

Lighthorne Parish Council

Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th July 2017 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), P. Reynolds, A. Smith, L. Steele, District Cllr. C. Mills (from 8.15pm)
6 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

County Cllr. Williams (business commitment).

2. **Mr. Stephen Kelly, Projectpart Homes Ltd. re. Lighthorne Lamb Site**

Mr. Kelly apologised for not engaging with the Parish Council earlier. He is willing to attend more meetings and answer questions. There are a number of conditions on the planning consent that require discharging. He is hoping that this will be sorted in the next couple of weeks which means building can start at the end of August with completion March/April. The 5 individual houses will be built in stone.

8.15pm District Cllr. Mills joins the meeting.

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

Mr. Kelly answered questions from the public.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kelly for attending the meeting.

A resident pointed out to the Parish Council a consultation that has started in relation to defining the village boundary. Councillors said that they were aware of this consultation. The resident explained the issues with the location of his business and the effect on the village. By changing the boundary he could relocate his business and reduce the number of lorries entering the village plus reduce the water flow to the village. Councillors said that they would consider these factors when responding to the consultation. The Chairman thanked the resident for attending the meeting.

The members of the public left the meeting.

4. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr. Smith declared pecuniary interests in item 6(i) and 11(iv) as the applicant and recipient.

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

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting draft minutes. Cllr. Smith proposed that they be accepted, seconded Cllr. Steele and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.

8.30pm Cllr. Smith left the meeting.

6. **To consider the following planning applications**

(i) 17/01059/FUL - The Beeches, Lighthorne Rough

Councillors considered this application and agreed to support it. Cllr. Steele said that rural businesses should be encouraged and this could create

employment opportunities for local people. This business will have no detrimental effect on the countryside or the character of this village.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

8.32pm Cllr. Smith returns to the meeting.

(ii) 17/01270/VARY (amendment) - Oberry Fields, Bishops Hill

The Chairman said that he has been approached by the applicant who explained the application. The Clerk reported that the planning officer has confirmed that there are no additional accesses. Councillors agreed to reverse their objection to this application on the basis that there are no additional accesses which could result in highways issues. It was noted that they would appreciate additional landscaping to try to incorporate this development into the character of the village.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning officer.

(iii) 17/01516/TREE - Ashburn, Moreton Morrell Lane

Councillors agreed to raise no comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

(iv) 17/04074/FUL (amendment) - Pound Green

Councillors discussed this amendment. Councillors agreed to continue to object to this application based on previous submissions.

ACTION: The Clerk to liaise with the planning department.

(v) 16/03904/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover

No comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

(vi) 17/01707/FUL - Gaydon Test Centre

No comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

Planning notice; 17/00654/FUL - Home Farm, Old School Lane; granted

Planning notice; 17/01127/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted

Planning Committee Meeting update

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Smith for attending this meeting. Cllr. Smith said that there is a link on the website to this meeting.

7. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report.

District Cllr. Mills reported that the health profile for the district is better than average. We are in the least 20% of areas of deprivation in the country.

Stratford District is a good place to live.

(ii) Mountford Rise (evens) parking

ACTION: County Council Matter

(iii) Community Governance Review update

Cllrs. Steele and Smith attended. They confirmed that Lighthorne Parish wishes to remain independent.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to request a copy of the minutes.

(iv) Verney Close garage update

Cllr. Steele reported that a letter has been sent. Confirmation of ownership of the land in front of the garages has been received.

(v) Consultation on site allocations plan

This consultation was discussed. Councillors agreed that by extending the boundary this would permit a resident to relocate his business bringing

welcome improvements to the village. For instance lorries would not need to load and unload on the village green and flooding of the village would be reduced. The boundary was discussed, amended and agreed by councillors.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to submit the revised village boundary.

8. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

No new report.

(ii) Road closure notification; The Bank

Cllr. Steele reported that Robert Weeks at the District Council is aware of the road safety concerns of residents.

(iii) Children's Centre's Consultation

Councillors agreed unanimously that it was very short sighted of the County Council to consider closing the centre at Lighthorne Heath. With a new town about to be constructed with 1000 social/affordable housing units this centre will be a life line to many parents and grandparents.

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to respond to the consultation.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Defibrillator update

ACTION: August agenda item.

(ii) Review of parish owned land boundary update

ACTION: August agenda item.

(iii) The Bank; concerns regarding stability

See item 8(ii).

(iv) Councillor vacancy

A notice is on the website and on the noticeboard.

(v) Gaydon Liaison Committee Meeting update

The Chairman attended this meeting. He reported that the British Motor Museum has won an award. Minutes will be circulated.

(vi) Community Forum update

No one was able to attend this meeting.

10. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Cllr. Smith reported that he has met with our solicitor. They are happy with the arrangements we have with the Village Hall Committee and the allotments. A lease with the Sports Pavilion will cost £1,000. To prepare 2 leases with the Sports Pavilion and the Cricket Club would cost £1,750.

Councillors agreed that we should follow this advice and request leases for the Sports Pavilion and the Cricket Club.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to liaise with our solicitor.

The Chairman said that he has received an updated rateable valuation for the Sports Club. It was agreed that this should be passed to the solicitor.

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

The Chairman reported that we are waiting for the work to take place.

(c) Tree maintenance work; quotes

ACTION: Cllr. Steele to obtain quotes.

10. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

The bank balances were reported as £15,322.13 and £11,479.02. The Clerk said that the funding from the Oberry Fields development for play equipment will not be transferred until the development is finished or the last house occupied.

(ii) Bank reconciliation

A bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting with the receipts and payments. Copies are attached to these minutes. It was noted that we are under budget in all areas of expenditure, apart from churchyard maintenance, where it was agreed to increase the expenditure by £50. With regard to income, VAT, the allotments rent and half of the precept has been received.

(iii) Café and Village Hall agreements update

See item 10(i).

9.35pm Cllr. Smith leaves the meeting.

(iv) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

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

Payee	Amount
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (June)	£186.14
E.ON - street lighting	£83.98
Rainbow Garden Services - grass maintenance	£648.00
Mr. A. Smith - reimbursement for website fees	£70.73

9.40pm Cllr. Smith returns to the meeting.

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

No matters were discussed.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 8th August at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.