

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall,
Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 11th September 2019 At 8.00pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: CLLR A ARCHER (Chair), CLLR H ARCHER, CLLR J HUNTER (see item 3) and CLLR SMITH

IN ATTENDANCE: Nine members of the public and MR I WILSON (Clerk).

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from CLLR LANGHORN, CLLR STANFORD, CLLR C MILLS (Stratford District Council) and CLLR C WILLIAMS and were accepted

2 Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3 Appointments

The Council agreed to co-opt MR JOHN HUNTER to fill the casual councillor vacancy. The Council now had a full complement of six parish councillors..

4 Acceptance of Minutes from August OGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August were agreed and accepted by the Council, with the exception that it should be added under Parish maintenance that the matter of maintenance of The Broadwell had been raised and CLLR LANGHORN had been asked to obtain quotes for the cost of painting the iron work.

5 Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

CLLR LANGHORN had obtained a quote from DT Evans of £390 (inclusive of VAT) for painting the iron work at The Broadwell. He would obtain another quote to provide a comparison.

It was suggested that Orbit Housing were responsible for tree works at Mountford Rise and would now seek approval to carry out the work (see item 7).

CLLR SMITH and CLLR LANGHORN had attended Stratford District Council (SDC) reserve site allocations plan consultation briefing event. CLLR SMITH explained that SDC was asking for feedback on the methodology and technical planning policy approach that they had taken in identifying these sites. Parish Councillors had also received a copy of The Parochial Church Council (PCC) response to SDC. It was noted that the PCC was objecting to the reserve site identified by the Church. It was noted that CLLR LANGHORN had responded as a resident rather than a parish councillor and would have declared an interest if he had attended this meeting.

The Parish Council would be formulating a response in consultation with the village ahead of SDC deadline of 20th September. All responses to the consultation will be publicly available through SDC website and any resident is able to submit a response to the consultation on-line or in writing. The PC response would be circulated to any residents requesting copies.

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6 Public participation

A Lighthorne resident welcomed the new clerk and CLLR HUNTER to the parish council and thanked Councillors for their work to ensure that the gas pipe installation issues had been resolved.

The resident drew councillors attention to an item from the Lighthorne Heath Parish Council (LHPC) meeting in June 2019 relating to renaming LHPC. It was explained that Lighthorne Heath had been part of Lighthorne Parish Council (LPC) in the past. However, now plans had been agreed to build 2,000 additional homes at Lighthorne Heath, SDC were asking to change the name of LHPC rather than create a new parish meeting. The resident asked LPC to consider supporting a campaign to retain Lighthorne Heath as a Parish Council and request SDC create a new parish meeting for the new development.

The chair of LHPC was in attendance and explained that the plan was to rename the Parish Council to reflect the new development, but this would not affect the name of the Lighthorne Heath settlement and the new settlement would be named separately to the renamed Parish Council. The process for renaming had been openly discussed by LHPC and was subject to full public consultation under the stewardship of SDC returning officer, who was running a postal ballot. The new parish name would be publicly announced at Lighthorne Heath village hall on 18th September 2019.

It was again stressed by LHPC chair that this was a new parish name rather than settlement name and wouldn't therefore change any postal addresses. Renaming ahead of new residents arriving allowed the renamed PC to lead the process and work with SDC to integrate new villagers and obtain grants to provide improved amenities. The meeting noted that it was easier to rename a parish than a village.

A resident raised the condition of Heath Lane, which was getting dangerous and asked who was responsible for it. It was noted that this had been raised with the gas company and had been identified as an issue for Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways. CLLR SMITH agreed to raise this with WCC Highways, but also asked residents to also raise concerns with WCC Highways, as the more complaints received the greater likelihood of action.

7 Planning

An application for tree works and removal had been received, 19/03213/TREE (MOUNTFORD RISE). It was **agreed** no representation on this application from the Parish Council.

Following the issuing of the agenda, application 19/02256/FUL had been received. This was for the addition of a garage to a previously approved dwelling. The application for the garage provided an opportunity for the Parish Council to again raise the issues that they had raised when commenting on the dwelling planning consideration, particularly privacy for residents and a lack of parking. It was noted that the dwelling consent would trigger a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment from SDC to LPC. However, the objections from the parish and residents outweighed this. CLLR SMITH **agreed** to draft a response to SDC planners.

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8 Parish Council Reports

Sports Ground and Pavilion – The meeting discussed the recent payment of £395.99 to water plus and it was **agreed** that the clerk should review consumption following the opening of the café to bills prior to that to provide an indication of the increase resulting from the café. It was noted that plans for a path to the sports ground were in progress, the proposal was for a bark chip style path and there were volunteers to help with the work. The Parish Council is now awaiting further costing information

Gas line – The work on Heath Farm Lane was now complete.

Tree maintenance – CLLR H ARCHER would progress with Hartwood

Highways – CLLR A ARCHER would ask CLLR WILLIAMS (WCC) for an update on the traffic calming and gateway schemes

Footpaths and Rights of Way – The County Council were responsible for these and organising volunteers. This information was available from both LPC and WCC website

Letter box – The Parish Council now had a letter box to provide a postal address for the Council at the village hall. Items such as invoices would still be sent directly to the clerk.

9 County Council and District Council Reports

The District Councillor had sent apologies. CLLR Williams (Warwickshire County Council (WCC) had circulated a report to councillors ahead of the meeting.

10 Village Phone Box

It was noted that this had originally been planned as a wildlife centre. However, due to low interest there had been little on-going maintenance of the box. The meeting discussed suggestions to use it as an information point for events and happenings in the village and/or a book exchange. It was **agreed** to consult further and agree an approach at a future meeting.

11 Christmas Lights

CLLR SMITH had replied to the resident providing the tree, who had asked for a contribution towards the cost of lights. CLLR A ARCHER would follow up as to what the planned arrangements for providing power to the lights were, it was felt that from a health and safety perspective a battery operated system would be best.

12 Volunteering

A web page was being set up on the parish council website to co-ordinate any volunteers to particular parish projects (such as the sports ground path and phone box)

13 Correspondence

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The following items were noted as received since the last meeting:

Charles Barlow, Localities Partnership Manager – Joint Strategic Needs
Assessment Presentation
SDC, Site Allocations Plan – Consultation and details of briefings

14 Financial Administration

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

Clerk I Wilson Salary and Expenses (August 2019)	£274.00
Nick Jenvey (Grass Cutting)	£290.00
Financial Management Services (2018/19 Internal Audit)	£100.00

15 Other Business

Playground – CLLR LANGHORN would take responsibility for overseeing this and arrangements for future refurbishment and inspection would be discussed at a future meeting.

Drama Group – A resident asked whether the group could use the storage shed at the back of the village hall and it was suggested that they ask the village hall committee

The Broadwel – CLLR HUNTER had obtained quotes for clearing this. The best was £350. It was **agreed** to seek volunteers using the parish website volunteer page to carry out the work.

16 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 8:00pm at Lighthorne Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 21:45

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