

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall, Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 12th November 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 MR I WILSON (Clerk).

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from CLLR C WILLIAMS (Warwickshire County Council (WCC))

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 8th October were agreed and accepted by the Council.

4 Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

- (i) Christmas Tree Lights – The Parish Council were asked for and **agreed** to make a donation of £50 towards the cost of the tree. The events committee would provide an invoice to the Parish Council. The lights would be switched on Sunday 8th December and it was **agreed** to publicise this on the Parish Council website.
- (ii) Red Phone Box – No further suggestions have been received, and no offers of help for the suggestions put forward. The volunteering page of the web site will retain a section for the telephone box to encourage volunteers to come forward.
- (iii) Heath Farm Lane – Noted that CLLR WILLIAMS had confirmed at the October 2019 meeting that WCC were liable for any damage caused as a result of the poor condition of the road.
- (iv) Path to Sports Ground – This action remained outstanding due to the recent poor weather.
- (v) Green Bin Charging – Residents had been made aware of SDC consultation and the opportunity to respond to the proposed charges for 2020/21.
- (vi) The Broadwell – Clean-up day had been agreed for 16th November, any volunteers welcome. The amount of work that could be done would depend on the number of volunteers. The Chair thanked all those who had already volunteered. CLLR LANGHORN confirmed that he had received two quotes for painting the railings. It was **agreed** that volunteers would look to paint the railings first and the quotes would be a fall back, green was suggested as the preferred colour. The work would be carried out in the spring and provision could be made in the 2020/21 budget if a contractor

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was used.

5 Public participation

A member of the public asked for an update on the parish council's position with regard to Home Farm planning application (19/02256/FUL). It was **agreed** that CLLR LANGHORN would provide this under item 6.

6 Planning

Home Farm (19/02256/FUL) – The meeting heard that since the October 2019 meeting, the LPC determined to remove its objection following further review of the hedgerow regulations, internal discussion between councillors and taking input from the SDC planning officer. The decision was advised to SDC setting out the following rationale and conditions:

A. The position of LPC is informed by the majority view of residents (specifically as manifest in a public meeting attended by over 70 inhabitants)

B. We seek a resolution to the illegal removal of a heritage asset involving the reinstatement of an appropriate hedge so as to mitigate the damage to the village as identified by the inspector in his (related) report, namely

".....besides marking the boundary of the Conservation Area the hedge would have been a distinctive physical feature that helped to define the extent of the built up area of this part of Lighthorne. "

and

".... the loss has adversely affected the setting of the Conservation Area"

C. We appreciate the offer from the developer/applicant to create a new hedge and undertake to give it legal protection for 30 years until the Hedgerow regulations apply

D. We note that the application sets out the siting and composition of the replacement hedge that the SDC is advised will enable the hedge to be successfully established and maintained, in particular having regard to the varying levels of the agricultural land and the residential gardens

E. We therefore withdraw our objection, on condition that

- a legally binding agreement is secured by SDC to protect the hedge for a min of 30 years,

- explicit confirmation is provided within the consent that the 10 meter strip is agricultural land

Yew Tree Cottage (19/03060/TREE) – **agreed** no representation from the Parish Council

Pipers Bath Farm, Moreton Morrell (19/02600/FUL) – **agreed** no representation from the Parish Council

7 Parish Council Reports

Village Hall – The village hall committee has proposed an increased donation from

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the Parish Council to include an increased contribution for the post office and room hire for parish council meetings. The meeting noted that the proposed increase would be covered by increased rental income from the sports pavilion. It was therefore **agreed** in principle to support this. It would however be confirmed as part of the planned 2020/21 budget discussions (see other business)

Allotments – Agreed to invoice Lighthorne allotment association for £145 rent due in 2019/20. Noted that water had now been turned off to the allotments

Sports Pavilion – The café tenant has asked to do a one off event on 30th November and it was **agreed** that this should be allowed. The sports tenants were currently looking for quotes to install showers. The clerk had contacted waterplus to obtain details of water consumption increases since the café opened.

Traffic Calming – CLLR A ARCHER confirmed Warwickshire County Highways had confirmed funding for the gateway scheme and work should commence by the end of November 2019. Formal notification of the road being closed would be advertised on the Parish Council website.

Tree Maintenance –CLLR H ARCHER had spoken with a tree surgeon who had quoted £140 to replace the Oak Tree, the original tree had cost considerably more than this. A resident volunteered to supply a tree and replace the Oak Tee for less than £100. It was **agreed** to take up this offer, but also to contact the tree surgeon to ensure that the parish council would not end up with two trees.

Street lighting – A replacement had been ordered

Playground - Noted that equipment inspections are up to date and the village hall have been asked to replace the gate, which may prevent the occasional dog fouling on the playground.

Volunteering – The meeting was reminded that the webpage for any volunteers was on the Parish Council website. This was working well, as noted in the response to the Broadwell clear up mentioned at item 4 (vi).

8 County Council and District Council Reports

CLLR WILLIAMS (WCC) had confirmed prior to the meeting that the work on the village gateways was due to commence by the end of November 2019.

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:

SDC – Climate Emergency Recommendations
SDC – Councillor Update w/c 28th October 2019
Bellway - GLH Newsletter
Ian Flynn – Gaydon Community Forum Meeting

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10 Financial Administration

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

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| Clerk I Wilson Salary and Expenses (October 2019) | £340.00 |
| PAYE | £ 72.00 |
| Nick Jenvey (Grass Cutting –See statement) | £480.00 |
| Data Protection Fee | £ 40.00 |
| Total | (£932.00) |

The total PC Balance to be c/fd at 13th November 2019 was therefore £24575.13.
It was noted that the latest rent payable on the pavilion had been received.

11 Other Business

It was agreed to consider 2020/21 budget ahead of the next meeting. The clerk would circulate a proposal based on known income and expenditure from previous years.

Noted that any problems with dogs should be reported to SDC dog wardens and a link could be included for residents on the parish council website.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 8:00pm at Lighthorne Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 21:45