

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -  
On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 At 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: CLLR SMITH (Chair), CLLR LANGHORN (Vice Chair), CLLR SHEDDEN and CLLR MILLS (SDC & WCC).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Stanford, Cllr Knapton and Cllr Middleton.

2. **Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests**  
None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from March**

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

A new resident attended.

5. **To review the clerk's wages**

It was resolved to increase wages in line with guidance from NALC. *Item closed.*

6. **To consider how LPC can help refugees**

It was resolved to register our interest with WALC and to closely monitor advice from WALC/NALC and SDC/WCC as it is released. All information available is currently on the website. *Carried forward.*

7. **To consider the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

It was resolved to hold the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30pm. *Item Closed.*

8. **To consider a date for the Annual Parish Meeting of Lighthorne Parish**

It was resolved to hold the meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30pm. *Item closed.*

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

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

We cannot proceed with the safe path until the Permissive Path Agreement (PPA) is signed by all parties and enacted. The text of the PPA was agreed in January 2022, and signed by LPC promptly. The CEG Bird Group have signed the PPA, but the original copy with their signature appears to have been mislaid. Four Trustee Land Owners have each to give their consent for their joint solicitor to sign on their behalf. One of the Trustee Land Owners has not yet given consent. Despite continuous lobbying from LPC, enactment of the PPA remains frustrated. Cllr Smith continues to lobby for enactment. *Carried forward.*

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

The legal work is stated as still being outstanding at WCC, quoting end of April at earliest for completion – Cllr Langhorn will pursue completion of the scheme. Cllr Mills will assist in whatever way he can. *Carried forward.*

- c) **Tackling speeding in and through the village**  
WCC are awaiting the new financial year to progress any proposed measures. Cllr Langhorn has asked for engineering advice and costings in the meantime. Cllr Mills informs that Kineton PC obtained a mobile battery powered sign which is in use, Clerk to contact KPC and seek advice on how they organised their sign. *Carried forward.*
- d) **Street party for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Events have been advertised online, by a village wide leaflet drop and in the Parish magazine. Numerous volunteers have come forward and the event is in hand. Authority to close the road has been obtained from SDC. £500 grant from WCC has been applied for. *Carried forward.*
- e) **David Wilson Homes**  
David Wilson homes awaiting costings for proposed parking at Pavilion to see if they can contribute. *Carried forward.*
- f) **Deer signs**  
Graham Stanley (WCC) has stated "*We will have the signs designed, a Plan detailing the location for the signs prepared, and this will be with our Delivery Team by end of April.*". *Carried forward.*
- g) **To consider allowing a children’s football team to play on the ‘football pitch’ at the far side of the pavilion outfield**  
The football coach will be looking at the season commencing September 2023 if this is pursued. *Item closed.*
- h) **To consider improving and increasing the parking capacity at the pavilion**  
Cllr Smith met with Western Power on site and they confirm that the telegraph pole that we will need to move is not theirs. They also confirm that the electricity cable attached is not live. The BT cable extending to the pole closer to the Pavilion can be seen to be redundant. Western Power will, at no cost to us, sheath the overhead power cables as a safety measure in anticipation of work being carried out in that area. An estimate if we tarmac the whole parking area has been obtained and estimates are being obtained for both compressed stone and plastic webbing that allows grass to grow and be mown whilst protecting against vehicle damage. A square of hard standing at the end of the parking with a basket ball hoop to be looked into as part of the scheme – WCC Cllr’s grant could be applied for to fund the hoop. *Carried forward.*

## 10. Planning

- a) Applications for comment since last meeting
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|------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| i.   | 22/00771/TPO  | Pratts Farm      | Reduce Trees      |
| ii.  | 22/00871/TREE | Yew Tree Cottage | Fell Ash          |
| iii. | 22/00890/FUL  | Brook House      | Garage conversion |
- b) Decisions to note since last meeting
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|-----|--------------|------------------------|---------|
| i.  | 21/03974/FUL | 5 Mountford Rise       | Granted |
| ii. | 22/00104/FUL | Lobbington Fields Farm | Granted |
- c) Enforcement
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| i. | None |
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11. **Parish Council Reports** – To receive reports on:

- a) Playground – New litter bin has been purchased, Clerk to arrange for old bin to be removed. Cllr Langhorn has fixed the broken gate. The round-a-bout needs servicing, Cllr Langhorn to arrange, funding authorised. A cleaning team to be arranged to clean the play equipment.

12. **Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC** – on website.

13. **Financial Administration**

a) **Lighthorne cash book balances as of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

i. Current account	£16,260.28
ii. Allocated reserves account	£17,081.95
Total	£33,342.23

b) **Income since last meeting**

i. April rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
ii. Annual Rent from Allotment Assoc	£160.00
iii. VAT reclaim	£252.84

c) **Expenditure since last meeting**

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £13.78	£413.40
ii. Yu Energy	£46.92
iii. Yu Energy	£5.39
iv. Wicksteed Playground Inspection	£72.00
v. WCC Annual Street Lighting	£55.20
vi. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 16/17 March 2022	£390.50
vii. Nick Jenvey grass Cutting 30/31 March 2022	£390.50
viii. Glasdon Ltd – new bin	£181.94
ix. WCC new column in Mountford Rise	£1,176.74
x. Yu Energy	£15.04
xi. Yu Energy	£124.89

d) **Agreeing accounts for payment**

- i. None

14. **Correspondence**

An email has been received expressing concern that Home Farm is advertising rooms to rent online, and the potential disruption for residents this would cause – the issue of needing a licence is a question of scale and would be an SDC decision. There are currently no complaints of disruption, simply concerns that there might be. If renting the rooms proves disruptive LPC will revisit the matter.

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

None

16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSES at 8:38pm**