

Lighthorne Parish Council

Draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 at 8pm

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

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. To take any questions from the floor

It was reported that a resident is not happy with the map that is published by the Police. The resident is liaising with the Police. Cllr. Steele said that she has reported the light that is out on Mountford Rise.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Steele declared a pecuniary interest in item 10 as a recipient.

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) 16/03538/OUT (amendment) - land north of Moreton Morrell lane
No comments.

(ii) 16/03904/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover
No comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

Planning notice no. 16/013125/VARY - British Motor Museum; granted
Planning notice no. 16/03128/VARY - Jaguar Cars Ltd.; granted
Planning notice no. 16/03053/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted
Planning notice no. 16/02389/FUL - The Beeches;

6. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report.

County Cllr. Williams read out District Cllr. Mills' report. The Cabinet is discussing proposals from British Telecom to close telephone boxes. Horton Hospital closure of some departments will affect Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. Council tax will probably be increased by 2%.

7. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

County Cllr. Williams reported that the draft budget will be discussed shortly. The County is looking to invest for the future. Main proposals are: 40 additional social workers, invest in the education

system for early learners, invest in road infrastructure, protection for the elderly with regard to social care. Council tax will be increased by 2% with a possible extra 2% for social care. A total of £2 million has been allocated to all members for highway improvements. Children centres will receive limited funding and will be reviewed. There are 39 children centres in Warwickshire. Cllr. Daniel asked if GLH would be taken into account when reviewing the children centres. County Cllr. Williams said that he did not think so. Kineton would be a better location for a children centre in place of Lighthorne Heath.

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Bishop's Hill trees update

The Clerk said that it appears that the trees on the embankment are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

ACTION: Councillors to inspect the trees to see if any work is required.

(ii) Gaydon Liaison Committee Meeting; attendees

The Chairman said that he was unable to attend.

ACTION: The Chairman to ask Cllr. Ryan if he is able to attend.

(iii) British Telecom; letter sent regarding green box

The Clerk reported that, following advice received from County Cllr. Williams that the box is for broadband, she has written to British Telecom. Cllr. Steele said that it has been confirmed that the box is owned by Western Power to supply electricity to the new houses. Western Power has agreed to the planting of shrubs around the box. The Clerk was asked to contact Western Power to find out if they will fund this project.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Western Power.

(iv) Extension to 30mph limit; developer funding update

County Cllr. Williams confirmed that County Highways has started the process to extend the 30mph speed limit.

9. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Cllr. Smith reported that he has met with the owner of the café. The café owner has changed the electricity supplier. The Clerk was asked to pass early invoices from last year to Cllr. Smith to try and establish usage and obtain meter readings.

ACTION: The Clerk to pass the invoices to Cllr. Smith.

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

ACTION: February 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

ACTION: February agenda item.

(iii) New Bank Mandate form

ACTION: February agenda item.

8.40pm Cllr. Steele left the meeting.

(iv) 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	Amount
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (December)	£184.29
E.ON - street lighting	£156.12
Ms. L. Steele - expenses	£10.00
CPRE - annual subscription	£36.00
Rainbow Garden Services (September)	£324.00
Mrs. C. Hill - expenses (Sep-Dec)	£83.33

8.43pm Cllr. Steele returns to the meeting

11. Correspondence

(i) WALC Annual Report

Noted.

(ii) Royal Garden Party nomination

Councillors agreed that Mr. Stevenson should be asked if he would like to be nominated.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to Mr. Stevenson.

12. To agree 2017/18 precept and budget

A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Steele proposed that there is no increase to the precept, seconded Cllr. Daniel and carried unanimously. The budget was adopted and a copy is attached to these minutes.

ACTION: The Clerk to inform the District Council.

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

No matters were discussed.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 14th February at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50m.