

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall,
Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 8th October 2019 At 8.00pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: CLLR A ARCHER (Chair), CLLR H ARCHER, CLLR J HUNTER, CLLR LANGHORN, CLLR STANFORD and CLLR SMITH

IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public, CLLR C MILLS (Stratford District Council(SDC)) and CLLR C WILLIAMS (Warwickshire County Council(WCC)) and MR I WILSON (Clerk).

1 Apologies

No apologies had been received

2 Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3 Acceptance of Minutes from September OGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September were agreed and accepted by the Council.

4 Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

- (i) Christmas Tree Lights – The tree had now been sourced and lights would cost approximately £250. Residents proposed to have the tree by the Broadwell/ Notice board using the available power source which wouldn't need to cross the road.

The parish council **agreed** in principle to provide a donation towards the cost of the lights. Residents would look at the possibility of using the existing lights in the village and would further research cost of purchasing new lights, including storage. The details could be confirmed at the November parish council meeting.

- (ii) Red Phone Box – There had been a suggestion at a previous meeting to use this as a mini gallery, there could be other possible uses by other community groups for example by the history society. The meeting discussed that however this was used volunteers would be required to administer and run the facility. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council could facilitate this by asking for further suggestions and volunteers, but it would be for volunteers from the village to organise.

- (iii) Playground – The playground has passed the annual inspection. CLLR LANGHORN has started to clean the site and has checked regarding the recent reports of dog fouling, with this in mind he would be working with the village hall committee to obtain quotes for replacing the access gate. CLLR LANGHORN would continue to check on a regular basis and further improvements could be considered as part of the 2020/21 budget setting process.

- (iv) Heath Farm Lane – CLLR WILLIAMS (WCC) confirmed that the County had no funds for any remedial work. However, regular inspections by

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Highways officers were confirming that the road remained safe to use. CLLR WILLIAMS confirmed that Highways officers had spoken with the gas contractor about additional damage and it was the responsibility of County Highways to ensure that any damage was repaired and that the condition of the road was tolerable.

CLLR SMITH asked CLLR WILLIAMS "Who would be responsible if vehicles sustained damaged because of the poor condition of Heath Farm Lane?" CLLR WILLIAMS confirmed that WCC would be responsible.

- (v) Sports Ground Path – CLLR SMITH reported that he was awaiting permission to inspect and decide how to progress. Once this was done the Parish Council would be seeking to obtaining grant funding from CLLR WILIAMS's grant fund, which was due to reopen in May 2020.
- (vi) The Broadwell – CLLR LANGHORN would continue to seek quotes for the work required.

5 Public participation

Three representatives from Coventry Blues Cricket club were in attendance, they asked about the possibility of hiring the pitch for the 2020 season. It was explained that arrangements were currently in place for Kalsa Cricket Club to use the ground. However, if suitable arrangements could be made between the two clubs then the Parish Council may consider this request. It was noted that CLLRs SMITH and A ARCHER were meeting with Kalsa representatives on 10th October 2020, so it was likely that a decision could be taken by the end of October 2019.

6 Planning

Home Farm (19/02256/FUL) – The meeting discussed the recent email to the parish council from the SDC planning officer dealing with this application. The planning officer was asking for a variation in materials being used on the development. This was separate from the change of use application for the garage on the site to be converted to a dwelling, which remained pending consideration.

CLLR SMITH explained that the planning officer was minded to approve the variation to the materials. With regards to the full application for change of use he suggested that councillors should consider three options at this stage:

- Leave the objection as is and attend the planning committee;
- Lift the objection with the proviso that the hedgerow is reinstated; or
- Lift the objection with the proviso that both the hedgerow is reinstated and the windows on the dwelling be altered so that they no longer overlook neighbouring properties

The meeting discussed the likelihood of reinstating the hedgerow and altering the windows on the change of use. It was noted that the original removal of the hedgerow was a planning breach by the developer and that how the original application had been dealt with had been subject to an internal review by SDC.

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It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would confirm with the planning officer that the materials variation would be accepted. However the Parish Council would continue to ask for the hedgerow to be reinstated to the original position.

It was also **agreed** that the original objections to the full change of use application remained and CLLR LANGHORN would attend the planning committee meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Bishops Farm (19/02547/FUL) – **agreed** no representation from the Parish Council

Willowbrook (19/02582/TREE) – **agreed** no representation

7 Parish Council Reports

Sports Pavilion – The clerk has asked for water bills going back over the past three years and would report back on usage increases over that period.

Tree Maintenance – Orbit had committed to pruning the tree on Mountford Rise week commencing 14th October 2019. CLLR H ARCHER had also spoken with a tree surgeon who had quoted £140 to replace the Oak Tree. It was hoped that this work could be undertaken by the tree surgeon before Christmas.

Traffic Calming – CLLR A ARCHER would confirm the date for WCC to start the work. It was also noted that there had been active speed cameras in the village.

Website – Nothing to report, this would be removed as a standing item to report in future.

Streetlighting – WCC are quoting £1,000 to replace the streetlight on Chesterton Road. It was noted that this had not been budgeted for so any spend would need to come from reserves

Volunteering – CLLR HUNTER would become the key contact for any volunteering to be organised to clear the Broadwell.

8 County Council and District Council Reports

CLLR WILLIAMS provided an update on behalf of the County Council (attached)

CLLR MILLS provided an update on behalf of the District Council (attached)

9 Correspondence

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

- Government consultation changes in planning regulation for 5G phone masts
- GLH Phase Newsletter 3
- Consultation on BT programme of intended public pay phone removals
- Doug Fouling and Pest Control – SDC Environmental Health leaflets
- WCC Plan 2025 - Engagement

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10 Financial Administration

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

Clerk I Wilson Salary and Expenses (September 2019)	£274.00
PAYE	£ 72.00
E-ON (Electricity Bill - June)	£361.35
E-ON (Electricity Bill – September)	£365.28
Nick Jenvey (Grass Cutting -1164)	£290.00
AR Ferguson (Installation of Protection Loops)	£335.00

The latest balances were noted as follows:

Current Account	£15515.59
Reserves	£11128.31
Total	£ 26643.90

It was noted that the latest rent payable on the pavilion had been received.

11 Other Business

None

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 8:00pm at Lighthorne Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 21:35

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