

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall, Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 10th December 2020 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: One member 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 December OGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November were agreed and accepted by the Council.

4 Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

- (i) Path to Sports Ground – CLLR SMITH had now met with the developer and had applied for £1,000 of Lottery grant funding to contribute to the cost of a path, this would cover the lowest cost option for creating a path.

Overall the land for the proposed path is well drained, with some treatment required in parts. There is an existing entrance which is currently used for cattle, so it is proposed to create a new access point for the path which will facilitate removing part of a hedge, which would cost around £1680. The aim is to make the path as accessible as possible and this with further work to ensure a sustainable path for the future would raise the cost to around £2,255.

CLLR SMITH has communicated the plans for the path to WCC and SDC and the developer will agree permission with the landowner. It was therefore **agreed** to set aside £2,255 for this project in the 2020/21 budget.

- (ii) Oak Tree – CLLR H ARCHER reported that this had originally cost £643, through an SDC approved supplier. A resident (who originally provided a donation for the tree) had identified a replacement for £385 + VAT and it was **agreed** to reimburse the original donation to the resident who would source and plant new tree with parish council permission.

- (iii) The Broadwell – Clean-up day had taken place on 16th November and CLLR LANGHORN thanked the organisers and volunteers who had helped carry out a lot of work. It was noted that weed killer was ready to apply and quotes had now been received for painting the railings. The cost of further work would be included in the 2020/21 budget.

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5 Public participation

A member of the public reported that builders had installed a barbed wire and it was **agreed** that CLLR SMITH would follow this up on behalf of the parish council

6 Planning

Home Farm (19/01838/VARY) – CLLR LANGHORN is awaiting a response from SDC planners regarding the detail of planning conditions included.

7 Parish Council Reports

Sports Pavilion – CLLR SMITH reported that he hadn't heard from the cricket club regarding their proposal for refurbishment. He had now received details of water bills since 2017 and would follow this up with the water company.

Traffic Calming – CLLR A ARCHER would seek a start date from WCC Highways/

Tree Maintenance – CLLR H ARCHER reported that the public were pleased with the work carried out at Mountford Rise.

Street lighting – A replacement had been installed and we are now awaiting the invoice from WCC.

Playground – CLLR LANGHORN reported that the latest inspection was satisfactory and there were no signs of recent dog fouling.

8 County Council and District Council Reports

CLLR WILLIAMS (WCC) had sent apologies and there was nothing to report.

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:

Peter Reading – Oak Tree Spending

WALC – Lottery Funds

WALC – Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments

CLLR WILLIAMS – Gateway Features

SDC – VASA AGM

SDC – BT Consultation on Removing Payphone Boxes

In respect of the consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments it was **agreed** that the parish council would endorse the response produced by CLLR SMITH (previously circulated to all councillors).

10 Financial Administration

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

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Clerk I Wilson Salary and Expenses (October 2019)	£ 274.00
Waterplus (outstanding pavilion water charges)	£ 499.00
E-ON Street lighting	£ 722.00
Tree Donation	£ 500.00
Total	£1995.00

The total PC Balance to be c/fd at 10th December 2019 was therefore £23854.06. It was noted that the latest rent payable on the pavilion had been received.

The meeting discussed the sequence of payments to Lighthorne Village Hall The parish council had agreed a donation of £1000.00, but it was unclear whether this related to 2019/20 or 2020/21. This would be clarified and then payment arranged.

The meeting discussed the latest budget report (attached) and proposals for 2021 (circulated separately to councillors). The budget for pavilion for the next three years. In terms of spend the draft budgeted figures were noted and it was **agreed** that sports pavilion spend should include £1000 for water bills (to be reviewed with the water company – see item 7), play area budget should be £2,000 and £2,225 from unallocated reserves should be allocated for the sportsground path project. A revised draft budget would be considered in January when the parish council would agree the precept to notify to SDC for 2020/21.

11 Any Other Business

The parish council would look to improve communication by providing an update through the parish magazine, this could either be annually, bi-annually or monthly, to be decided. It was also suggested that a welcome pack for new villagers (including such as key contracts) could be added to the parish council website.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 8:00pm at Lighthorne Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 21:30