

# Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Pavilion Café on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8pm

Present: Cllr. A. Archer (Chairman),  
Cllr. H. Archer,  
Cllr. M. Langhorn,  
Cllr. A. Smith,  
Cllr. L. Steele,  
Cllr. C. Mills  
[7 members of the public.](#)

## 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were made for Cllr. C. Williams.

## 3. To take any questions from the floor

There were no questions from the floor from the general public.

## 4. Declarations of interest

There was no declaration of interest given by the Councillors.

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

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Steele proposed that the minutes be approved, seconded Cllr. Smith and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes.

## 6. To consider the following planning applications

- (i) 18/03307/REM (amendment) – land west of B4100  
No comment.
- (ii) 19/00390/TREE – Bishop's Farm  
No comment.
- (iii) 19/00351/TREE – Smithy Cottage, The Green  
No comment.
- (iv) 19/00282/TREE – Land alongside Bishop's Hill and Mountford Rise  
No comment.

(v) 19/00609/FUL – Tansey Hill rear extension.  
No comment.

(vi) 19/00115/FUL  
No comment.

## **7. District Council Matters**

(i) To receive report

New release, included:

- Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) successfully prosecute kennel owner.
- SDC successfully defends appeal against the decision to revoke the licence of a taxi driver.
- SDC U-bus service reaches milestone 50,000 journeys (door to door service).

## **8. County Council Matters**

(i) To receive report

In the absence of Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Archer read the main body of the report.

(ii) Traffic Calming

Cllr. Archer reported on the good news of money being available for traffic claiming in the region of £6,500.

The Council would need to pay for the initial survey costs, costing £500.00

(iii) Blocked Drains

It has been reported that there was still a problem relating to blocked drains association to the main road down Bishops Hill. It was felt that the root course was due to leaves falling within the drains.

Cllr. H. Archer to email and report that the drains are blocked at both sides of the road.

## 9. Parish Maintenance

### (i) Sports Pavilion/Sports Ground; update

The Council received an estimate of £240 based on 2 days' work to tidy up the mound between the sports field and Chesterton Road.

- It was decided that the Parish Council would not fund this, and that whilst some tidying up would be welcome we consider that maintenance of the sports field and surrounding green areas is the responsibility of Khalsa as part of their rent-free arrangement in using the sports field.

### (ii) Septic Tank

- Still waiting for quotes to come back in connection to the septic tanks protection and some form of guarding.

### (iii) Green / Fencing and Tree

It was agreed within the meeting for a survey to be carried out in order measure the front. Upon receiving the measurements, we can then investigate the costs of erecting a small fence in place.

### (iv) Gas Installation

The meeting with the Gas Management company took last place one week prior to this meeting. Cllr Smith gave an overview of the meeting, explaining that there were 2 alternative routes that were proposed. The alternative proposals greatly affect the land of 2 land owners within the area but diverts the route of pipes away from the main road of Lighthorne. With no licence granted yet, Cllr Smith has written to the company providing with the alternative routes and awaits to see what their response is. It was communicated that the start date had been delayed by 7 days.

A member of the Public said that they will look into (Section 54), where he felt that at least 3 months' notice should have been given for the intended road closures.

## 10. Contracts and Finance

### (i) Bank balance

The treasurer account bank balance was reported as £11,125.54 with the business bank account at £5,556.94.

(v) Café lease; update

It was announced that the contract between the Parish and lessee was still at the solicitors, with no change. Cllr Smith asked the lessee if he could chase up the solicitors, so that the signed contract could be ready for the next meeting.

(vi) Income - £520.00 (rent).

(vii) Village Hall grant update

Cllr A Archer announced that the Parish would be providing the Village Hall Committee with a cheque for £2,700 towards the modifications that were being carried out.

(viii) Pensions

It was announced that the Parish would be using Smart Pensions for their pension's provider for their employee's. Due to the way that the payments need to be made, it was agreed that the payments would be approved in the normal way.

(ix) Allotment

Cllr A Archer announced that the work required at the allotment was now completed, with no further complaints received.

(x) Payee

The Clerk brought the cheque book, allowing the cheque payments to be made within the meeting:

- Mr. D. Thomas - salary (March) £221.64
- Telephone expense £182.99
- WALC Annual Subscriptions £201.00
- WALC training courses £75.00
- N Jenvey invoice £114.01
- N Jenvey invoice £270.00

## 10. Correspondence

(i) **Village Hall building works**

Positive comments were made how tidy the builders were in carrying out their work.

**(ii) Allotments**

It was report back that the work had been carried out and settled.

**(iii) WALC newsletter (March)**

**(iv) Mowing contract**

For the coming year the contract will be the same as last year.

**Other Business**

**(i) May 2019 Elections**

Cllr. Smith announced that there were only 4 nominee's that stood for election for the Parish. He also pointed out that the Parish could do with an additional 2 members to be co-opted. Cllr Smith asked the audience that if they or knew of anyone that would like to become a Councillor within the area, please let him know.

**(ii) Cllr Steele Stepping Down**

Cllr A. Archer announced that Cllr Steel would be stepping down at the coming May 2019 elections. He went on to say that it is going to be a great loss to the Parish and thanked her for all the hard work and commitment given. A gift was given to Cllr Steele as a way of appreciation for her hard work.

**12. Date of next meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm. The next meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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**Children and Family Centres** – During the past year negotiations have taken place for Barnardo's to take over the management of Warwickshire County Council's Children and Family Centres across the county. Barnardo's will officially start delivering pre-birth to age 19/25 health and wellbeing support services at all 14 of the county's centres from 1<sup>st</sup> September this year. The service specification for the new contract was developed based on the service offer and delivery model agreed by the County Council's Cabinet, following engagement with children and families, and detailed work with a broad range of partners to design a cost effective and quality service that will meet the needs of children and families in Warwickshire. In addition to the 14 dedicated centres there will be a wide variety of pop-up support hubs and outreach activities in local communities. This model puts in place flexible, accessible, local services that will meet the needs of whole families now and into the future.

**Administration** - Five senior Officers are retiring from the County Council before the end of April. The most significant of these is the change in the Chief Executive's Office where for the past two years Warwickshire County Council was administered by Joint CEOs, David and Monica Fogarty. David Carter is one of the five retiring and the decision has been taken that the County will now be administered by the sole CEO, Monica Fogarty, from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Brexit uncertainties and the political purdah as a result of the forthcoming District Council elections in four of the five County's District Councils in May, the routines of the Council have been altered.

**Public Health and Adult Care** – The County Council held a Public Interest Debate recently on the subject of combined working between Health and Adult Services. This topic has been on the national agenda since Public Health was transferred back to local government nearly 10 years ago. It was clear that one of the major problems is communicating between authorities and the conflict between sharing information and breaching personal privacy (Human Rights). There are moves towards integrated working which will need support and legislation from the government.

**Highways** - It is noticeable that a number of road closures and traffic disruptions are currently taking place. There are a large number of housing developments, all requiring additional utility services and road improvements, which are adding to the congestion.

I must end my report on a good news story in as much as Warwickshire County Council has been named the Country's Joint Top Performing County Council for Highway Maintenance. Warwickshire was among 113 highway authorities, including 28 County Councils, which took part in a national independent survey which looks at satisfaction with Highways and Transport Services.

Warwickshire came out joint top for public satisfaction amongst County Councils for Highway Maintenance, condition of road surfaces and the quality of repair to damaged roads. The Council also ranked amongst the best in other areas, including condition of road markings, speed of repair to damaged roads, keeping drains clear and dealing with potholes.

This is an excellent result and reflects the continued hard work and commitment of Warwickshire County Council's Highways Staff.

**ClIrr Chris Williams**  
**Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division**  
**07.04.2019**