

Lighthorne Parish Council

Draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th February 2017 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), P. Daniel, M. Ryan, L. Steele (from 8.05pm), A. Smith and County Cllr. C. Williams
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

District Cllr. Mills (personal commitment).

2. To take any questions from the floor

A resident reported that the Police have updated their map to show no crime in Lighthorne. The resident said that he would be thanking the Police.

Thanks for the newsletter.

The resident asked when the minutes are available. The Clerk explained 5 days before the next meeting.

It was explained by a resident that the green cabinet does not belong to BT. It belongs to Western Power. The Clerk reported that Western Power contacted the County Council in June giving 28 days to respond to relocating the cabinet to County Highway land at the bottom of Mountford Rise. County Cllr. Williams said that they would have contacted the District Council and not the County Council.

8.05pm Cllr. Steele joins the meeting.

Concern was expressed that some members of the Parish Council are receiving anonymous letters. The Clerk said that these letters should be ignored or, if threatening, passed to the Police.

A resident complained that the street light that has been reported has not been looked at for 5 days. Cllr. Steele said that she was liaising with County Highways to try and get it fixed.

Cllr. Steele said that Kinton village would like to set up a community speedwatch. Would it be possible for them to loan our speed device? Councillors agreed that Cllr. Steele should ask the Community Speedwatch co-ordinator if this is possible.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to liaise with the Community Speedwatch co-ordinator.

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

5. To consider the following planning applications

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

No objection or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to planning.

(ii) 16/03832/FUL - Chestnut Cottage

No objection or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to planning.

(iii) 17/00047/LBC - Pratts Farm, Old School Lane

No objection or comments.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to planning.

Planning Committee Meeting; 8th February (feedback)

Cllr. Smith represented the Parish Council supporting the application for land north of Moreton Morrell Lane. He reported that 2 objections had been withdrawn before the meeting but it was still refused.

Planning notice no. 16/01573/FUL - Jobes Barn, Glebe Farm; granted.

Planning notice no. 16/03126/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted.

Planning notice no. 16/03853/TREE - Church Hill House; no objection.

Planning appeal APP/J3720/W/16/3159771; Stepping Stones; allowed

6. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report.

No new report.

(ii) GLH Governance Meeting; 13th June

The Chairman and Cllr. Steele will be representing the Parish Council.

(iii) GLH Treatment of the B4100; 15th February (attendees)

The Chairman and Cllr. Steele agreed to represent the Parish Council.

(iv) To agree a street name for the new houses

The developer has suggested Bishop's Acre. Councillor agreed with this choice.

ACTION: The Clerk to inform the District Council.

7. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

County Cllr. Williams reported that the County Council has approved the draft budget for 2017/18. They are looking to invest in the future. Funding for care of the aged is a high priority. Council tax will rise by 2% plus 2% for adult social care. £2 million to spend on road safety. Chesterton Road is closing for a week. Cllr. Smith said that this will affect business to the café. County Cllr. Williams said that he would speak to the officer responsible for this closure about mitigation measures. Cllr. Smith asked when the road was being resurfaced. County Cllr. Williams responded that it was on the scheme to be done. Cllr. Ryan reported that Severn Trent would be closing Post Office Lane tomorrow.

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Bishop's Hill trees update

The Clerk said that it is looking like the trees belong to the parish. Councillors agreed that the trees do not require pruning at the moment. They will be inspected in due course.

(ii) British Telecom; funding of shrubs

The Clerk confirmed the view of the resident that the box belongs to Western Power. They will not provide funding for shrubs. They will provide us with a map so as we can see where the cables are.

ACTION: The Clerk to obtain a map from Western Power.

(iii) Extension to 30mph limit; developer funding update
County Cllr. Williams said that this is with the County's legal department.

9. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Cllr. Smith explained the situation with the electricity bill. Councillors agreed that a formal complaint should be made to e.on.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to make a formal complaint on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Ryan said that we need to meet with the Cricket Club to sort out a lease.

ACTION: Cllr. Ryan to arrange a meeting with the Cricket Club.

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

ACTION: March agenda item.

10. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

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

(ii) New Bank Mandate form

ACTION: March agenda item.

8.55pm Cllr. Steele left the meeting.

(iii) 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 (January)	£184.29
E.ON - street lighting	£79.34
Warwickshire County Council - street light maintenance	£215.45
Lighthorne Village Hall (section 137) - Post Office facilities	£385.00
Ms. L. Steele - expenses	£15.00
Mr. J. Newberry - printing of newsletter	£45.00

8.57pm Cllr. Steele returns to the meeting

11. Correspondence

(i) Telephone box

Cllr. Steele proposed that the telephone box houses a defibrillator.

Councillors agreed that this was an excellent idea. Cllr. Daniel said that he would offer advice on the type of defibrillator to purchase. Cllr. Steele agreed to look at the cost.

ACTION: Cllrs. Daniel and Steele to look at providing a cost for a defibrillator.

(ii) Parking and condition of road

This email was circulated to councillors. It was confirmed that the developer is cleaning the road.

(iii) Lighting on the new dual carriageway in Gaydon

This email had been circulated to councillors. Cllr. Smith asked if the Police had requested lighting on this road. County Cllr. Williams confirmed that it was the Police. He said that the bill for installing shields on these lights would be hundreds of thousands of pounds. Cllr. Smith asked for the number of lights. Cllr. Steele proposed that the Parish Council supports Gaydon Parish

Council since the lights are exceptionally bright on this road, that is known locally as the Starlight Express, seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to Gaydon Parish Council.

(iv) Village Green boundary
To be reviewed later this year.

- 12. To consider any other matters which the Chair decides urgent.**
No matters were discussed.
- 13. Date of next meeting**
Tuesday, 14th March at 8pm.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.