

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 8th December 2016

- 1. Present:** Cllr Archer, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Steele, Cllr Daniel, Cllr Dick, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mills.

To accept apologies for absence: None.

- 2. To agree minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 10th November 2015.**

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

- 3. Member's declaration of interest.** None.

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

The Resident gives thanks to the Parish Council for their hard work over the year and Merry Christmas to everyone.

The Resident reports again that the water leaks along the length of Bishops Hill are still flowing down the road – Severn Trent were seen but the problem has not been fixed - Cllr Steele has reported the matter to Severn trent Water a number of times and will do so again.

The Community Speed Watch Team are being rendered powerless by the regulations surrounding the use of the speed gun and the minute details required regarding car/driver etc to be able to officailly report vehicles. The team are doing their absolute best. 84 hours of work has been put in since LPC obtained the gun and 2 drivers have been officailly reported. Last tuesday the top speed recorded was 31mph. As soon as the clear signs are removed the speeds go back up. Lighthorne Highway Patrol wish to borrow the speed gun to unofficially record vehicle speeds (not with a view to reporting them for prosecution) so that the figures and cars regs can be sent to JLR etc. Cllr Steele proposes that the speed gun be leant to LHP for this purpose, Cllr Archer 2nds – agreed. LHP to liaise with Colin Such regarding the same.

Many thanks to the Community Speed Watch Team for all their efforts.

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

- a. Discuss New Applications / Issues**

15/04154/TREE – Reduce and remove various Leylandii – Myles Macdonald. Cllr Steele proposes No Comment, Cllr Ryan 2nds, agreed.

15/04214/TREE – Cut back overhanging Ash – Chris Wyatt. Cllr Steele proposes No Comment, Cllr Ryan 2nds, agreed.

15/03791/FUL – Construction of Fire Station at AML – Julian Humphreys. Cllr Steele proposes No Comment, Cllr Ryan 2nds, agreed.

15/04200/OUT – 1,000 houses at GLH – IM Properties. Cllr Steele proposes objection, Cllr Archer 2nds, agreed – full and detailed objection to be prepared and submitted. **An open day will take place on Sunday 10th January between 3 and 5pm at LVH where all the documents will be available to view and Cllrs will be present to answer any questions.**

Andy Smith attends regarding a proposed application at Lighthorne Rough for 2 dwellings – documents to be submitted to SDC tomorrow (hopefully) – he has secured a bus stop at the end of the road. LPC look forward to receiving the application.

John Pearce attends regarding a proposed variation to his planning permission – he intends to ‘dig down’ to road level and create a 2 storey building instead of a bungalow. Application to follow.

Update from Cllr Steele on New Settlement/ Parish Councils response

The Examination in Public of SDC’s Core Strategy recommences in January in front of Government Inspector Peter Drew. LPC (and FORSE and others) will be represented on 4 of the session days:

Day 1: Tuesday 12th January – The Specific question being (5) and the issue of a significant proportion of projected jobs being low paid, part-time and lower skilled section employment.

Day 2: Wednesday 13th January – The adequacy of the sustainability appraisal – “Is it a reliable evidence base?”

[not day 3 dealing with Stratford allocations and Southam or day 4 dealing with LMA]

Day 5: Wednesday 20th January – GLH – AML allocation, matters arising since last January and whether housing trajectory is realistic.

Day 6: Thursday 21st January – Broad wrap up session dealing with misc outstanding issues.

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Written representations have been submitted regarding each of these sessions and they can be found on the Core Strategy EiP section of the website.

6. Parish Maintenance.

a. Sports Pavilion/Sports Ground

Electrical faults/safety issues at Sports Pavillion, update – Plus Repair of light in LAA store. Cllr Ryan has seen the electrician who is preparing a schedule of work required – in light of representations as to the danger caused by the current state of the electrics decided that LPC to have the work done asap and any question of Khalsa paying for the works to be dealt with afterwards. Khalsa have been told that they cannot use the building until the repairs etc have been done. Cllr Ryan to arrange.

b. Highways

B4100 cnr with Chesterton Road – interim infill of the ditch has been done, apparently this will be compacted. Plan is for the whole road to be resurfaced, but it can be ‘patched up’ before if deemed necessary.

Many thanks to the teams of residents who cleared leaves from pavements, roads and communal areas. A great job was done by all! Hoped that this can become an annual event.

c. Playpark

No update.

d. Trees

Tree works will be undertaken shortly. Cllr Archer to contact the contracted tree surgeon. A full list of the proposed works will be submitted.

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
Grant Thornton	001862	£120.00
J Newberry (postage)	001863	£25.51
EON	001864	£66.12

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

Government, other Councils, Council associations and local authorities

Cllr Mills reports: Given the grave concerns all Ward Member Cllrs have about GLH and in particular the Traffic Reports which have been produced supposed in support of the scheme Cllrs Mills, Kettle and Harris met with WCC Highways to raise their concerns direct – They have no confidence in them and believe that they haven’t scrutinised the problems well enough, if at all. Cllr Mills suggested that a ‘No Right Turn’ out of Lighthorne on to the B4100 be considered to attempt to reduce traffic through the village – Highways are looking into it as a possibility. Lack of infrastructure was discussed.

Cllr Mills reminds us that there is free parking in Stratford every Thursday up to Xmas from 5pm onwards.

Cllr Mills reports that SDC will be suggesting that they ‘take’ 8 Syrian families.

Cllr Williams reports: “**County Council Budget 2016-17** – The County Council is currently formulating its budget proposals for next year. Central government has advised that there will be significant reductions in the settlement allowed which helps run the authority in addition to the money raised by the Council Tax etc. The County Council is in the middle of a four year plan to reduce costs by some £92 million. None of the front line services such as Public Health, Education or Adult Social Care will be

subjected to the savings regime. In simple terms there will be no further new projects announced in the budget. We are expecting Council Tax to rise by 2%.

Road Signage Issues – An email was received by the Highways Department from Mr Sheppard and the response from Highways indicated that all locations have been agreed with the local Police authority and are in line with guidelines published by the Department of Transport. The installation of additional repeater signs were identified by the Police and are required to enable Enforcement to be carried out within the 50 mph speed limit for Lighthorne. Without the installation of these repeater signs the Traffic Regulation Order becomes void and unenforceable. It is a criminal offence to either remove, or move, road traffic signs and if there is any attempt to alter the installed signs we will have no hesitation in prosecuting those persons involved. I hope that Debbie Poynton's email of 4th December 2015 concludes this issue."

Cllr Williams was reminded that LPC had made extensive comments about the suggested signs some years ago and had objected and argued fully why all the signs should not be installed. All our arguments were ignored.

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

Advice has been obtained from WALC as to whether we can have more than 5 Cllrs, and who they can be – we can only have 5 Cllrs unless a lengthy application is made to increase the number. Spouses can sit as Cllrs at the same time.

The Annual Parish Newsletter to be prepared in January 2016 to be delivered in February 2016, so that the EiP on the Core Strategy can be fully reported.

9. Date for the next meeting.

Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 8:00pm

Meeting closes at 9.10pm

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECEMBER 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	
15/02828/OUT	Erection of 4 houses with access to Bishops Hill	Geoff Cotterill	Object	Granted
15/02830/OUT	Outline application all matters reserved except access for the demolition of existing barns and the erection of 4 dwellings	John Cole Pound Green	Object	Refused
15/03646/FUL	Erection of Battery laboratory building consisting of 6 containerised stations (use class B1(b))	JLR	No Comment	
15/03528/REM	Full application for 9 houses	Brian Lewis Oberry Fields	No Comment	
15/03720/FUL	Garden Room extension	Martin Ryan Robin Cottage	No Comment	
15/03919/TREE	Fell a Hawthorn, Sycamore and Plum. Remove a fruit tree and 5 conifers.	Tony Cairns Bishops Farm	No Comment	Granted
15/03736/FUL	Demolition of Lighthorne Lamb buildings and erection of 4 dwellings with access road and associated works	David Tompkins Home farm	Support	
15/03934/FUL	Change of use of the NDC (national Distribution Centre) area from vehicle processing and storage to vehicle parking, erection of 2 pedestrian bridges and associated works	JLR	No Comment	
15/03920/FUL	2 Storey extension to the existing DMO building and associated works	JLR	No Comment	
15/04154/TREE	Reduce row of Leylandii by 1m. Remove row of Leylandii and replace with mixed hedging and ornamental trees.	Myles Macdonald Barn Cottage	No Comment	
15/04214/TREE	Cut back overhanging Ash	Chris Wyatt @ 11 Verney Close	No Comment	
15/03791/FUL	Construction of Fire Station at AML	Julian Humpreys	No Comment	
15/04200/OUT	1,000 houses at GLH	IM Properties	Object	