

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 13th October 2015

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

2. To agree minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 8th September 2015.
Cllr Steele proposes that they be agreed, Cllr Dick 2nds. Agreed.

3. Member's declaration of interest. None.

4. To take any questions from the floor.

The black plastic bag is still hanging from a tree beyond Bishops Gorse Farm – request that it be removed in its entirety.

Severn Trent Water have been to the drain/water leak problem on Mountford Rise, but there is now a worse leak in a different place and a concern that foul water is running down the road. Severn Trent or relevant dept at WCC to be asked to resolve this issue asap – Cllr Williams to report to relevant WCC dept. LPC to contact Severn Trent again.

Cllr Williams was asked to ensure the 50mph signs were removed as directed by WCC – it has been some months since the direction was given.

5. Planning – See Attached list (reverse)

a. Discuss New Applications / Issues

15/03094/FUL – 2 Storey garage and home office – David Cole, Obery Fields –
Cllr Archer proposes No Comment, Cllr Daniel 2nds, agreed.

15/02830/OUT - Pound green - revision of red line boundary – John Cole – Cllr Steele proposes objection as before, Cllr Archer 2nds, agreed.

Update from Cllr Steele on New Settlement/ Parish Councils response

Consultation response – representation on behalf of LPC, FORSE and Parishes hand delivered to SDC by Cllr Steele together with additional representation from LPC.

Cllr Archer and Cllr Steele attended a meeting of all local Parish Councils at SDC on 29th September – GLH wish list to be completed and sent back to SDC by 21st October.

Number of suggestions received by email and post – full list drafted to include all suggestions (full list below) – completion of list to be submitted deferred to Tuesday 20th October so that a full meeting can be dedicated to the list. Major concerns are traffic and protecting all land within the Parish.

This list is for Planning Obligation funding, there will be another round of requests once the CIL amounts are decided should GLH proceed. Noted that LHPC have an agreed package amounting to £450,000 at this stage – expectations should be managed accordingly.

IM Properties (on behalf of developers proposing 1,000 houses on Old Sych Field) have invited LPC to observe a meeting between them and MADE (organisation dedicated to improving the quality of towns, cities and villages) on 15th October at 1pm – Cllr Archer and Cllr Steele will attend.

IM Properties will be holding Public Consultation events at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall on Friday 23rd October and Saturday 24th October – LPC have been invited to a preview on Thursday 22nd October 5-7pm.

6. Parish Maintenance.

a. Sports Pavilion/Sports Ground

Cllr Ryan to liaise re: JLR community work day.

Ben Thornton liaising with Khalsa re: his café proposal – Cllr Ryan will attend any meetings.

b. Highways

Concern over works at junction with B4100 – WCC contacted by Cllr Steele – response from Patch Byrne – “I have now had both the land registry docs & the highway extent for this section of road, I'm afraid that it is the usual situation in that the exact boundary is extremely difficult to pin point due to scale and plan to plan transposition from the original. I have met the owner on site and agreed a 2m wide strip that seems to fit with traces of boundary ditches on adjoining land. This does mean that the owner has inadvertently removed sections of our hedge along with his own but I consider that in the long run it is to our advantage as previously the hedge was just about right up to the edge of the c/way and would have needed a hard cut back next year. The owner plans to either replant hedges or fence the land next year. There are a few negative faces on some parts of the road edge which will need infilling, I propose to have these filled with road planings which will remove any danger referred to previously. It should be noted that other than the negative faces the road verge is now similar to many others in unlit areas around the county which are considered fit for purpose.”

Contribution to Grass Cutting in Church Yard – Cllr Archer proposes that LPC take over the contract and the ‘Church’ donate to LPC the equivalent amount of their previous contract, Cllr Steele 2nds, agreed. Rainbow Gardens to be informed of the change and a quarterly payment from the

'Church' to be agreed.

Increased Traffic through the village has been reported over the last 2 weeks – JLR/AML have been made aware.

Cllr Steele reports from the Community Liaison Meeting 12th Oct that JLR believe the increased traffic is due to 3 main factors: slip road closures at J12 on the M40; very little annual leave taken in October; and, JLR have taken on 600 new employees. They are continuing to send emails threatening/cajoling employees but recognize that private car owners are within their rights to use public roads, as are we all. They are however taking whatever measures they can to assist as they are as frustrated as us at the situation – A new carpark has been opened this week to accommodate 1,000 cars and a new 2 lane entry (and roundabout) open Wednesday which they hope will show a marked improvement. They reported that the take up on park and ride is improving – from 300 to 800 regular users. All car transporters will be gone from the site from February 2016 as NDC is closed. When specifically asked they agreed to send management in high viz jackets to assist with traffic monitoring – Cllr Archer will liaise.

A car is regularly parked on the grass verge at the entrance to Old School Lane – Cllr Archer has reported the vehicle direct to AML. Cllr Steele will place an official polite notice on the car requesting that he park more considerately and not destroy village verges.

A speed gun has been purchased for a group of trained villagers to commence official speed checks and send the information on to the police. Cllr Steele proposes that LPC purchase the speed gun at £500 + vat (£600) and the gun to become a parish asset for use by the group of trained villagers. Cllr Daniel 2nds - agreed. Cllr Steele to liaise and arrange for an invoice to be collected for the same.

c. Playpark

No update.

d. Trees

Tree works will be undertaken shortly.

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 | 001850 | £270 |
| EON | 001851 | £66.12 |

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| E.Parker (Babysit) | 001852 | £15.00 |
| EON (Pavillion) | 001853 | £51.50 |
| J.Newberry (Printing) | 001854 | £55.97 |
| J.Newberry (Flyers) | 001855 | £13.00 |
| FMF(Warwick)Ltd | 001856 | £150.00 |

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

Accounts viewed by those present – form gone through with all Cllrs – Cllr Steele proposes that the Accounts be approved, Cllr Daniel 2nds, agreed. Relevant sections signed ready to be sent to the auditor.

Government, other Councils, Council associations and local authorities

Cllr Mills reports: There is a full Council meeting on Monday 19th October at 2pm. The current population of Stratford District is 120,000, it is projected to reach 135,000 by 2017 (11.5% increase). In 2012 15.1% of households in Warwickshire were in fuel poverty. Recorded crime in the district is 42.1/10,000 population – Stratford has the highest reported crime rate, Kineton/Wellesbourne have the lowest.

Cllr Williams reports: **Regionalisation – West Midlands Combined Authority.** The plans for expanding the metropolitan districts of Birmingham into a larger Combined Authority are not proceeding as smoothly as the government would have liked. There is a reluctance from the counties south of Birmingham to support this idea, most authorities choosing to remain independent of the West Midlands Combined Authority. As far as Warwickshire is concerned Warwick District, Rugby, North Warwickshire and Warwickshire County Council have all elected not to make any commitment to the proposed new authority. I will keep the Parish Council informed as and when any new proposals are considered – it was voted upon yesterday at SDC that we would NOT form any part of Birmingham’s combined authority. **Funding School Transport –** A proposal was made earlier in the year that the County Council would alter funding for school transport. The County Council has to save some £92 million over a four year period and part of the process required that we should not continue funding any operation which was not obligatory. Last Thursday, the Cabinet took the decision that funding for school transport to Grammar Schools would not continue, or funding for the provision of transport to nursery schools for under 5s. The Grammar School scenario will not be applied to any existing students but will come into effect for any new students starting in September 2016.

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

In an attempt to attract a new clerk it was agreed that the salary should be increased to £200 plus tax. Cllr Steele to make enquiries of other local clerks.

9. Date for the next meeting.

Tuesday 11th November 2015 at 8:00pm

Meeting closes at 10.00pm

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 | |
| 15/02264/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 | Granted |
| 15/02310/FUL | Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of 2 storey extension and first floor balcony | Fiona Johnston Stone House | No Comment | Granted |
| 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. | Withdrawn |
| 15/02828/OUT | Erection of 4 houses with access to Bishops Hill | Geoff Cotterill | Object | |
| 15/02830/OUT | Outline application all matters reserved except access for the demolition of existing barns and the erection of 4 dwellings | John Cole | Object | |
| 15/03006/FUL | Demolition of Lighthorne Lamb buildings and erection of 4 dwellings with access road and associated works | David Tompkins | No Comment | |
| 15/03094/FUL | Change of use to residential to enable the erection of a detached garage with store at ground floor and a home office at first floor with driveway extension | David Cole Oberry Fields | No Comment | |
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LPC Wish List Should Proposal GLH be granted planning permission – all suggestions received:

Traffic Matters

1. The Chesterton Road should be blocked off at the junction with the B4100/Old gated Road preventing any traffic entering or leaving Lighthorne from the B4100.

In the alternative:

2. A round-a-bout should be created at the Chesterton Road/B4100/Old Gated Road Junction. It is practically impossible to leave/enter the village through JLR/AML traffic, this will be made worse by traffic from GLH
3. A round-a-bout should be created at Three Gates (Fosse Way/ Wellesbourne Road/Kinton Road). The junction is already extremely dangerous and this will be made worse by traffic from GLH.
4. A 'Toll Road' through Lighthorne, free passes with guest passes for residents.
5. Traffic Calming measures in the village and approaching the village:
 - a. At the 30 mph signs at every entry to the village speed bumps (as in Jury Street Warwick)
 - b. Similar speed bumps along Church Lane.
 - c. Chicanes where safely possible
 - d. Pinch points in the village centre
 - e. Speed limit in the Village to be reduced to 20mph
 - f. Speed limit from the B4100 to be reduced to 30 mph
 - g. Speed Limit on Moreton Morrell Lane to be reduced to 20 mph
 - h. A commitment to regular speed checks within the village
 - i. No development vehicles (building etc or tradesmen cars/vans) to be allowed to use Chesterton Road, Wellesbourne Road or Moreton Morrell Lane at any time nor to operate outside normal daytime working hours
 - j. Cycle paths to be put in place along Chesterton Road – the road to be made single track if necessary in places (possible combined footpath/cycle path). This to then be extended to connect to the new town.
 - k. "No through Road – Lighthorne Village Access Only" signs at every entry point to the village.
 - l. 'No through route' sign on Old School Lane.
 - m. Restrictions on goods vehicles and signage to deter them
 - n. Speed monitoring sign displaying the drivers speed at each entrance point to the village
 - o. Convert 100 ms of the Wellesbourne Road into a single land controlled by traffic lights to encourage traffic to use other routes around Lighthorne rather than through it – if the lights were near the Bishops Gorse corner this would have the added advantage of reducing accidents at this dangerous corner.
 - p. A set of speed guns to be purchased and donated to Lighthorne Parish Council for use by trained villagers.
 - q. Permanent fixed speed camers to be placed on Wellesbourne Road and Chesterton Road
6. Resurfacing Chesterton Road to make it safe.

All Other Matters

1. All land south and south west of the B4100 i.e. between Lighthorne and the B4100 to be designated as managed nature and ecological reserve and to be put in trust to Lighthorne Parish Council and/or WWT or another agreed and trusted body. NO part of this land is to remain under the control of the developers or future or existing land owners. The £1,000,000 suggested in the CIL discussions to be given to the trustees to manage the reserve. A legally binding covenant to be agreed to ensure that this land is protected indefinitely.
2. The above land to include all land between Lighthorne and Lighthorne Heath, save the area to the immediate West of Lighthorne Heath in their Parish. No football or sports pitches or pavilion etc to be built between the villages – any such facilities to be North of the B4100. The land currently identified as sports pitches and a pavilion to form part of the nature/ecological reserve.
3. In place of a new sports pavilion below AML - Lighthorne PC to be provided with the equivalent funding to rebuild our existing Sports Pavillion (accessible by footpath from GLH and LH), which would be a better positioned replacement for the same. Funding to improve the parking facilities on site (given increased use) as well as new football posts, tennis court fencing and nets and cricket practice nets. We also ask for funding to establish a youth club and a scouts group as demand increases. We would also ask for funding to establish a café and local produce shop at the *Newly Rebuilt* sports pavilion
4. An all weather surfaced footpath to be created from Lighthorne Sports Ground to Lighthorne Village. This could be created adjacent to the hedge inside the field, making a safe walking route to and from the village. All existing footpaths and rights of way to be maintained. An all weather footpath be built from the Sports Ground to the top of Chesterton Road.
5. The Conservation Area to be extended to include every part of the Parish from the Fosse Way to the B4100 etc.
6. No development of any kind between Lighthorne and Lighthorne Heath – there should be no reduction in the separation between these villages and a binding covenant that there will be no future coalescing of the two. No ‘creeping’ development of any sort to be permitted.
7. An absolute guarantee that Lighthorne’s Green Spaces will be protected and preserved.
8. In light of a proposed 3,000 houses at GLH it should be accepted by SDC that there will be adequate housing provision in the area and no further house building should be allowed in Lighthorne itself – we would ask that a moratorium be put in place so far as Lighthorne is concerned.
9. Noise prevention measures to protect the Village from the noise of building the town and then the town itself.
10. Compensation to all home owners to reflect the devaluation of their properties. Lighthorne currently sells at a premium due to its rural and isolated position – the addition of an urban carbuncle town in walking distance removes this premium and devalues all properties as a result. It is only right and fair that every home owner should be compensated for this loss.
11. In light of the impact a new town in such close proximity would have on the domesday conservation village of Lighthorne – we request for funding to maintain its conservation

appearance – specifically funding for period light fittings to replace the current intrusive units, a new period bus shelter, additional wooden benches throughout the village, litter bins more in keeping with their environment and new in keeping road signs.

12. It is likely that our village hall will be used by residents of GLH – we therefore ask for funding to either rebuild the hall or a fund to maintain it for the extended use. Finances to underpin the rear section of the hall, a new roof, new kitchen and new storage facilities.
13. Funding be provided to establish a village shop.
14. It is likely our village Church will be used as a place of worship – we therefore request funding for the same (maintenance of building due to additional use, purchase of bibles/hymn books etc).
15. High Speed Broad Band – or even better fibre optic superfast broadband.
16. Extensive planting of mature trees to make the New Town invisible from Lighthorne Parish.
17. Connect the village to mains gas.
18. Footbridges to be built over the B4100.
19. Cycle paths and footpaths connecting Lighthorne to Gaydon, Kineton and the edge of the Nature Reserve.
20. A fund to repair damaged verges in the Village, damaged footpaths and damaged pavements to restore the visual amenity and enhance its Conservation status.
21. A piece of land outside the boundary of the nature/ecological reserve to be donated to Lighthorne Parish Council as a flying field and funds similar made available to establish a model flying club for the benefit of local parishioners and new town residents alike.

Impact of GLH on the Parish

In addition to our comments on the planning application itself:

1. No development within 400m of the Old Gated Road on the south eastern side to protect the environment, eco-system and habitat of Chesterton Wood
2. No development with 250m of the M40 for benefit of the inhabitants of the new dwellings and to minimise damage to the local environment by leaving a wildlife corridor between the Motorway and the development
3. No structure in the new development to exceed 2 storeys in height
4. All lighting in the new development to be low level, facing inwards from the perimeter and of restricted intensity
5. No part of the development lying within 2.5km of Chesterton Mill to be visible from the Mill