

Lighthorne Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), H. Archer, A. Smith, District Cllr. C. Mills (from 8.15pm), County Cllr. C. Williams
3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Reynolds (business) and Steele (illness).

2. Mr. Stephen Kelly re. Lighthorne Lamb

Mr. Kelly explained the 2 applications that are currently with the planning department. He was asked about fencing for the houses at the front of the development. He said that there would be no fencing separating the houses. The soil comprises mainly of rock and this will restrict the trees root structure. Some of the rear gardens have a terrace and a slope. The development of the gardens will be left to the new owners.

A resident explained that there are several issues with the strip of land. The boundary was a hedgerow with mature trees which was on the boundary of the conservation area. Unfortunately this was removed. The strip of land has been reduced by 2 metres and a new boundary established 10 metres past the original boundary. There are no trees joining the boundary. The resident requested that the hedgerow be reinstated and also landscaping of the rear gardens. Could this please be included in the application.

ACTION: Mr. Kelly agreed to talk to the planning officer tomorrow to discuss these concerns and liaise with the Parish Council. He also agreed to send a landscaping plan to the Parish Council prior to the next meeting.

8.45pm Mr. Kelly and the resident left the meeting.

3. To take any questions from the floor

A resident said that he is not happy with the village being expanded as this brings additional traffic. The Chairman explained that County Highways has not objected to the land north of Moreton Morrell development. The resident further explained that he is concerned that the development might grow. Cllr. Smith explained that the village boundary is yet to be clarified.

9.10pm 2 members of the public leave the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest

All councillors declared an interest in item 6(v) as users of the Village Hall. This item would not be discussed.

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. Archer and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6. To consider the following planning applications

(i) 17/03370/FUL - Garages

Councillors agreed unanimously to object. The applicant has included land in the application that belongs to the highway. Councillors also agreed that developing this land would create issues for vehicles turning around in the close. It was noted that County Highways have objected.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

(ii) 17/03404/FUL - Home Farm

Councillors agreed to request that the application is amended to address the concerns raised by the resident in item 2 above.

ACTION: The Clerk to liaise with the planning officer.

(iii) 17/03207/VARY - Home Farm

Councillors agreed to raise no comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

(iv) 17/03344/OUT - land north of Moreton Morrell Lane

Councillors agreed to support this application. It brings additional housing to the village in a location acceptable to most residents.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to respond to the planning department.

(v) 17/02346/FUL (amendment) - Village Hall

This item was not discussed.

Application for discharge of conditions - DISCN/00292/17 (Home Farm)

Planning notice 17/02544/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted

Planning notice 17/02703/FUL - Jaguar Land Rover; granted

Planning notice 17/01073/FUL - Hill Farm; withdrawn

7. District Council Matters

(i) To receive report

District Cllr. Mills reported that homeless people have been found bed and breakfast accommodation on exceptionally cold evenings.

The District Council has secured £230,000 from the HCA to support the Garden village work.

The Community Infrastructure Levy has been adopted.

Cllr. Smith asked if the statement made by the Stratford Herald that Cala Homes is required to contribute £100 million to infrastructure as a result of the 3500 homes application at Long Marston be true. County Cllr. Williams said that this could be true. Cllr. Smith commented that as far as we are aware the developers of GLH have been asked to contribute less than £10 million for a similar sized development, despite local calls for a relief road which have been rejected as not necessary. The contrast in treatment by SDC of the two developments, if accurate, is remarkable

ACTION: County Cllr. Williams to investigate and report to January's meeting.

(ii) Consultation on site allocations plan update

Cllr. Smith thanked District Cllr. Mills for arranging a meeting. District Cllr. Mills reported that the boundaries will be adopted as proposed.

(iii) NP; Strategic Environmental Assessment Workshop update

Attended by Cllr. Reynolds.

8. County Council Matters

(a) To receive report

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman said that it is difficult to find the County Council telephone number.

ACTION: County Cllr. Williams to report this to the County.

(b) Mountford Rise; blocked drains

County Cllr. Williams reported that the drains were cleared last week.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

(i) Defibrillator update

ACTION: January agenda item.

10. Contracts and Finance

(i) Bank balance

The treasurer account bank balance was reported as £8,913.91.

(ii) Café lease update and to consider a rent

Cllr. Smith had circulated prior to the meeting a draft lease. Amendments were agreed.

ACTION: Cllr. Smith to liaise with the solicitor regarding the amendments.

(iii) To authorise the signing of orders for payment

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

Payee	Amount
Mrs. C. Hill - Salary (November)	£186.14
E.ON - street lighting	£83.98
Rainbow Garden Services - grass maintenance	£324.00

11. Correspondence

(i) Various regarding Orbit Housing

District Cllr. Mills confirmed that he is dealing with this correspondence.

(ii) re. Planting around the Western Power box

The Clerk said that she has requested a map from Western Power which shows the cabling.

ACTION: The Clerk to follow up on this.

(iii) The Bank

The Chairman confirmed that the resident is going to reinstate the boundary.

(iv) Police statistics

Noted.

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

No matters were discussed.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 9th January at 8pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm.