

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall
On Tuesday 10th May 2022 At 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Stanford, Cllr Knapton, Cllr Middleton and Cllr Chris Mills.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from April**

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **To elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman**

It was resolved to re-elect Andy Smith as Chairman and Mike Langhorn as Vice Chairman.
Item closed.

6. **To consider adopting SDC's new code of conduct**

It was resolved to adopt the code of conduct. *Item closed.*

7. **To review the delegation arrangements**

It was resolved to make no changes, review date to be updated on the website. *Item Closed.*

8. **To review the standing orders and financial regulations**

It was resolved to make no changes, review date to be updated on the website. *Item closed.*

9. **To review representation on external bodies**

To be reviewed when all named councillors are next present. *Carried forward.*

10. **To confirm insurance arrangements**

It was resolved to continue with current providers – we are in 2nd year of 3 with them. *Item closed.*

11. **To review annual subscriptions**

It was resolved to continue with WALC/NALC. *Item closed.*

12. **To set the meetings schedule for the following year**

It was resolved to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. *Item closed.*

13. **To review the asset register**

It was resolved to maintain the register as before. Where any value is insured at a higher value this will be noted. *Item closed.*

14. **Agreeing the AGAR**

It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Signed by Cllr Smith and the Clerk ready to submit to PKF Littlejohn, external auditors. *Item closed.*

15. **To consider allowing a weekly circuits class on the Pavilion Outfield**

It was resolved to allow use of the outfield with no charge for 6 months as there are predominantly villagers involved. To be reviewed at the end of 6 months. *Item closed.*

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

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

The permissive path agreement has been signed by all parties and work has commenced on the project. Updates and an estimated completion date to follow. The path and area are a worksite up and until notification of completion, and should not be accessed except by contractors. *Carried forward.*

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

Legal services are obtaining a sealing date for the order. Date of installation being obtained to match the date the speed limit order comes into effect. Cllr Langhorn will continue to pursue completion of this project. *Carried forward.*

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

Kineton PC purchased their own mobile speed indicator device in 2018 for £3,025.00 from West Co Tec (WCC approved). They found it works well as a deterrent but also gathers useful info on speed and traffic volume which they have used when responding to planning applications. There is still no progress with WCC and no date as to when they can make progress. Cllr Langhorn will make enquiries regarding purchasing our own unit, and will seek advice from Kineton PC re: difficulties, practicalities etc. Greg Hickman is leading a potential new speed watch group (using LPC's speed gun, jackets etc). He needs 2 more volunteers to make it viable. *Carried forward.*

d) **Street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3rd June**

Events all organised with volunteers. Commemorative Programme available to buy for £1 which doubles as a raffle ticket to win a hamper. Posters advertising going up next week. Any profits or donations will be donated to UNHCR. *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**

WCC say that the locations of the signs has been confirmed and drawings completed. We hope for installation before our next meeting. *Carried forward.*

g) **To consider improving and increasing the parking capacity at the pavilion**

Awaiting quotes. *Carried forward.*

h) **To consider how LPC can help refugees**

LPC has suggested to WCAVA and WCC that a meeting where residents can ask questions about hosting refugees, and where host families and guests can attend to relate their experiences, might encourage more host families. It was resolved that LPC would help in whatever way we could. *Carried forward.*

17. Planning

- a) Applications for comment since last meeting
 - i. 22/01163/FUL Land off MM Lane Additional vehicle entrance
Comments to be submitted.
- b) Decisions to note since last meeting
 - i. 22/00871/TREE Yew Tree Cottage Granted
 - ii. 22/00771/TPO Pratts Farm Granted
- c) Enforcement
None

18. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

a) Playground

New litter bin has been installed, thanks to Cllr Langhorn, Cllr Mills and Jim Newberry.

b) Police/Councillor Quarterly meeting

Cllr Smith attended and reports the following:

i. How & when to contact the police control room and Safer Neighbourhoods Team

The Safer Neighbourhoods Team used to have WhatsApp & Facebook access, but no more on their official phones. For emergencies use 999, for non-emergencies use 101. An alternative is to go to the Warwickshire Police web site and use the Report facility there.

ii. Receiving crime alerts

A new system called Warwickshire Connected has replaced the Community Messaging Service. Residents are encouraged to sign up at warwickshireconnected.com

iii. 20mph speed limits

The Police position is that they will support 20mph speed limits where it might make a difference to motorist behaviour. However, Cllr Mills reports that the WCC review of this is likely to recommend against implementation. Cllr Smith has asked him for details.

Speedwatch was promoted again. PC Liam Allen is aware Greg Hickman is attempting to set up a Speedwatch group in Lighthorne. The Police will calibrate our speed gun without charge. We are told that first and second reporting of registration numbers the owner will receive a Police letter. On third reporting they will receive a Police visit.

iv. Faraday Pouches

Vehicle crime is on the increase with thieves using sophisticated scanning devices that can trigger a response from your car keys to obtain the locking details. For cars with keyless driving this is a real exposure. A Faraday Pouch can offer protection. These can be purchased online.

c) Gaydon Community Forum

Cllr Smith attended. Cllrs Harris & Kettle questioned the WCC representative thoroughly on the issue of delays to contracts for HS2 work, particularly in regard to work affecting the Fosse Way. Frequent updates have been promised by WCC.

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

Clerk to apply for a Count Councillor grant for a basketball hoop for the pavilion.

20. Financial Administration

a) Lighthorne cash book balances as 11 th May 2022	
i. Current account	£22,182.57
ii. Allocated reserves account	£21,499.30
Total	£43,681.87
b) Income since last meeting	
i. May rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
ii. Precept	£7,065.00
iii. Seven Trent grant	£7,026.00
c) Expenditure since last meeting	
i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £14.02	£420.60
ii. Yu Energy	£124.89
iii. Yu Energy	£15.04
iv. Npower	£232.61
v. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 10/11 April 2022	£390.50
vi. Nick Jenvey grass Cutting 25/26 April 2022	£390.50
vii. Jubilee expense balance	£376.13
viii. Safe path signs	£22.37
ix. TempleDerry Properties – safe path	£2,608.65
d) Agreeing accounts for payment	
None.	

21. Correspondence

None.

22. Other reports and items for future agendas

None

23. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:20pm