

# LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council  
Held at Lighthorne Village Hall – On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 At 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: CLLR SMITH (Chair), CLLR LANGHORN (Vice Chair), CLLR STANFORD, and CLLR SHEDDEN.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 member of the public, CLLR C MILLS (SDC&WCC from 8:30pm).

LPC wished to note the sad passing of Cllr Williams and Keith Shepherd, two great men who will be missed – between them LPC witnessed many entertaining jousts – their interest in the village was without doubt.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bob Middleton who could not be present due to other commitments.

2. **Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests**

Cllr Stanford declared an interest in all matters pertaining to road safety at the junctions of Farrier's Way and Bishops Acre with the C96 Wellesbourne Road.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from May**

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **Anonymous Correspondence**

LPC cannot respond to anonymous letters – issues will be dealt with anonymously but must come from an identifiable source. *Closed*

6. **AGAR and recommendations**

**It was resolved** to agree the AGAR. The Clerk is to undertake recommendations and source templates for policies and make recommendations for the next meeting.

*Carried forward*

7. **Correction of 2020 to 2021 in hard copies of Jan, Feb and Mar 2021 minutes**

**It was resolved** to make the corrections by hand and approved. *Closed*

8. **Legal prohibition on financial contributions to the Church**

Legislation prohibits donations to benefit Church Property. Reverend Lilley will make a note that any contributions won't be used for Church property – *Carried forward*

9. **To consider granting permission to plant a Whitebeam tree on School Lane Green in memory of Joy Watkins**

A resident attended and explained that Whitebeam is the preferred choice – it is suitable. Liaising another with resident re-location etc, for both their trees. It was resolved that LPC are happy for this to go ahead – a Cllr will check location once identified. *Closed*

**10. To consider two quotes to clear the bank at The Pavilion**

A contractor has provided a preferred quote as they have local knowledge and their quote is competitive. Khalsa Cricket has offered to pay – the bank will need maintaining thereafter – quotes to be obtained once done. *Carried forward*

**11. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings**

**a) Safe path to the Sports Ground**

Cllr Smith continues to press for a written agreement to proceed. It has been suggested that the parish council should pay the legal bill for a permissive path agreement to be drawn up. Cllr Smith has asked for details. He also continues to press for the Severn Trent land owner permission form to be signed so that we can pursue a grant. He has met with a contractor on site. To prepare the hedgerow including removal and disposal of barbed wire the contractor quotes at £750+VAT. This will leave a short section vulnerable to stock escape. Cllr Smith has an old metal farm gate which the contractor will collect and fix in place to protect this section. Future annual trimming will be about £100. Cllr Smith will look into template for permissive path agreement that we can adapt, and will seek legal advice as appropriate. *Carried forward*

**b) Extending the 30mph speed limit beyond Oberry Fields**

WCC have not yet completed the process, suggesting that they will in July. Cllr Stanford to follow up and obtain a date if possible. *Carried forward*

**c) Review of street lighting in the village, repairs and LED upgrades**

3 of 5 lamps have been replaced. Church lane due in a week. o/s light on Chesterton Rd (at tennis court) needs complete refit and would cost over £1,000 – other lights on Chesterton Rd now working. Currently considered a disproportionate expense when other 4 lights are sufficient. Changes in lighting should bring our electricity bill down. Cllr Langhorn will follow up. *Carried forward*

**d) Assessment of overhanging tree boughs on Bishops Hill**

Boughs assessed and quote obtained – *Carried forward*

**e) Strategically placed rocks on the verge outside the pavilion car park entrance**

LPC has not had any contact from anyone following a notice being placed at the pavilion on the gate. *Closed*

**f) Working parties to assess pot holes, trees, verges, drains etc**

Agreed that first date should be over summer holidays – dates to be exchanged and first assessment to take place asap. *Carried forward*

**g) Restoration of the Bakers Well**

Stoneworks not to be done until August due to work commitments, but will use donated stones to do the work, hopefully in August. *Carried forward*

**h) Clearing of a blocked drainage pipe at the Broadwell**

Pipe has been cleared. Cllr langhorn has sprayed the weeds. *Closed*

**i) Tackling speeding in and through the village**

WCC potentially looking into 20mph limits in villages, however just a working party currently. Cllr Langhorn put forward the need to assess what residents views are regarding speed through the village, a survey of some description – and to assess best use of LPC funds. Noted that there have been no volunteers to re-start Speed Watch. Current traffic not representative of pre-covid numbers. Traffic assessment might best take place once ‘normal’ traffic has been restored. *Carried forward*

**j) Requesting a curb in Old School Lane at the junction with the main road**

WCC have stated that they will not undertake the works. Response from their Locality Officer: *“I'm afraid that we do not install new kerbing along sections of road. We carry out maintenance to existing assets from dedicated highway budgets. We do not have a budget for new installations and I must therefore decline your request. It may be possible for the parish council to approach their County Cllr and see if he has any funding from his delegated budget that has not already been allocated. It should be noted that installation of kerbing along a significant section of village road will alter the street-scene significantly.”*. *Closed*

**k) Parking along Bishops Hill**

Some compliance with the new signs was noted. It is hoped that in time compliance will improve. *Closed*

**l) New toddler group and grant allocation**

The group are on hold due to insufficient interest – they will come back to us in the Autumn. *Carried forward*

**12. Planning**

**a) Applications for comment since last meeting**

21/01035/FUL Stepping Stones  
Loft conversion, raise roof height and install roof windows.  
Objection – Cllr Langhorn to attend the planning committee meeting in August.

21/01549/TREE Forest Lodge  
Reduce Leylandii by 1m, cut back roadside overhang.  
No Comment

21/01001/FUL Elmhurst, Church lane  
Conversion of garage to kitchen  
No Comment

21/01742/TREE Lake Cottage, Moreton Morrell Lane  
Fell & Clear trees  
No comment

21/01221/FUL Curacy Farm  
Renewal of previously granted application  
No comment

21/01571/LBC Dene Hollow  
Replace existing door with exact replica.  
No comment

21/02045/TREE Tawton, School Lane  
Reduce height of 2 horse Chestnut trees  
No comment

**b) Decisions to note since last meeting**

21/00858/COUR	Glebe Farm	Withdrawn
21/00588/FUL	Hill Cottage, The Bank	Granted
21/00012/LBC	Yew Tree Cottage	Granted
21/00592/FUL	Pipers Bath Farm	Granted
21/01549/TREE	Forest Lodge	Granted
21/00948/FUL	Oberry Fields	Granted
21/01971/AGNOT	Pound Green	Withdrawn
21/00651/FUL	11 Verney Close	Granted
21/01742/TREE	Lake Cottage	Granted
21/01001/FUL	Elmhurst	Withdrawn

**c) Enforcement**

Hill Farm – earth movements from GLH – SDC enforcement officer has assessed the works as legitimate. *Item closed*

The Moreton Morrell lane development – developers will attempt to use MM lane only and not bring traffic through the village – soil removed from the site is being removed to the Sabins’ land to avoid lorry movements.

**13. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:**

- a) COVID 19 – Two last remaining customers for prescription collection.
- b) Playground – No dog fouling and the gate is being kept closed.

**14. Reports from Ward Representative of SDC and WCC**

Posted on the website for information. Cllr Mills noted that the Lib Dems had put forward the 20mph campaign and were supported by the full council. He was put on notice that LPC may ask for help re 30mph if no progress. Cllr Mills confirmed that he would be happy to help.

**15. Financial Administration**

**a) Cash book balances**

Current account	£14,947.55
Allocated reserves account	£17,500.51
Total	£32,448.06

**b) Income since last meeting**

May rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
June rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
July rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00

**c) Expenditure since last meeting**

Clerk's wages 30 hours @ £13.78	£413.40
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Previous clerk's wages	£375.00
Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 14 April	£335.00
Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 29 April	£335.00
Acuto – Steps in playpark	£468.00
Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 13 May	£355.00
L Newberry Filing Cabinet Inserts	£9.99
M Langhorn - Signs for verges	£61.80
A.Smith – Stamps & Condolence card	£7.60
Nick Jenvey – Grass cutting May 25th	£355.00
Laura Newberry – printer paper	£7.69
Laura Newberry – printer cartridge	£19.92
WCC Lantern Replacements	£1,201.72
Trevor Gill – Internal Audit	£310.00
Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 8th June	£335.00
Annual web hosting & domain renewal	£74.33
Farm Services Ltd – clearing Broadwell	£234.00
Andy Smith - Road Signs	£20.33
Insurance renewal BHIB	£617.31
A.Smith Dodo email subscription	£9.03
A.Smith signs for Pavilion	£17.69
Village green tree surgeons – pavilion	£200.00
Eon	£120.87
Water plus	£33.36
Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 30th June	£355.00

**d) Agreeing accounts for payment**

None

**16. Correspondence**

None

**17. Other reports and items for future agendas**

None

**18. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSES at 20:53**