

Lighthorne Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), P. Daniel, M. Ryan, L. Steele, A. Smith, County Cllr. C. Williams, District Cllr. C. Mills and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**
No apologies were received.
2. **To take any questions from the floor**
A resident thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the grips to be cleared. Another resident explained that there was funding available for extending the 30mph speed limit and providing 2 pinch points at the edge of the village to slow traffic. Councillors said that they fully support this idea. County Cllr. Williams said that the 30mph speed limit should be extended as it needs to extend as the village grows. The pinch points would help to slow the speeding traffic. He said that he would fully support this scheme and advised the resident to submit a formal request to County Highways.
ACTION: The Clerk to email County Highways.
Concern was expressed about the turnover of planning officers at the District Council.
3. **Declarations of interest**
No interests were declared.
4. **Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting**
Cllr. Daniel proposed that the minutes be agreed, seconded Cllr. Smith and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.
5. **To consider the following planning applications**
 - (i) 16/03128/VARY - Jaguar Cars Ltd.
No comments.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.
 - (ii) 16/03116/FUL - 1 The Bank
No comments.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.
 - (iii) 16/02990/LDE - 15 Spinney Close, Redlands Park
No comments.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.
 - (iv) 16/01999/FUL (amendment) - Chestnut Cottage, The Green
No comments.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

Planning Committee Meeting (11th October) update

Cllr. Steele briefly updated the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Steele for attending this meeting.

Planning appeal - Stepping Stones (APP/J3720/W/16/3159771)

The Clerk confirmed that our previous objections have been forwarded to the inspector.

Planning notice no. 16/03100/TREE - Low Wood; no objection

Planning notice no. 16/02506/LBC - Smithy Cottage, The Green; granted.

Planning notice no. 16/02654/FUL - Home Farm, Old School Lane; granted.

6. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report.

District Cllr. Mills reported that the state of the district is pretty good at the moment. 79.1% satisfactory for all services. Road traffic accidents are higher than average. Syrian refugees will be arriving in Stratford shortly.

(ii) Treatment of the B4100 update

No new report.

7. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

County Cllr. Williams reported that the County is waiting for the chancellor's autumn statement before making any financial recommendations. The clear message is that they must find provision to care for the aged and care for children.

There is a boundary review which will reduce the number of MPs.

The Secretary of State will not call in the planning application for 1000 houses at GLH.

Cllr. Daniel said that there has been gridlock on the B4100 recently which has resulted in parents being unable to get their children to Gaydon to catch the school bus. County Cllr. Williams said that the assessment of the new road will start in January.

(ii) Local Governance Arrangements and the future of Community Forums

It was agreed that Cllr. Smith should respond to this consultation.

(iii) Community buildings grant; passed to the Village Hall Committee.

(iv) Costs for removal of failed Horse Chestnut limb (£150.00)

County Cllr. Williams advised the Parish Council to write to Bryn Patefield in County Highways requesting that this invoice be cancelled. He said that he would support the Parish Council as this work was as a result of storm damage.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to Bryn Patefield once she has received the invoice.

(v) Winter gritting routes

No changes from previous year.

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Mountford Rise water leaks update

Councillors reported that there was no water flowing at the moment.

(ii) Bishop's Hill trees; update

County Cllr. Williams reported that Patch Byrne was looking into this and has sent an email.

ACTION: The Clerk to email Patch Byrne.

(iii) Speedwatch laser gun; confirmation that recalibration costs will be paid by South Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk reported that we have received this confirmation.

9. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Councillors agreed to meet informally to discuss this.

ACTION: Informal meeting on 29th November at 10am.

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

The Chairman reported that he has received a revised quotation for clearing the Broadwell of £264. Councillors agreed that this should go ahead. The Chairman to find out the name of the company that cleared the pipe.

ACTION: The Chairman to arrange for the Broadwell to be cleared and to find out the name of the company that cleared the pipe.

(iii) Play area inspection report

Cllr. Steele reported that there were no issues arising from the report. New equipment arrives on Monday.

(iv) Play area; to agree to purchase a litter bin

Cllr. Steele said that this could be purchased from the fund raising money. Councillors agreed the design of the bin. District Cllr. Mills said that street scene would need to be informed of the location for emptying purposes.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to order the bin. The Clerk to inform street scene of the location once the bin is installed.

10. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

The bank balances were reported as follows: £23,544.12 and £8,079.64.

(ii) Bank reconciliation

ACTION: December agenda item.

(iii) Cricket Club lease update

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from the Cricket Club.

ACTION: December agenda item.

(iv) Communication

Cllr. Smith explained that communicating could be made easier by creating a secure facebook group or by using whatsapp. Councillors agreed to look into this.

ACTION: December agenda item.

(v) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

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

Payee	Amount
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (October)	£184.29
Rainbow Garden Services Ltd. - grass maintenance	£324.00
E.ON - street lighting	£79.34
Mr. C. Such - reimbursement for repairs to laser gun	£81.00
Streetscape (Products and Services) - Ltd - play equipment	£11,750.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. - play area inspection	£54.00
Grant Thornton UK LLP - external audit fee	£120.00

11. Correspondence

(i) Request from Western Power to prune trees on the roadside boundary of the Sports Club

Councillors agreed to approve this request.

ACTION: The Chairman to liaise with Western Power

(ii) Request for leaf sweeping day
Saturday, 26th November at 11am.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to advertise.

(iii) email re. Post Office

The Clerk reported that an email had been received regarding the opening hours of the Post Office. It was agreed that the Clerk should pass this to the lady who operates the Post Office.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the resident and contact the lady who runs the Post Office.

(iv) Broadband public consultation

It was agreed that Cllr. Smith should complete this.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to complete.

(v) Warwickshire Rural Housing Annual Report
Noted.

(vi) Village Hall Committee; working together

Councillors agreed that they would like to work with the Village Hall Committee. It would be good if one of them could attend our meetings occasionally.

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

No matters were discussed.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 13th December at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.