

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 9th August 2022 At 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Langhorn (Vice Chair), Cllr Knapton, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Stanford, Cllr Driver & Cllr Chris Mills (SDC & WCC)

1. **Apologies**

Laura Newberry, Clerk. Minutes taken by Cllr Smith.

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

Cllr Middleton and 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 July**

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **Telegraph pole outside The Old Rectory, Church Lane**

In addition to the parish council, seven residents have objected. Awaiting a response from Openreach. *Carried forward.*

6. **To consider placing signs in Church Lane to encourage considerate parking**

Cllr Langhorn reports that incidences of inconsiderate parking have ceased, and that no further action is required at this time. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider purchasing and installing a heavy duty socketed basketball unit with the successful WCC grant**

Feedback from members of the tennis club indicate opposition to using one end of the tennis court as a playing surface for basketball. A tennis club member constructively suggested a '3x3' basketball court in another location. Cllr Middleton agreed to make a site visit to consider an alternative location for this. In the mean time, the grant funds will not be committed to purchasing basketball equipment unless and until a suitable location has been identified. The cost of creating the '3x3' basketball surface will need to be researched. *Carried forward.*

8. **To consider the report on sports field drainage from Farm Services**

Farm Services were asked to locate and clear the outlet from the sports field drainage system that they installed in May 1995. Extensive cattle damage was discovered, possibly exacerbated by an attempted modification to the outlet by persons unknown. Rectification is likely to cost in excess of £4,000. It is felt that this would be an unwise investment while cattle still roam free. Cllr Smith will enquire as to any alternative treatments. *Carried forward.*

9. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

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

The official opening was attended by some 40 residents and our MP. It went very smoothly. Thanks to all involved. *Item closed.*

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

The latest communication from WCC indicates that this should be completed by the end of September 2022. Cllr Langhorn continues to pursue completion. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Langhorn detailed the Vehicle Activated Sign equipment proposed, which was agreed. Cllr Smith had already proposed a sum of £5,200 be placed in allocated reserves to cover this. The actual amount is less, and will be reflected in allocated reserves from next month unless the purchase has already been completed. *Carried forward.*

(d) **David Wilson Homes**

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to approach David Wilson homes to see if the VAS proposed in 9(c) above is a suitable item for them to support financially. *Carried forward.*

(e) **Deer signs**

WCC's communications on this have become increasingly impenetrable. Cllr Smith will continue to pursue. *Carried forward.*

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

Quotes still being sought. Significant grant funding will be required if this work is to be afforded. Cllr Smith is exploring grant opportunities. *Carried forward.*

(g) **To consider a footpath from Post Office lane to the village hall**

Cllr Mills continues to seek clarification of the final position of WCC on this issue. *Carried forward.*

(h) **To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH**

Nine parish councils have now signed up to a Statement of Objectives for Primary Healthcare at Upper Lighthorne (available on the Meetings page of the LPC web site). These nine parishes have support from District and County councillors, and from our MP. On behalf of the nine parishes Cllr Smith is lobbying those responsible for deciding on primary healthcare provision, seeking an urgent meeting so as to better understand how and when their decisions will be reached. *Carried forward.*

(i) **To consider requesting that either WCC or the private land owner cut back the hedgerow along Chesterton Road**

This is now with the Forestry department of WCC. Other tree works on public land have been identified including a tree opposite The Antelope, and vegetation on Church Lane near the junction with the Church end of The Bank. Cllr Smith will ask WCC to take all these works into consideration. *Carried forward.*

(j) **To consider employing a gardener to cut back the bushes at The Broadwell**

Under Cllr Langhorn's supervision this work has now been carried out at a cost of £150, which given the neatness of the result seems very reasonable. *Item closed.*

10. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

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| i. | 22/01787/TREE | Wishing Well House | Remove apple tree |
| ii. | 22/02264/FUL | 12 Verney Close | Single storey rear extension |

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

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| i. | 22/01795/TREE | Barn Cottage | Granted |
| ii. | 22/01799/TREE | Barn Cottage | Granted |
| iii. | 22/01754/TREE | Woodbank Cottage | Granted |
| iv. | 22/01740/TREE | Woodbank Cottage | Granted |

(c) Enforcement

None

11. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

- (a) **Playground** – Cllr Langhorn has undertaken trimming of vegetation and other tidying up measures. Our thanks to Cllr Langhorn for this work.

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

13. Financial Administration

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 9th August 2022

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| i. | Current account | £17,372.95 |
| ii. | Allocated reserves account | £11,502.39 |
| iii. | Total | £28,875.34 |

(b) Income since last meeting

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| i. | July rent from Pavilion Café | £690.00 |
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(c) Expenditure since last meeting

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| i. | Clerks wages 30 hours @ £14.02 | £420.60 |
| ii. | Yu Energy | £95.22 |
| iii. | Yu Energy | £14.35 |
| iv. | Water Plus | £36.11 |
| v. | Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 29 th & 30 th July | £470.50 |
| vi. | Andy Smith – annual web hosting charges | £74.33 |
| vii. | Laura Newberry – printing costs | £34.06 |
| viii. | Wright Hassall – safe path land owner’s legal fees | £900.00 |
| ix. | PKF Littlejohn – external audit | £240.00 |
| x. | Pavilion Café – Safe path opening refreshments | £160.00 |

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

None

14. Correspondence

A resident wrote to LPC expression concerns over the state of the verge enabling pedestrians to walk along the B4100 from the Redlands Estate to the turning for Lighthorne. Cllr Knapton reported that the section from Redlands to the industrial site has been maintained by residents of Redlands. Cllr Knapton undertook to examine the remainder of the verge and report to WCC. *Carried forward.*

15. Other reports and items for future agendas

None.

16. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:45pm