

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall - On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 At 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Langhorn (Vice Chair), Cllr Knapton, Cllr Stanford, Cllr Driver & Cllr Chris Mills (SDC & WCC). One member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Middleton (holiday). Laura Newberry, Clerk (unwell). Minutes taken by Cllr Smith.

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

Cllrs Smith & Driver both declared a potential interest in Item 7, due to their connections with the Lighthorne Drama Group who are planning their Christmas production to be performed under the tent erected in the car park of The Antelope.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from August**

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **To consider a donation to the Village Hall for annual use, and for new chairs**

It was resolved to make a donation of £1,000 to the Village Hall, and to arrange the purchasing of new chairs. *Item closed.*

6. **To consider additional signage and powers available to LPC to tackle dog fouling**

Further signs have been obtained from the SDC Dog Warden and advice on securing prosecution taken. Cllr Smith has deployed further signs at the sports field, Cllr Langhorn will deploy signs in the village, and Cllr Knapton will deploy signs at Redlands Park. This topic will feature in the LPC update in the next parish magazine. If instances of dog fouling continue LPC will consider other measures including, but not limited to, the banning of all dogs on the safe path and at the sports field. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider the issue of parking on Bishops Hill**

A complaint has been received concerning parking on Bishops Hill, and suggesting that the tent used for outside functions at The Antelope should be removed from the lower car park. Cllr Smith reported that he has spoken with the publican. At that time the tent was elsewhere, and the lower pub car park was full of vehicles. Nevertheless there were a significant number of vehicles parked on Bishops Hill. Cllr Smith noted that there are regularly vehicles parked on Bishops Hill overnight, which cannot be associated with The Antelope. Whilst it is self evident that vehicles parked in the lower car park are not taking up on road parking, the permanent removal of the tent would not solve Lighthorne's parking issues. The publican reports that the tent makes a significant positive impact on trade. The parish council has no powers to instruct the removal of the tent.

The complainant also highlights safety issues arising from impeded visibility when leaving The Antelope, and problems exiting from Mountfield Rise. Councillors also noted problems exiting from the lower end of the Village Hall car park. Cllr Smith consulted with the Police on this issue, and asked about the use of yellow lines to discourage parking on those stretches of Bishops Hill that are the cause of the safety issues. The Police would not support the use of yellow lines because of the problems enforcing them. The Police further advise that there are no restrictions on Bishops Hill, but that parking in such a way as to impede access to another road contravenes the Highway Code.

It was suggested that the deployment of white lines complemented by additional signage might modify driver behaviour to prevent the obstruction of views and impediment of access to Mountfield Rise, without implying Police enforcement. Cllr Smith will explore this option further. *Carried forward.*

**8. To consider allowing Clubbie Coaching to use the sports field for 1-2-1 & 2-2-1 training**

Councillors would very much like to meet a representative from Clubbie Coaching and hear about their offering first hand. Cllr Smith will invite them to the October meeting. *Carried forward.*

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

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

The 30mph speed limit with gateway furniture have been moved correctly. WCC have been thanked. Cllr Langhorn will request further 30mph repeaters to reinforce the new extent of the 30mph speed limit when leaving the village on the C96 Wellesbourne Road. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Langhorn has acquired and installed the Vehicle Activated Sign, which now detects and warns those in excess of 28mph entering the village along the Chesterton Road. The sign may be relocated at times to seek to modify driver behaviour in other village locations. Data from the sign will be analysed and shared with the Speed Watch Team. *Item closed.*

**(c) David Wilson Homes**

Contrary to what was reported at the last meeting, David Wilson Homes are now expressing an interest in sponsoring the creation of a hard surface for basketball. The Clerk is seeking a meeting with developer representatives on site to discuss this in more detail. *Carried forward.*

**(d) Deer signs**

WCC's last communication promises installation at Lighthorne Rough by the end of September. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Smith presented costings for various elements of clearing the wooded area behind the Pavilion, levelling the ground, and preparing a surface suitable for parking. Consideration of a basketball surface continues in parallel. Grant funding is unlikely to be forthcoming for extra parking, but may be forthcoming for the sporting aspects that extra parking will enable. A parish council expense of several thousand pounds is anticipated. There is £8,000 set aside in allocated reserves, but this notwithstanding the village will be consulted via a survey before any commitment to such spending is made. Cllr Smith to draft a survey for letterbox delivery within the village. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Mills unfortunately had to leave before we reached this point in the agenda. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Smith has a conference call scheduled for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September with the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) and Sir Jeremy Wright MP. Cllr Smith will be representing the nine parish councils that have signed up to a Statement of Objectives for Primary Healthcare at Upper Lighthorne. Directly following this Cllr Smith will attend the Upper Lighthorne Support Partnership meeting in Lighthorne Heath, where the responses of the ICB will be considered. Cllr Smith has spoken with representatives of Fenny Compton, Bishops Itchington, and Combroke parish councils. If they decide to support the statement of objectives then collectively some 20,000 residents will be represented. *Carried forward.*

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

This has now been completed. Cllr Smith has thanked the Forestry department of WCC for this work. *Item closed.*

**(i) Telegraph pole outside The Old Rectory, Church Lane**

Cllr Langhorn reports no further contact from Openreach. *Carried forward.*

**(j) To consider purchasing and installing a heavy duty socketed basketball unit with the successful WCC grant**

Grant funds of £940 have been received. They can only be used for this purpose. This will happen as and when a basketball surface is installed, which is closely tied to the parking provision in item 9(e). If a basketball surface does not come to fruition then the grant funds will be returned. *Item closed.*

**(k) To consider the report on sports field drainage from Farm Services**

If we proceed with this work it will only be after the area is secured from further cattle damage, which is currently outside of LPC control. The work is to enable league football on the sports field. The league football coach will make regular inspections of the sports field over this winter to assess the need. The cost will be mitigated by the rental charge for league football. Grant funding continues to be explored. *Carried forward.*

**(l) The verge from Redlands to Lighthorne along the B4100**

Cllr Knapton reports that WCC Highways will investigate during October. *Carried forward.*

## 10. Planning

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

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|------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| i.   | 22/01476/FUL  | Chesterton Est Yard   | Extending Farm Services |
| ii.  | 22/02520/TREE | 4 Old School Lane     | Fell various trees      |
| iii. | SCOPE/00037   | Land south of M40 J12 | Industrial development  |

Cllr Langhorn reported that the scoping documents suggests extensive industrial development inappropriate for the proximity to Gaydon. Lighthorne PC are a statutory consultee. Cllr Langhorn will contact Gaydon PC to offer our support.

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

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|------|---------------|------------------------|---------|
| i.   | 22/00607/FUL  | Jobes Barn, Glebe Farm | Granted |
| ii.  | 22/01266/LDP  | The Old Post Office    | Granted |
| iii. | 22/01787/TREE | Wishing Well House     | Granted |
| iv.  | 22/02195/AMD  | Land off MM Lane       | Granted |
| v.   | 22/02264/FUL  | 12 Verney Close        | Granted |

**(c) Enforcement**

None

## 11. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

- (a) Playground** – Cllr Langhorn reports occasional instances of the gate being left open, and litter being left ironically close to the nearly empty litter bin.

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

This item was moved up the agenda at the discretion of the Chairman to allow Cllr Mills to leave early to attend another parish council meeting.

### 13. Financial Administration

#### (a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

i. Current account	£7,537.07
ii. Allocated reserves account	£27,643.26
iii. Total	£35,180.33

#### (b) Income since last meeting

i. September rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
ii. WCC County Fund – basketball	£940.00
iii. Precept	£7,065.00

#### (c) Expenditure since last meeting

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £14.02	£420.60
ii. Yu Energy	£95.62
iii. Yu Energy	£14.92
iv. Water Plus	£39.61
v. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> July	£470.50
vi. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 19 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	£470.50
vii. Farm Services – investigate sports field drainage	£540.00
viii. Cut & Collect Garden Services – Broadwell laurel hedge	£150.00
ix. Andy Smith – Extra padlock for Pavilion gate	£15.15
x. Reflex Medical – Defibrillator pads	£62.34

#### (d) Agreeing accounts for payment

None

### 14. Correspondence

Complaint from a resident dealt with under Item 7 of the agenda.

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

None.

16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSES at 8:55pm**