

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Lighthorne Parish Council Held at Lighthorne Village Hall,
Lighthorne, Warwickshire On Tuesday 14th January 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: Three members of the public, CLLR C MILLS (Stratford District Council (SDC)), 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

CLLR STANFORD declared an interest on the relocation of the 30mph speed limit sign on entering the village, as a resident directly affected. This was being raised under item 5 (public participation).

3 Acceptance of Minutes from December OGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December were agreed and accepted by the Council.

4 Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

- (i) Sports Ground – CLLR SMITH had now reviewed the increased water bills and identified late payment and debt collection charges of £260, which were responsible for the increases. He had raised a complaint with the water company about the charges, which was now being escalated through the company complaints procedure. It was therefore **agreed** that the clerk would arrange to pay this by direct debit so that late payments could not occur again. It was also **agreed** that CLLR SMITH could investigate changing suppliers in future.
- (ii) Oak Tree – It was noted that at the December 2019 meeting the Council had agreed to replace the tree and a resident had been reimbursed to action this.
- (iii) Barbed wire – The meeting noted that this remained on the field side of the Ash path, though this had been raised with the developers and Warwickshire County Council by both CLLRs SMITH and STANFORD and Stratford District Council. It has been recognised that this is dangerous and it is anticipated that this will be moved in the next two weeks.
- (iv) The Broadwell – Noted that a resident has volunteered to undertake this work. CLLR LANGHORN will advise the council of the budget provision required for this work in due course.
- (v) Path to Sports Ground – CLLR SMITH has been in discussion with both the developer and landowner. The Parish Council is waiting for formal permission for the path.

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5 Public participation

A member of the public reported that they had contacted WCC Highways to report faulty and misleading sharp bend signage in the village, which he believed had contributed to crashes during November 2019. The resident had also reported concerns with the bus stop to WCC Highways. The County Council had advised that the resident liaise with CLLR WILLIAMS on these matters.

Residents asked about the location of 30 mph signage and gates as part of the traffic calming scheme there was concern that some residents of the village were outside of these signs, at the Wellesbourne side of the village and motorists would increase their speed before and after passing the limit. Residents therefore asked that these signs be relocated to include the whole village and commented that the new road markings introduced had not improved road safety.

CLLRs SMITH and A ARCHER explained that the location had been agreed with WCC Highways, who had funded the project, to move the signs would require another survey and re-examination of traffic data, which would cost around £8,000 to the Parish Council. CLLR WILLIAMS confirmed that WCC Highways would not fund this without police support. The meeting discussed whether the Parish Council could fund changes to the scheme and it was **agreed** that this would be considered as part of the 2020/21 budget. There was also a discussion about engaging the local police to discuss the safety concerns with residents and whether the planned scheme for the gates could be relocated. It was **agreed** that CLLR SMITH would investigate further.

6 Planning

Home Farm (19/01838/VARY) – CLLR LANGHORN confirmed that the legal agreement confirming protection for the hedge at the site with all other agreed conditions were publicly available. These documents could be accessed through the SDC planning portal.

7 Parish Council Reports

Traffic Calming – CLLR SMITH reported that there had been approaches from residents regarding overflow parking from the village hall and pub on the nearby road. He suggested that the Parish Council produce some signs asking people to park considerately and not on the pavement. It was **agreed** that CLLR SMITH should distribute signs to both the village hall and the pub.

Street lighting – These had now been replaced and repaired

Playground – CLLR LANGHORN reported that consultation should now take place to replace some of the equipment in the playground. The meeting considered that there may be some money from s106 funding for replacing equipment and further recreational facilities. It was **agreed** that CLLR SMITH would look at the conditions attached to the s106 funding with SDC planners.

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8 County Council and District Council Reports

CLLR WILLIAMS (WCC) had sent a report ahead of the meeting (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:

WCC – Health and Wellbeing Fund Grant Opportunities

WALC – Disaster plan template

SDC – Parish and Partners Briefing 2019

WALC - European Social Fund and Comic Relief Community Grant Opportunities

WALC – Royal Garden Party 2020 Nominations

Lighthorne Village Hall – 2020/21 Grant

10 Financial Administration

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

Clerk I Wilson Salary and Expenses (December 2019)	£ 277.10
Lighthorne Village Hall Committee (2019/20 donation)	£ 1000.00
E-ON Street lighting	£121.79
WCC Street light replacement	£1328.69

Councillors agreed that the precept for 2020/21 should be unchanged from 2019/20 at £14,150.00, which would leave £11,000 in unallocated reserves with the budget proposed and expected balances carried forward (see attached)

11 Any Other Business

Noted that residents were interested in resurrecting the village toddler group and were in discussion with the village hall. The Parish Council discussed a possible grant and **agreed** £500 would be an appropriate sum. It was **agreed** that the clerk would include this in the budget for 2020/21.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 8:00pm at Lighthorne Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 21:55