report.

(iii) Greens; fencing / trees

The boundary between Stepping Stones and the village land was pegged out and having carried out this work have now established it is not appropriate to put up a village fence. No further action required.

(iv) Gas lines Installation

Cllr Smith will report on this to the Parish Assembly meeting following this AGM. Please refer to the minutes of the Parish Assembly.

11. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

As of the end of March 2019:
Current Account - £5,556.94
Instant Account - £11,125.54

A member of the public commented on having a cash position for each meeting to which the Clerk agreed to provide a bank reconciliation for each meeting.

Payee	Amount
Mr D. Thomas - Salary (April)	£245.48
WCC – Lighting Maintenance	£216.79
Derek Lloyd	£80.00
E.on streeting lighting for April 2019	£121.76
E.on streeting lighting for May 2019	£117.83
Monthly expenses (April)	£56.34
Zurich Municipal - annual insurance	£503.10
Village Hall – Maintenance contribution	£2,700.00
Traffic Calming – survey costs	£500.00
Mr. N Jenvey – grass mowing (April 2019)	£270.00
Mr. N Jenvey – grass mowing (May 2019)	£270.00

(ii) To consider the draft 2018/19 accounts

The Clerk brought with him draft figures relating to the annual accounts and the annual VAT figure to circulate at the meeting.

The accounts were reviewed and approved at a separate meeting, held on in the Wellesbourne Offices. The accounts were approved on the condition that a provision would be placed within the accounts for the Section 106. The timing of when the Section 106 monies will be received is unknown, but will become due once all properties at Oberry Fields have been occupied.

(iii) Café lease update

Cllr. Smith reported that the contract is now with our solicitor.

13. Correspondence

Cllr Smith advised that he had tested an e-mail solution that will allow for central maintenance of an e-mail list, and for broadcasting e-mails to this list without risk of accidentally exposing the e-mail addresses of those on the list. This solution is free for up to 50 e-mail addresses, and then \$10 a year for up to 750. Those wishing to be added must request this. Instructions will be added to the News page of the Parish Council web site. Those on the list may remove themselves at any time by using a link in all e-mails that are sent using this solution.

It was agreed that Cllr Smith should proceed with this solution.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 12th June at 8pm. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

District Councillor Report Lighthorne

14th May 2019

New Executive Director Head of Paid Services

Dave Webb Executive Director Head of Paid Services at SDC retired on 21st December and was replaced by Isabel Edgar Briançon.

Isabel comes from Aylesbury Vale District Council and has quite an eclectic work history including working with children suffering from autism to TV advertising and is a keen environmentalist. Isabel has also worked as Waste Education Officer for Dacorum Borough Council before moving to Aylesbury District Council.

Current State of the District

3.1 Various reports from different sources had concluded that:-

- The resident mid-year population of the District in 2018 was 125,202 people. The population of Warwickshire in 2017 was 564,600 people. In the ten years between 2007 and 2018, the population of the District increased by 5.7%.
- The fastest growing sector of the population in the District over the last ten years is older people. The number of people aged 10 to 19 years, 30 to 45 years and 60 to 64 years has decreased.

New multi-million-pound ‘Smart City Mobility Centre’ announced for Warwickshire & West Midlands

- New Smart City Mobility Centre will create ground breaking driverless capable and electric vehicle technology as part of a multi-million-pound pilot in Warwickshire and the West Midlands.
- The new Smart City Mobility Centre will create state-of-the-art vehicle modular architectures and integrated driverless capability to support

smart cities that could help make congestion, emissions and road traffic accidents a thing of the past.

- It will prototype new vehicles and systems that will transform UK transport, by bringing together WMG at the University of Warwick's research expertise, and Jaguar Land Rover's leading research and engineering capabilities.
- It will be Europe's most extensive and significant integration of technology research projects at such a scale. Combining the very latest research, transport data, infrastructure, and vehicle prototyping.

A new multi-million-pound 'Smart City Mobility Centre, to be established in Warwickshire and the West Midlands was announced on Monday 12th November 2018 at the Coventry and Warwickshire Automotive Dinner in Warwickshire's Coombe Abbey Hotel.

WMG Chairman Professor Lord Bhattacharyya announced that Europe's first multi-million-pound Smart City Mobility Centre will be based at the University of Warwick's Wellesbourne campus, with driverless capable vehicle testing on the University of Warwick's campus in Coventry and Warwickshire.

The Centre brings together WMG's research expertise and Jaguar Land Rover's leading research and engineering capabilities.

Jaguar Land Rover engineers and WMG researchers will work together at Wellesbourne to design and engineer connected, driverless capable, prototype electric modular architectures. These will be tested in real world conditions alongside a specially designed 5G communications network on the University of Warwick's main campus.

Progress 2017/18:

- 377 new affordable homes were enabled in the District.
- The Planning Service exceeded national planning performance targets for the speed of decisions making in all categories:
 - Major applications: 100% (national target 60%)
 - Minor applications: 85.9% (national target 65%)
 - Other applications: 89.0% (national target 80%)

- The Council continues to participate in the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- The Action Plans for Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour have been delivered. In 2017/18 Violent Crime increased by 8.4% from 1,994 to 2,107 crimes, this has regularly been reported as due to changes in Police recording practice; similar increases have been seen across Warwickshire. Anti-Social Behaviour reduced by 1.6% from 2,641 incidents to 2,597.
- Funding for the two part-time Rural Crime Co-ordinators was secured from the Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner for 2017/18. By year end they had received 79 victim referrals, resulting in 144 of victim visits. As a result of the visits 54 items of equipment have been loaned. There have been 22 vulnerability events with 365 vulnerable individuals engaged with. There have been 18 crime prevention events, with 1,208 residents engaged with. There have also been three Police training events with 56 officers trained. Four crime prevention articles have been published with an audience reach of 60,000. The 2017-18 Customer satisfaction survey identified: 100% rated the service as 'good' or 'very good'; 94% found the equipment loaned 'useful'; 40% are now 'more likely' to report a crime; and 95% have made changes since their victim visit (installed security equipment/joined Neighbourhood Watch/signed up for Police alerts).
- The Council continues to be represented at the South Warwickshire Waste Partnership.
- The Council currently has the 10th highest household recycling rate in England. 2017/18 has seen a consolidation in overall performance with a recycling rate of 60.3% which follows a national trend and may maintain our position when the league table is published in late 2018.

Annual rough sleeper count in Stratford-on-Avon District

The annual estimate of the number of rough sleepers within Stratford-on-Avon District Council took place. Commencing 19th November and finished on Thursday 22nd November.

In 2017 there were 17 rough sleepers but this has now dropped down to 10

All local authorities have to submit an annual figure to central government indicating the numbers of people sleeping rough in their area on a single 'typical' night.

People in the district are being asked to let the District Council know of any rough sleepers in the area. They are classed as: people sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on or in, or standing next to their bedding) or actually bedding down in the open air – on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments. It also covers people in buildings or other places not designed for habitation – such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks and cars.

Begging

The public has been advised that they should not give money to street beggars as they are most probably part of a gang. These beggars are not homeless and can make £100.00 per day and up to £500.00 per day nearer to the Xmas period.

Population: Stratford-on-Avon District

The population of Stratford-on-Avon District continues to grow and has experienced the highest rate of population growth in the country. Previously, Rugby experienced the highest rate of population growth. The population for Stratford District mid-year in 2016 was 123,345. The population mid-year for 2017 was 125,202 but this is expected to increase for 2019.

Stratford District has an ageing population. As an example, the over 65's are at 31,750 compared with Warwick being its closest neighbour of 26,355

Food and Safety Team

Infectious diseases

The Food and safety Team have been visiting care homes and have sent advisory letters reminding them of the need to thoroughly wash fruit and vegetables prior to use. These can be the source of Listeria and other bacteria which can prove fatal in the elderly.

A pub was closed using voluntary closure powers on two separate occasions after poor conditions were found.

The team has dealt with a large outbreak at an hotel in Stratford of the Norovirus disease. This was after a function where 42 out of the 73 attendees developed signs of illness. The outbreak has now been closed.

Service requests

A large rat infestation on land at the edge of Stratford upon-Avon, involving 30 properties has been investigated and a treatment plan has been put in place.

This is just a fraction of the work carried out daily by the team.

The Food and safety Team are continuing with their efforts in protecting the public in the District of Stratford.

Stratford District Council are in the Top Ten in the Country for recycling

Lighthorne Parish Council

Election Results

Conservatives 20 seats was 26

Liberal Democrats 11

Independents 4 seats

Green Party 1 seat

Canvassing: Residents number 1 priority was Brexit

Turnout for Kineton ward 42.74%

Highest Welford-on-Avon 44.70%

Lowest was Avenue (Stratford) 27.81%

Kineton Ward:

Rob Ballantyne Green Party 199

Nicholas Solman Liberal Democrats 210

Chris Mills Conservative 824

Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting on 14th May 2019
County Councillor's Report

April is the last month of the council year and is traditionally very quiet. Steps are being taken to implement new procedures and obviously all Council Members are getting to know the new Officers that have recently been appointed. Add to this the uncertainties of Brexit and the political purdah we are in as a result of the forthcoming District Council elections in four of the five District/Borough Councils within the county of Warwickshire, I am pleased to report that no decisions have been taken that would impact upon Lighthorne Parish Council.

One important issue that we, at the County, would like resolved is the long-awaited Green Paper by parliament on the importance of social care which should give guidance as to the financing of this vital ingredient in all aspects of community welfare. The issue of this guidance has been delayed for two years during the domination of parliamentary time due to Brexit.

I have little to add at this time of year but am sure that my next report after our Annual Meeting in mid-May will contain a comprehensive review as to how the council will proceed for the next twelve months.

If there are any specific queries requiring my attention, please contact me directly and I will be happy to arrange for an officer to reply, if necessary. I am sorry I am not able to deliver this report in person but I have been hospitalised again and have only recently come out. Hopefully, my health will improve and I will be able to attend your meetings more regularly.

Cllr Chris Williams
Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division
11.05.2019