

Lighthorne Parish Council

Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), P. Reynolds, A. Smith, County Cllr. C. Williams (from 8.40pm) and District Cllr. C. Mills (from 8.05pm)

1. **Apologies for absence**
Cllr. Steele (personal commitment).
2. **To take any questions from the floor**
No questions from the public.
3. **Declarations of interest**
The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in item 10(iii) as a recipient. It was agreed that this item will not be discussed this evening since we will not be quorate for that item.
4. **Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting**
The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting draft minutes. Cllr. Reynolds proposed that they be accepted, seconded the Chairman and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.

8.05pm District Cllr. Mills arrives.

5. **To consider the following planning applications**
(i) 17/02476/TREE - Stone House, Bishops Hill
No comments or objections.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

Planning notice: 17/01887/FUL - Craftsman Cottage; granted
Planning notice: 17/01008/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted
Planning notice: 16/03904/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted
Planning notice: 17/01707/FUL - Gaydon Test Centre; granted

6. **District Council Matters**
 - (i) To receive report.
District Cllr. Mills reported that there will be a fresh hearing on the Horton Hospital.
Re-awarded Disability Confident Employer status for a two year period.
Cllr. Tony Jefferson has been appointed a member of the cabinet.
 - (ii) Mountford Rise (evens) parking
The Clerk reported that Mr. Weeks has said that this is a county matter.
 - (iii) Changes to section 106 payments
Councillors agreed that this would be an improvement on the current system.

The Chairman asked if the agenda could be rearranged to await the arrival of County Cllr. Williams. There were no objections.

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Defibrillator update

ACTION: October agenda item.

9. Parish Maintenance

(i) Sports pavilion/sports ground update

Cllr. Smith reported that the agreement with the Cricket Club has been signed by the Café. The Cricket Club will be signing shortly. The Club would like to play more cricket. Councillors said that they understood that concerns had been raised by residents who would like to use the facilities. It was agreed that councillors would try and find out from residents their views.

ACTION: Councillors to liaise with residents to find out if they have any objections to the Cricket Club using the pitch more often.

Cllr. Smith said that he has not received a response from our solicitors regarding a lease for the Café. Councillors agreed that if a response is not received shortly we should request that we are released from their instruction and a new solicitor is sought.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to liaise with our solicitors and if no response is received to contact another solicitor.

(ii) Broadwell; update on repairs

The Chairman reported that we are still waiting for the work to start.

(iii) Play area; apple tree update

The Clerk confirmed that Ruth Rose is aware that the tree has been removed. She has asked if a replacement could be planted. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea but should wait until after the Village Hall work has taken place. Cllr. Smith said that the wood has been removed but the brush remains. The Chairman said that he would ask a resident if he could assist with this.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the District Council. The Chairman to arrange for the brush to be removed.

The resident's damaged fence has been replaced.

(iv) Play area inspection; await report.

8.40pm County Cllr. Williams joins the meeting.

7. County Council Matters

(i) To receive report

A report had been circulated prior to this meeting and is attached to these minutes.

County Cllr. Williams passed the rules for residents parking schemes to the Chairman. He said that these rules were set by the Government and could not be changed. Mountford Rise does not qualify for a resident parking scheme.

ACTION: The Clerk to send copies of the rules to councillors.

(ii) Councillors Community Grant Fund

County Cllr. Williams advised that there was only 2 more weeks left for applications to be received where the community will benefit. Not for Parish Council's to supplement their precept but if they have a small scheme I will look at it. Cllr. Smith agreed to circulate the link.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to circulate the link to the guidelines and application form.

- (iii) Home to School Transport Consultation
Details on the website.
- (iv) Flood Grant Scheme
Circulated.

10. Contracts and Finance

- (i) Bank balance
The bank balances were reported as £15,322.13 and £8,905.55.
- (ii) Kalsa Cricket Club agreement update
See item 9(i).
- (iii) To authorise the signing of orders for payment
Cllr. Smith proposed that the following accounts be approved for payment, seconded Cllr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Payee	Amount
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (August)	£186.14
E.ON - street lighting	£86.77
Rainbow Garden Services - grass maintenance	£648.00
Water Plus Limited	£70.59
Lighthorne Village Hall - section 137 for post office	£385.00
Mr. A. Claxton - repairs to fence	£231.00

11. Correspondence

- (i) Noise nuisance near Hill Farm
Cllr. Smith reported that he has responded to the resident. There have been no more complaints regarding noise.
- (ii) Litter Strategy
Noted.
- (iii) Verney Close
The Chairman reported that another letter has been received from the developer's agent. This letter was discussed. Councillors expressed concern that the plans were incorporating a piece of land that the parish believes is owned by County Highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond and also request that local residents are consulted.
ACTION: The Parish Council to respond.

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

No matters were discussed.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 10th October at 8pm.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.