

# Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall,  
Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 At 8.00pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: CLLR A ARCHER (Chair), CLLR LANGHORN, CLLR STANFORD and CLLR SMITH

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public, CLLR C WILLIAMS (Warwickshire County Council) and MR I WILSON (Clerk).

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from CLLR H ARCHER and CLLR C MILLS (Stratford District Council) and were accepted

2 Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3 Public Participation

There were no questions from the floor.

4 Appointments

The Council agreed to appoint MR IAN WILSON as clerk and relevant financial officer to replace MR D THOMAS effective from this meeting.

5 Acceptance of Minutes from June OGM

The minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and accepted by the Council.

6 Planning

The meeting received an update on application 19/01838/VARY: Home Farm, Old School Lane, Lighthorne. The Parish Council had raised an objection to this application. It was noted that the existing developer was looking to carry out the continuing work on the site and market the development in early 2020 should the planning permission be forthcoming. The meeting discussed the application and considered that if planning permission were granted the key issue to mitigate the impact on residents in the parish would be future landscaping, particularly the positioning of the hedge.

The meeting also noted that the case officer within Stratford District Council (SDC) planning department had changed and this case was still awaiting decision, the next possible planning committee that this could be considered at was on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

7 District Council Report

The District Councillor had sent apologies. However an update report on District Council matters had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

Within the report CLLR LANGHORN drew attention to the site allocations plan, which was currently out for consultation and subject to a councillor briefing from

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SDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. The meeting discussed the potential reserve sites identified in Lighthorne and whether the analysis used to determine the sites was consistent and in line with SDC core strategy. It was noted that SDC could be looking at 3,000 new homes throughout the district council area if their current allocated sites did not deliver.

CLLR LANGHORN had produced a note on the plan and it was **agreed** that this would be circulated to all parish councillors before any parish council response was produced.

It was noted that Lighthorne Parish Council had previously argued that the parish had already had its 'fair share' of development. However, this did not mean that any further development in the parish could be rejected and one of the criteria being used by SDC in identifying reserve sites was whether the landowner would be open to development.

It was **agreed** that CLLR LANGHORN and CLLR SMITH would attend the briefing at SDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, this would provide more information and enable the parish council to discuss policy further at their September. In the meantime the consultation would be brought to the attention of residents

## 8 County Council Report

CLLR Williams (Warwickshire County Council (WCC)) had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. He highlighted that WCC had a new Chief Executive who was in the process of putting together a new management team, a cabinet member had been appointed to liaise with HS2 and health and social care.

A major focus of County Council work would be dependent on the new health and social care legislation which remained outstanding. This covered almost 70% of the council budget. For Parish Council's, the primary role here could be in encouraging healthy living.

CLLR Williams also reminded the Council that small grants were available for community projects.

## 9 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- (a) Tree work; it was noted that the summer wasn't the right time to plant new trees and this should be looked at again in the Autumn. New planting could cost around £150 or there could be plants available from the Woodland Trust. It was **agreed** to carry this item over to the next meeting.

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- (b) Pedestrian route to sports field; The application to the PCC fund had not been successful. However, permission had been granted to create a pedestrian route when a survey had been carried out. The Parish Council would be looking for volunteers to help with this. It was **agreed** to put a link to this plan and request for volunteers on the Parish Council Website. CLLR C WILLIAMS also offered to arrange a meeting for the Parish Council with the County Council rights of way officer.

## 10 Parish Maintenance

- (a) Sports Pavillion/Sports Ground – The new sewer unit remained unprotected. It was **agreed** that CLLR A ARCHER would look at getting a safety barrier put around this and would get an agreement signed by the leaseholder. The Parish Council would also look for volunteers for further maintenance work.
- (b) Gas lines –At present there was no intention to bring the line down Old School Lane. The gas company had been asked to clear debris. A further update would be provided at the next meeting
- (c) Trees – The overhanging trees in Mountford Lane were on land owned by Orbit, who are responsible for cutting these back.

## 11 Maintaining Rights of Way

CLLR SMITH reported that maintaining rights of way was a County Council responsibility and any issues should in the first instance be reported to the County Council who would co-ordinate maintenance. The Parish Council only needed to be involved if the County Council did not provide a satisfactory response to requests from residents to co-ordinate maintenance. It was **agreed** to provide the information so that the public could report any problems to the County Council on the parish council website.

## 12 Parish Council Post Address

It was **agreed** that the village hall committee would be asked to fit a lockable letter box for parish council correspondence.

## 13 Financial Administration

The following accounts were **agreed** for payment:

Mr D Thomas (Salary May)	£238.33
A Smith (Website)	£ 70.73
Nick Jenvey (Gras Cutting)	£280.00
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PCC (Churchyard)	£350.00
SDC (Election costs)	£100.00
E-ON (Electricity Bill)	£177.83
Waterplus (Water charges)	£395.99

### 14 Correspondence

The meeting **agreed** to add an additional email address to the circulation list

### 15 Other Business

The meeting discussed where a map of the parish boundary may be available, it was suggested that one may be available in the parish plan.

There had also been a Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath liaison meeting with SDC and a community liaison meeting with JLR since the last Parish Council meeting. These meetings hadn't identified much for Lighthorne but a lot of work regarding traffic calming on B4100.

**MEETING CLOSED 21:35**