

Lighthorne Parish Council

Draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th October 2016 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), P. Daniel, M. Ryan (until 8.40pm), A. Smith and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. L. Steele (representing the Parish Council at a Planning Committee Meeting), District Cllr. C. Mills (Planning Committee Meeting).

2. To take any questions from the floor

A resident reported that he had a meeting with the Police. There is money available for traffic issues.

ACTION: The Clerk to follow up on this.

The Police were also informed that the voting process for Police priorities is not working. 75 votes were cast for speed patrols and 2 for anti-social issues at Burton Dassett and yet the Police have made 53 visits to the hills and carried out only a couple of speed patrols. Community speedwatch needs the Police to help.

Cllr. Ryan reported that 2 of the 3 water leaks have been fixed. He thanked the Clerk for her help.

A resident asked for working parties to clear the grips.

ACTION: The Chairman to organise.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 5(i) as the applicant.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting

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

8.10pm Cllr. Smith leaves the meeting

5. To consider the following planning applications

(i) 16/02389/FUL (amendment) - The Beeches, Lighthorne Rough
The amendment was noted.

8.12pm Cllr. Smith returns to the meeting.

(ii) 16/02506/LBC - Smithy Cottage, The Green
No objections or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

(iii) 16/03125/VARY - British Motor Museum
No objections or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

(iv) 16/03053/FUL - Jaguar Landrover
No objections or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

(v) 16/02654/FUL (amendment) - Home Farm
No objections or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

(vi) 16/02802/FUL - land off Leopold Lane (B4100)

No objections or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

(vii) 16/03100/TREE - Low Wood

No objections or comments

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

Planning notice no. 16/02468/VARY - Bank Cottage, The Bank; granted.

Planning Committee Meeting (11th October) to discuss 1000 houses at GLH Cllr. Daniel proposed that Cllr. Steele be our representative at this meeting, seconded Cllr. Ryan and carried unanimously.

Planning appeal APP/J3720/W/16/3149732 - Pound Green, Old School Lane dismissed.

Planning notice no. 16/02621/TREE - The Old Rectory; no objection.

6. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report.

No new report.

(ii) Sports Strategy Survey

Cllrs. Ryan and Steele both completed this survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

(iii) Treatment of the B4100 update

The Chairman reported that this steering committee should be reporting towards the end of this month.

7. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

No new report.

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Mountford Rise water leaks update

ACTION: November agenda item.

(ii) Community Forum update

Cllr. Smith attended the forum and circulated notes prior to this meeting. He briefly mentioned the grants available to county councillors and the placing of 50mph signs from Gaydon to the Oxfordshire border. The Police and Crime Commissioner will only attend meetings where there is a crime problem. Next meeting on 1st December.

(iii) Gaydon Community Forum update

The Chairman attended and reported that in the next 2 weeks junction 12 will be up and running. This should mean that the evaluation will then take place. Jaguar Landrover has offered people to assist with community speedwatch. He thanked Jaguar Landrover for assisting at the Sports Ground.

(iv) Bishop's Hill trees; inspection requested.

The Clerk reported that she has asked County Highways to inspect these trees.

9. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground

Councillors said that the café is a great asset for the village. It was agreed that an informal meeting needs to be arranged to discuss the future.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to arrange an informal meeting.

The Clerk to look at the electricity bills before work started on the café compared to now to try and determine the percentage split between the café and the Cricket Club.

ACTION: The Clerk to provide a comparison.

8.40pm Cllr. Ryan leaves the meeting.

(ii) Playpark; to accept £10,000 grant and agree purchase of new equipment
The Chairman thanked Cllr. Steele for obtaining another grant. It was agreed that new equipment should be purchased.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to purchase the new equipment.

(iii) Broadwell; update on repairs

The Chairman reported that Farm Services are able to clear out the Broadwell at a cost of between £350 and £400. Farm Services has said that it will make a mess on the green but the green will recover. It was agreed that the Chairman should instruct Farm Services.

ACTION: The Chairman to instruct Farm Services.

The Clerk was asked to find out who mended the pipe on the Broadwell before.

ACTION: The Clerk to try and find out.

10. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

The bank balances were reported as follows: £23,544.12 and £9,270.39.

(ii) Bank reconciliation

ACTION: November agenda item.

(iii) Cricket Club lease update

No response from the Cricket Club.

ACTION: Councillors to agree a way forward.

(iv) To discuss the advice received from WALC regarding the County Council proposal

Councillors agreed that we should work in accordance with the Local Council Charter. The Clerk was asked to respond to the County Council.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the County Council.

(v) To accept Annual Return and agree closure of audit

The Clerk reported that there were no recommendations. It was agreed that the annual return should be accepted and that the closure of audit should be advertised.

ACTION: The Clerk to arrange the advertising of the closure of audit.

(vi) Pensions training course

The Clerk said that this was very worthwhile.

(vii) Communications

Cllr. Smith suggested a private facebook group or whatsapp.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to liaise with Cllr. Ryan for thoughts.

(viii) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

Cllr. Daniel proposed that the following accounts be approved for payment, seconded Cllr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Payee

Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (September)

Amount

£184.29

Rainbow Garden Services Ltd. - grass maintenance	£648.00
E.ON - street lighting	£8.46
Element Tree Care Commercial - tree work	£350.00

11. Correspondence

(i) Awards for All

See item 9(ii).

(ii) Speedwatch laser gun

It was agreed that repairs should take place.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to the resident.

(iii) WALC AGM; 9th November

No councillors are able to attend.

(iv) Alterations to property on Village Green

The Clerk explained that the Village Green is protected. Erecting a porch with posts on the Village Green could be interpreted as damaging the green and so the Parish Council is unable to consent to this work.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to respond to the resident.

(v) Village Hall use and website

Cllr. Smith confirmed that he was liaising with the Village Hall Committee regarding this.

(vi) Water drainage re. Stepping Stones

Noted.

(vii) Government consultation on proposed changes to precept

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond.

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

No matters were discussed.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 8th November at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.