

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 11th August 2015

- 1. Present:** Cllr Archer, Cllr Dick, Cllr Steele, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mills.
To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Ryan.

- 2. To agree minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 14th July and Tuesday 4th August 2015.**

Cllr Daniel proposes that they be agreed, Cllr Archer 2nds. Agreed.

- 3. Member's declaration of interest.** Cllr Dick and Cllr Daniel regarding 15/02546/FUL (Village Hall). Advice taken from Monitoring Officers Hughes, Banks and Sheepy as well as Chief Exec Paul Lankester – LPC's approach validated by SDC and parties who may vote agreed.

- 4. To take any questions from the floor.**

Concerns raised about The Bank – cracks etc and dropped man hole cover at area above John Pearce's build at Stepping Stones – Cllr Williams will have the matter investigated and dealt with.

The resident is continuing his efforts to resolve the 50mph signs issue (remove/move/replace etc) and has a meeting arranged regarding the same. Thanks for his ongoing efforts.

- 5. Planning – See Attached list (reverse)**

- a. Discuss New Applications / Issues**

15/02546/FUL – Village Hall – Noel Hunter – Applciation received from Village Hall Committee to extend the hall, numerous opinions received both in writing, orally and at the specific meeting 4th August. Residents attended tonight to voice their concerns about the plans. Cllr Archer proposed that 'no representation' be noted on the form and a summary of the 'pros and cons' received be sent to SDC together with the minutes of the meeting 4th August, Cllr Steele 2nds – Cllr Ryan had 'voted' the same in writing, therefore agreed. Agreed was the best way to present the mixed views from villagers in a neutral fashion. Cllr Williams noted that the Highways Dept at WCC had objected on the grounds of parking and access and that this was a 'deal breaker', the fact there was no plan to increase hall capacity was irrelevant.

15/02815/DDT – fell dead eucalyptus – Ben Thornton – Cllr Steele proposes no comment, Cllr Daniel 2nds, agreed.

Update from Cllr Steele on New Settlement/ Parish Councils response

There are proposed modifications to the Core Strategy and these will be consulted upon from 13th August for 6 weeks. LPC would put an objection together in time for submission at the end of September. Cllr Mills informs us that all affected Parishes will be invited to a meeting in September regarding possible benefits to communities in the event GLH goes ahead. No notification received yet.

6. Parish Maintenance.

a. Sports Pavilion/Sports Ground

JLR have offered a days labour as part of their Community Help Scheme – It is suggested that they will undertake some internal painting at the Sports Pavillion. Cllr Archer proposes this and Cllr Steele 2nds, agreed.

b. Highways

See above re: The Bank.

Local villagers to be trained to use a speed gun by local police, the team are still awaiting a date.

Concerns raised about speeding vehicles on B4100 at junction with the turn into Lighthorne – dangerous overtaking etc. Request that some sort of street furniture be put in place to stop illegal overtaking at and around the junction. Cllr Williams states that WCC won't undertake any road changes locally until the J12 works are completed and the effect of it is known – they want to see the impact it has on local traffic first, it would be the next financial year if at all before any such works were looked into.

c. Playpark

No update.

d. Trees

No update.

7. Assets, Contracts and Finance.

a. To receive the financial statements from the Responsible Financial Officer.

Invoices presented for payment.

b. To authorise the signing of orders for payment

Payee	Cheque No	Amount
Rainbow Gardens	001845	£540
A.Smith (web reg)	001846	£43.14
Eon	001847	£68.32

Proposed to be signed by Cllr Steele, seconded Cllr Daniel. Agreed.

Government, other Councils, Council associations and local authorities

Cllr Williams reports:

- 1. Regionalisation** – The central government endorsement of regionalisation based on the Manchester model has not met with support in Warwickshire. The proposal under consideration is that a combined authority based on Birmingham would have its own Mayor and be responsible for a range of items such as Planning, Finance, Care of the Aged, Education etc. Currently, Coventry and Solihull together with all the metropolitan authorities north of Birmingham have agreed to form a single metropolitan area. Warwickshire, on the other hand, is not a unity authority, does not see the advantage in joining up with Birmingham. Further discussions are taking place and a final decision has to be submitted by the 7th September 2015. Warwickshire may join Staffordshire and Worcestershire instead.
- 2. Waste Collection** – Warwickshire as a two tier authority disposes of all the waste that is collected by the Districts and Boroughs. Currently, there is a review taking place as to whether that cannot be recycled, namely the Black Bin content, is being treated in the correct way. All material collected from the black bins is sent to landfill at a cost of £83 per ton. It is believed that the amount that is collected could be reduced if the public were more aware of what can now actually be recycled. Consequently, an exercise is taking place of consultation where members of the public will be asked if they understand what can be recycled and hopefully through education, we should be able not only to reduce the amount of wastage sent to landfill but also increase the amount we recycle which is currently 63% and raise this figure to that achieved in Scandinavia of 75%.
- 3. Community Grants** – It is that time of year when the County Council make available small amounts of money to help kick start or maintain community projects. I only have a small amount of money to dispense throughout my Division but should you know of any project that would benefit from a cash injection of no more than £500, please let me know and I will forward an application form to you. I must stress that it is not usual to award this money directly to any Parish Council since they raise their funds through the precept and not through grants. The only exception to this guideline is if the Parish wishes to enhance a play area with new equipment.
- 4. Highway Improvements** – I am pleased to report that the construction of the highway from Jaguar Land Rover to Junction 12 is ahead of schedule and that the whole project not only of the highway but also the improvements to Junction 12 itself should be completed by the end of the year. JLR plan to keep their existing entrance open in addition to the new entrance through the Heritage Centre, so they will have 2 entrances instead of the 1 originally planned.

Cllr Mills reports – Houses are up to 14,800 for district. GLH and LMA and others are being put forward. He will continue opposing GLH. SDC are also making decisions regarding combined authorities and whether they want to take part etc. They are meeting on 1st September to debate the same – a full debate is expected and members of the public are encouraged to give their views and attend. A consultation re: the same is underway (see SDC website). Following a query on the LPC Facebook page, licences for live music are dealt with by SDC's licencing panel, Michelle Baird is the direct contact working together with Environmental Health.

- 8. To consider any other matters which the chair decides urgent.**

LPC to advertise their meetings in the local Parish magazine – together with the website. Anyone wishing to be included on the mailing list encouraged to contact us.

9. Date for the next meeting.

Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 8:00pm

Meeting closes at 9:08pm

PLANNING APPLICATIONS June 2015

New Applications and Decisions in Green

	DETAILS	SUBMITTED BY	PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS	SDC DECISION
15/00976/OUT	GLH – 2,000 houses etc	Bird/CEG	Object Full and detailed objection submitted	
15/01519/FUL	Erection of Garage with store at ground floor and home office at 1st floor with driveway extension	David Cole Oberry Fields	No Comment	Refused
15/01401/OUT	Outline application all matters reserved except access for the demolition of existing barns and the erection of 5 dwellings	John Cole Pound Green	Objection sent	Withdrawn
15/01279/FUL	Erection of 4 stables for livery and equine dentistry use	James Clee Pipers Bath Farm	No Comment	Granted
15/01651/FUL	Construction of a 2 storey rear extension and a loft conversion	Darren Goldsmith Sunny Bank	No Comment to both	Granted with conditions
15/01650/FUL	Construction of 2 car timber garage/car port			
15/02096/LBC	Replacement of windows and doors to front elevation	Greg Dick Brambles Cottage	Support	Granted
15/01722/FUL	Proposed erection of timber workshop for hobby use and storage space	James Newberry Forest Lodge	No Comment	Granted
15/02256/FUL	Change of use, agricultural to mixed use including outdoor gun dog training and a pond for gun dog training purposes	Kathryn Smith The Beeches	No Comment	Granted
15/02260/TREE	Fell ash; fell lime; fell oak; reduce height of leylandii by 0.5m and reduce crown to clear highway.	Chrsi Wyatt Forest Lodge	No Comment	Granted
15/02264/VARY	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 13/03257/FUL to allow for the installation of conservatory to dwelling (new bungalow in garden with access from Church Lane)	John Pearce Stepping Stones	Object	
15/02310/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of 2 storey extension and first floor balcony balcony	Fiona Johnston Stone House	No Comment	
15/02815/DDT	fell dead eucalyptus tree	Ben Thornton	No Comment	
15/02546/FUL	Extension to Village hall	Noel Hunter	No Comment Summary of reps received attached.	