

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 at 8pm

Present: Cllr. A. Archer (Chairman), Cllr. P. Daniel, Cllr. G. Dick, Cllr. L. Steele, County Cllr. C. Williams (until 9.10pm), District Cllr. C. Mills, Mr. Ben Thornton and Mr. Yudhvir Sahota (for item 2 only)
10 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. M. Ryan (holiday).

2. Mr. Ben Thornton and Mr. Yudhvir Sahota (Khalsa Cricket Club)

Mr. Thornton spoke about his plans for a small cafe/restaurant. He passed a booklet to councillors explaining his idea. He now has a partner who will be helping to fund the project. Mr. Thornton said that he has a budget of £10,000 for fitting out the building. He asked the Parish Council if they would consider contributing towards the repairs to the windows. The cost would be approximately £1,000. The Parish Council was also asked if they could pay for the skip which is taking away the rubbish left in the building. Mr. Sahota said that the club is happy with the plans for the café/restaurant.

ACTION: March agenda item.

3. To take any questions from the floor

A resident pointed out that the grips still need reinstating.

ACTION: The Chairman to liaise with the resident.

It was also pointed out that the highways signage has still not been removed apparently because of the weather.

ACTION: The Clerk to follow up on this.

The water on Mountford Rise is still continuing to flow down both sides of the road. It is looking like the drains are blocked on one side but the other could be a Severn Trent issue.

ACTION: The Clerk to liaise with County Highways.

A resident mentioned that 4 signs have been erected in Chesterton requesting that JLR/AML traffic do not use the road. Could Lighthorne have similar signage? The Chairman explained that County Cllr. Stevens arranged for the signs. He has been told by Jo Edwards at County Highways that a survey will take place in about 4 to 6 weeks' time to ascertain whether the signage is reducing the traffic.

It was suggested that signs should be erected on Moreton Morrell Lane.

County Cllr. Williams said that no further signage would be erected until the work on junction 12 is finished in the spring (May/June). Cllr. Steele asked if fines would be imposed on the contractors if they are in breach of their contract and who will get the money? County Cllr. Williams said that no fines would be imposed because they are on schedule. The work is due to finish in the spring.

Residents spoke about the collapse of The Bank by Stepping Stones. County Highways are trying to arrange for the bank to be secured.

Residents spoke against the Stepping Stones planning application. The putting up of planning notices seems to be lacking. It was explained that the Parish Council adds planning applications plus status to a spreadsheet which will be displayed on the website. It is the duty of the District Council to display the notices.

4. Member's declaration of interest

Cllrs. Daniel and Dick declared personal interests in item 7(iv) as neighbours.

5. To appoint Corinne Hill as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

The Chairman proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting

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

7. To consider the following planning applications

(i) 15/04389/FUL - The Beeches, Lighthorne Rough - 3 bed dwelling, 2 bed let and 2 kennel buildings

Councillors discussed this application and agreed that they would support this application to assist a small rural business.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to Planning.

(ii) 15/04136/LBC - 3 Tansey Court - removal of concrete block wall between kitchen and dining room

Councillors agreed to raise no comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to Planning

(iii) 15/04396/FUL - Stepping Stones, The Bank - single dwelling

Councillors discussed this application in detail. They agreed to object for the following reasons: Parish Council land is identified in the plan as part of this application, they believe the land at the front of the property identified in the plan belongs to the County Council, this is an overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with the conservation area and privacy issues have been raised by near neighbours.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to Planning.

(iv) 15/03995/FUL - Village Hall - single storey rear extension

No comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to Planning.

(v) 15/04359/FUL (amendment) - Pound Green - single dwelling with car port

This amendment was discussed and councillors agreed that their original objection is still valid.

15/037/36/FUL - Lighthorne Lamb - Planning Committee Meeting; to agree to register a representative

It was agreed that the Chairman would represent the parish at this meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk to register the Chairman to speak.

The Chairman asked the meeting if the agenda could be rearranged as County Cllr. Williams must leave the meeting shortly. No objections.

9. County Council Matters

- (i) To receive report from County Council
A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
- (ii) Highways issues; removal of signage update
See item 3.
- (iii) Chairman's open evening.
Invitation forwarded to councillors.

9.10pm County Cllr. Williams leaves the meeting.

8. District Council Matters

- (i) To receive report from District Council
District Cllr. Mills reported that an increase of £5 per year on a Band D property will be considered by the Council. He has objected to the GLH planning applications with concerns regarding traffic. Joining the West Midlands Combined Authority was agreed 22 votes for with 11 against.
- (ii) Examination in Public by Government Inspector update
Cllr. Steele said that there is an update in the newsletter.
- (iii) To agree a response to the draft Supplementary Planning Document
It was agreed that Cllr. Steele should draft a response, circulate to councillors for comments and then submit.
ACTION: Cllr. Steele to draft the response, circulate to councillors for comments and submit.

10. Matters arising from previous meetings

- (i) Mountford Rise flooding update
See item 3.
- (ii) Community Speed Watch
ACTION: March agenda item.
- (iii) Village Hall car park; pot holes
ACTION: March agenda item.
- (iv) Clean for the Queen update
Cllr. Steele reported that we are registered.
- (v) Events for the Queen's 90th birthday
Cllr. Steele said that it would cost £21 for the road to be closed.
- (vi) Newsletter
A draft had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors thanked Cllr. Steele for her hard work. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council should be registered under the Data Protection Act if notifications are being sent to personal email addresses. Councillors agreed that the website should be used to relay information to residents.

11. Parish Maintenance

- (i) Sports pavilion/sports ground - to remove the porch
ACTION: March agenda item.
- (ii) Playpark
No update.

12. Contracts and Finance

- (i) To agree to change the address of the bank account

Councillors agreed that the address should be changed to Gaydon Field's Farm, Gaydon. The Chairman and Cllr. Steele signed the change of address form.

(ii) To request copies of bank statements are sent to the Clerk

ACTION: March agenda item.

(iii) Transparency code; to agree to submit a grant application

Councillors agreed that funding should be sought for a PC and funds towards the website.

ACTION: The Clerk to submit the form.

(iv) Footway lighting maintenance; await response

ACTION: March agenda item.

(v) To consider renewing the electricity plan for the sports club

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the meter to be read and then follow up with E.ON.

ACTION: The Clerk to investigate.

(vi) 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
CPRE - annual subscription	£36.00
Warwickshire County Council - street light maintenance	£194.54

14. To consider any other matters which the Chair decides urgent

No matters were considered.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 8th March at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm