

# Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), L. Steele, A. Smith and County Cllr. C. Williams

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Daniel (unwell) and Ryan (personal commitment) and District Cllr. Mills (unwell).

**2. To take any questions from the floor**

Cllr. Steele reported that residents are complaining about the green box that has been installed on the corner of Verney Close. The box is for Broadband and we will not be able to request that it be moved. It was proposed that we ask if some shrubs could be planted nearby or the box is painted by a local artist. This could be a community project. Councillors agreed that this request should be sent to British Telecom.

**ACTION: The Clerk to write to British Telecom.**

Cllr. Steele thanked everyone who helped with the village leaf sweeping. It really has made a difference.

**3. Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

**4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Cllr. Steele 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) 16/03853/TREE - Church Hill House

No comments.

**ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.**

(ii) 16/03612/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover

No comments.

**ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.**

16/02389/FUL - The Beeches, Lighthorne Rough; update from Planning Committee Meeting

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

Planning notice no. 16/01999/FUL - Chestnut Cottage, The Green; withdrawn

Planning notice no. 16/02990/LDE - 15 Spinney Close, Redlands Park; lawful

Planning notice no. 16/03116/FUL - 1 The Bank; granted

Planning notice no. 16/01602/FUL - land off Bishop's Hill; granted

Planning notice no. 16/01094/FUL - Church Hill Farm; granted

Planning notice no. 16/01089/FUL - Church Hill Farm; granted

**6. District Council Matters**

(i) To receive report.

County Cllr. Williams reported that Wellesbourne Airfield is not for housing. The developer must apply for planning permission to demolish the buildings. The District Council will not permit housing. There is a proposal for some areas at the Horton Hospital to close with services moving to Oxford.

(ii) Public Consultation on the treatment of the B4100 update

Cllr. Smith said that he attended today. It is clear that a relief road is needed but the consultants said that this was not approved by planning. County Cllr. Williams said that the developers can't afford a relief road which will cost £10 million and there is no other funding available. Cllr. Smith asked County Cllr. Williams if he knew how much profit the developers would be making. Cllr. Steele explained that the Planning Committee failed to understand that they have approved a scheme which will not work. They have let us down.

(iii) Community Governance Review

County Cllr. Williams explained that a town council will have to govern GLH and it might include Lighthorne. Cllr. Steele said that Lighthorne could remain independent. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Steele would attend the meeting early next year.

**ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the District Council**

(iv) SDC Sports and Playing Pitch Strategy; site visit

Cllr. Steele said that she has met with the officer. The officer will update SDC's strategy with our facilities which should help any funding requests.

**7. County Council Matters**

(i) To receive report

County Cllr. Williams reported that the Chief Executive is retiring in February. The budget is being discussed. Care of the Aged is a serious financial problem. The Government has not allowed any funding. There will be no major withdrawal of services. Children's centres will be looked at. Possibility of centres in the south being closed. Kineton and Temple Herdwyke have higher levels of deprivation than Lighthorne Heath now which has 90% of residents in employment. Review of the new dual carriageway will take place in January. GLH still needs full planning permission and they won't get that until about June. NHS is not following due process and consulting with the County Council.

(ii) Community Forum update

Cllr. Smith attended and notes were circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Smith for attending.

(iii) Extension of 30mph limit update

County Cllr. Williams said that there is no objection to the 30mph limit. It will need to be advertised. With regard to the pinch points they are no longer favourable and will not be supported.

**8. Matters arising from previous meetings**

(i) Bishop's Hill trees

The Clerk reported that County Highways has said that they do not own them.

**ACTION: The Clerk to investigate ownership.**

**9. Parish Maintenance**

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Cllr. Smith reported that he has met with the owner of the café. We need to establish a way of billing him for the water and electricity the café uses. It was agreed that a meeting needs to take place with the Cricket Club. Cllrs. Smith and Ryan to arrange.

**ACTION: Cllrs. Smith and Ryan to arrange a meeting with the Cricket Club**

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

The Chairman reported that the Broadwell will be cleared out shortly.

**ACTION: January agenda item**

**10. Contracts and Finance**

(i) Bank balance

The bank balances were reported as follows: £1 and £23,544.12.

(ii) Cricket Club lease update

The Clerk reported that a response has been received from the Cricket Club.

**ACTION: January agenda item.**

(iii) New Bank Mandate form

**ACTION: January agenda item.**

(iv) Communication

Cllr. Smith requested that this be reviewed in the summer.

(v) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (November)	£184.29
E.ON - street lighting	£76.78
Streetscape (Products and Services) - Ltd - play equipment	£250.00
Severn Trent Water Ltd. - sports pavilion	£168.86

**11. Correspondence**

(i) Orbit Garage sale

The Clerk said that she was contacted regarding the sale of the garages to ask if the Parish Council would object to the garages being replaced by housing. She advised the caller to speak to the District Council.

(ii) New houses and relocation of farming operation

Cllr. Steele explained that a resident had contacted her regarding this planning application. Councillors said that they were aware of the application and supported it as it would enable a rural business to continue to operate.

- 12. To consider any other matters which the Chair decides urgent.**  
No matters were discussed.
  
- 13. Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday, 10th January at 8pm.  
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50m.