

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th January 2016 at 8pm

Present: Cllr. A. Archer (Chairman), Cllr. P. Daniel, Cllr. G. Dick, Cllr. L. Steele, County Cllr. C. Williams and District Cllr. C. Mills
5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. M. Ryan (personal commitment).

2. To agree minutes of the meeting held on 8th December

Cllr. Steele proposed that the minutes be agreed, seconded Cllr. Daniel and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. Member's declaration of interest

No declarations were declared.

4. To take any questions from the floor

A resident thanked Cllr. Steele for her unpaid work as acting clerk whilst the Parish Council looked for a new clerk.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the County Council has reinstated 3 50mph repeater signs but not removed the 8. The resident said that he would follow this up with the County Council.

A resident asked if a flyer could be included in the next copy of the parish magazine regarding Community Speed Watch. The Chairman explained that the guidelines issued by the Police must be followed when using the speed gun.

ACTION: Community Speed Watch to be discussed at the next meeting

It was reported that Severn Trent have been seen looking at the water leaks but the matter has still not been resolved. The resident said that he would contact them.

A resident said that the Village Hall Committee is very disappointed that the Parish Council is not interested in assisting with the holes in the car park.

Cllr. Steele explained that the covenant states that the Village Hall Committee is responsible for the maintenance and repairs to the hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look into what could have caused the holes and try to establish how much the repairs would cost.

ACTION: Councillors to look at the damage to the car park.

The Pound Green planning application was mentioned and a resident said that she believed this would have an impact on the conservation area and the nearby listed buildings.

5. Planning

a. Discuss new applications/issues

15/04359/FUL - single dwelling with car port - Pound Green

This application was discussed and the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council object based on the impact on the conservation area and the nearby listed buildings, seconded and carried unanimously. It was agreed that Cllr. Steele would draft a response, circulate to councillors for approval and submit.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to draft a response, circulate to councillors and submit.

15/04327/TREE - removal of deadwood/making trees safe - Lighthorne Parish Council
No comments.

15/04350/FUL - retrospective permission for new timber fence and gates and stone faced brick piers - White Gates
The Chairman proposed no comments, seconded and carried unanimously.

Naming of road into 9 houses at Oberry Fields "Farriers Way" being suggested as it replaces the old Farriers Yard.
The Chairman proposed with an apostrophe (Farrier's Way), seconded and carried unanimously.

15/04389/FUL - 3 bed dwelling and 2 bed holiday let and 2 kennel buildings - The Beeches, Lighthorne Rough
Cllr. Steele explained that the plans had not arrived. It was agreed that this would be discussed at an informal meeting and ratified at the next meeting.
ACTION: The Clerk to arrange an informal meeting to discuss these plans.

Update from Cllr. Steele on New Settlement/Parish Councils Involvement
The Examination in Public started today with the discussion on the number of houses to be built. There will be 1030 affordable houses at GLH. The majority of workers at JLR are professional employees and not low paid or part-time and so it was suggested that they would not require this housing.

Open Day re. 15/04200/OUT - 1000 houses at GLH - IM Properties
Councillors reported that 3 or 4 people attended the open day on 10th January from 4-6pm in the Village Hall.

9pm residents leave the meeting.

6. Parish Maintenance

a. Sports Pavillion/Sports Ground

Following an inspection by Cllr. Ryan councillors agreed that the porch on the pavillion should be removed as soon as possible.

ACTION: Councillors to arrange for this to be taken down.

b. Highways

Loan of Speed Gun

This was discussed and it was agreed that any resident using the gun should follow the procedures recommended by the Police for safety reasons.

ACTION: The Chairman to liaise with the Speed Watch co-ordinator.

Clean for the Queen

It was agreed that this would be organised for Saturday, 6th March by The Broadwell. Cllr. Steele to find out if the District Council will remove the rubbish.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to liaise with the District Council.

Application for Queen's Birthday Street Party Fund (June)

It was agreed that we should look into whether there is any funding available for a community event.

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate.

- c. **Playpark**
No new report.
- d. **Trees**
See item 5(a).

7. **Assets, Contracts and Finance**

- a. **To receive the financial statements from the responsible financial officer**
Cllr. Steele reported that the address on the bank statements needs to be changed as some statements have gone astray.
ACTION: The Clerk to look into this.
- b. **To authorise the signing of orders for payment**
Cllr. Steele proposed that the following accounts be approved for payment, seconded Cllr. Daniel and carried unanimously.

Payee	Amount
E.ON	£68.32
E.ON	£26.68
J. Newberry (printing)	£66.27
- c. **To agree the precept 2016/17**
Councillors agreed unanimously that the precept should remain the same at £13,030.
ACTION: The Clerk to submit a precept demand and circulate the budget to councillors.
- d. **Potential change of electricity supplier**
Cllr. Steele reported that she has investigated this but can see no cost benefit in changing supplier. It was agreed that the Parish Council would remain with e.on but would review this at a later date.

e. Continue with Rainbow Garden Services for 2016 or consider new contractor

Cllr. Steele had circulated to councillors details of quotes from 3 contractors. It was agreed that Rainbow Garden Services provided a good value service and should be asked to continue maintaining the parish land.

ACTION: The Clerk to inform Rainbow Garden Services.

f. Footway Lighting Maintenance

Cllr. Steele reported that 2 lights need replacing. She is waiting for further information from County Highways. Councillors agreed to continue with the maintenance contract with County Highways.

ACTION: The Clerk to follow up with County Highways.

8. Government, other councils, council associations and local authorities

A copy of County Cllr. Williams report is attached to these minutes.

District Cllr. Mills said that there would be a full council meeting on 25th January to discuss joining the West Midlands combined authority. The District Council now has a 5 year housing supply. Council Tax is likely to increase by £5 per year. Planning training is being organised by the District.

ACTION: District Cllr. Mills to email details of the training to the clerk.

County Cllr. Williams told the meeting that it would be very difficult to raise the number of parish councillors to 7 since the District Council's masterplan is to form a town with Lighthorne, Lighthorne Heath, Chesterton and Gaydon.

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

Nomination for attendee at Royal Garden Party; 24th May 2016

Cllr. Daniel proposed that Peter Stephenson be nominated, seconded Cllr. Steele and carried unanimously.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Mr. Stephenson.

10. Date for the next meeting

Tuesday, 9th February at 8pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.