

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 8th November 2022 At 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Middleton.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

Cllr Langhorn declared an interest in planning applications 22/03092/TREE & 22/03093/TREE.

3. Acceptance of minutes from October

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. Public Participation

- (a) A resident raised concerns regarding future HGV movements once the Land off The Old Gated Road begins building work. Tony Horton had been asked about this and confirmed that all vehicle movements to and from the GLH site at The Old Gated Road were routed to and from J12 off the M40 and along the B4100 and nowhere else – should HGVs breach this condition then we should provide evidence (Reg plate, vehicle description times etc) to SDC enforcement. As a pre-emptive measure Cllr Smith will speak to Homes England and ask for signage to make it clear that there should be no traffic through Lighthorne. *Carried forward.*
- (b) Residents attended to express their concern at the proposed removal of trees from behind the Pavilion to make space for additional parking and a basketball square. The background of the planting of the trees was explained – A community project in 2004 sought funding for a project to clear the derelict area behind the Pavilion and plant trees etc to improve the environment. A grant of £1,850 was obtained together with £650 from LPC. Approx. 1000 slips, trees and bushes were planted by some 40-50 volunteers – approx. 450 man hours between them – (preparing the site, planting on the day and spreading chipping). The back ground to the current project to improve parking and facilities at the Pavilion was explained, primarily to enable fuller use of the Pavilion field for children's activities such as children's football etc. The plan is to enable parking for those additional activities and NOT to expand customer parking for the café. The alternative possible locations for parking were explained, but they present far greater costs and difficulties (e.g. digging out the embankment which runs parallel to the main road). It was explained that a grant has been awarded for a basketball unit, but we will have to return the money if no location for the unit could be agreed. It was agreed that this information about the 2004 project would be advertised via facebook, website and notice boards, plus the December edition of the Parish magazine. An end date to the questionnaire will be 10th January 2023. If anyone has changed their view on their responses they can notify the clerk. LPC will balance the views of the village when judging how best to provide facilities at the pavilion for extended use (football, basketball, generally) going forward whilst taking into account past projects. *Carried forward as part of 8.d.*

5. **To consider a new LPC representative to attend the Gaydon Community Forum meetings**
No volunteers. *Item Closed.*
6. **Water on Bishops Hill**
WCC have agreed to empty the gullies and flush them. Road has been marked accordingly. *Carried forward.*
7. **Public consultation event regarding land south of junction 12 of the M40 – 15th November 2 to 8pm at Gaydon Village Hall**
Cllr Langhorn has exchanged emails with the Chair of Gaydon PC and will attend. We continue to offer our full support to Gaydon PC. *Carried forward.*
8. **Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings**
- (a) **Extending the 30mph speed limit beyond Oberry Fields**
WCC have agreed to install an additional repeater sign and paint an additional 30mph roundel. *Carried forward.*
- (b) **David Wilson & Barrett Homes – donated provision of basketball surface**
Awaiting a response following on from Cllr Smith's meeting with their representative. *Carried forward.*
- (c) **Deer signs**
WCC have still not progressed this matter. Cllr Smith will continue to pursue the completion of this project, perhaps by requesting a site visit. *Carried forward.*
- (d) **To consider improving and increasing the parking capacity at the pavilion**
The survey has been hand delivered to the Parish and approx. 70 replies have been received so far. Deadline for surveys will be Tuesday 10th January 2023. LPC will apply for planning permission for the project to run in tandem with the questionnaire to gauge if it is feasible. *Carried forward.*
- (e) **To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH**
This a proving to be a complex issue to resolve. Cllr Smith continues his liaison with the other affected parishes to put together combined responses. An online questionnaire is being prepared for public consultation. *Carried forward.*
- (f) **Telegraph Pole outside The Old Rectory, Church Lane**
The pole has been removed. Thanks to Cllr Langhorn for his work in achieving this. *Item closed.*
- (g) **Basketball Unit**
Linked to item 8.d. depends on a location being agreed etc. Will be discussed as part of other items going forward. *Item closed.*
- (h) **The verge from Redlands to Lighthorne along the B4100**
Cllr Knapton is in correspondence with WCC. Clearance of bushes etc should take place at the end of the month. Cllr Knapton will then pursue outstanding matters (crash barrier etc). *Carried forward.*
- (i) **To consider the issue of parking on Bishops Hill**
WCC have agreed to some white markings on the road to prevent dangerous parking, these works will be in tandem with the 30mph repeaters etc. *Carried Forward.*
- (j) **Footpath outside Church Cottages**
WCC have agreed to resurface the pavement. *Carried forward.*

9. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

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| i. | 22/03057/TREE | Bishops Farm | Reduce an Ash |
| ii. | 22/03092/TREE | Church Hill House | Reduce various trees |
| iii. | 22/03093/TREE | Church Hill House | Reduce various trees |
| iv. | 22/03009/TREE | Stoncroft | Reduce various trees |
| v. | 22/01385/VARY | Land adjacent to Old Gated Road | Noise Bund |
- LPC are objecting to this application – Cllr Smith attending planning committee meeting 9th November 2022. Our objections have been sent to committee members in advance – we require testing obligations to protect prospective home owners.

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| vi. | 22/03029/FUL | 1 Pipers Bath | Replacement dwelling and garage |
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(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

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| i. | 22/02849/TREE | The Old Post Office | Granted |
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(c) Enforcement

None

10. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

- (a) Playground – Nothing new to report.

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

12. Financial Administration

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 3rd November 2022

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| i. | Current account | £4,843.03 |
| ii. | Allocated reserves account | £22,444.14 |
| iii. | Total | £27,287.17 |

(b) Income since last meeting

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| i. | October 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 | £99.72 |
| iii. | Yu Energy | £14.32 |
| iv. | Water Plus | £156.04 |
| v. | Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 12 & 13 October | £470.50 |
| vi. | Andy Smith – survey printing | £36.00 |
| vii. | Mike Langhorn – Keep Off grass signs | £38.39 |

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

None

13. Correspondence

14. Other reports and items for future agendas

Cllr longhorn attended the Police Community Liaison evening. PCSO Liam and PC Catherine Morgan reported. Following on from a retirement in Southam there are policing shortages and our PCSOs / PCs will be stretched until a replacement is recruited.

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:40pm