

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 13th December 2022 At 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

LPC would like to express our condolences to the family of Lady Felicity Butler on her sad passing – A very great Lady, active and committed member of our community and friend to many – she will be sadly missed.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Knapton.

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

Cllr Driver declared an interest in item 6 as his wife is chair of the Allotment Association.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from November**

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

- A resident raised concerns regarding a blocked drain at the top of Post Office Lane (outside Rosemary Cottage) – Cllr Langhorn will ask WCC to add to their list for the village (see item 7.k.). *Carried forward.*

- A resident raised concerns regarding a large pothole at the top of Post Office Lane (outside Stoney Bottom) – he was directed to the reporting page on LPC website and asked to self report. If there is no satisfactory response to notify LPC. *Item closed.*

- A resident updated LPC regarding the original planting of trees behind the Pavilion – in addition to funds already notified the LPC had also contributed an additional £1,166. The paperwork from the original scheme also suggested that there might be some sort of covenant in place regarding the area – the Clerk to investigate with the Land Registry (added to item 7d). *Carried forward.*

- A resident raised concerns regarding BT Openreach ‘insisting’ on a change over to digital lines, shutting down the analogue lines. Given the lack of mobile signal in the village, it is of concern that in the event of an outage, there would be no independent means of contacting the emergency services etc. The resident was urged to seek local opinion and start a community group. LPC could lend support to any correspondence to BT Openreach. The resident was encouraged to contact our MP, Sir Jeremy Wright. *Item closed.*

5. **To consider the new NALC rates for clerks**

It was resolved to adopt the NALC rates for 2022/2023 and back date the payment as recommended by WALC. Back payment will be dealt with as a one off payment of £360 for the 12 month period. *Item Closed.*

6. **To consider allowing a poly-tunnel on one allotment plot**

The information isn't available at the moment and LPC are asked to add the matter to the January meeting. *Carried forward.*

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

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

WCC have agreed to paint the additional repeater signs etc, but no date yet. Cllr Langhorn will pursue the matter. *Carried forward.*

(b) **David Wilson & Barrett Homes**

Awaiting a funding decision – Clerk to chase. *Carried forward.*

(c) **Deer signs**

Deer signs are now in position. *Item closed.*

- (d) **To consider improving and increasing the parking capacity at the pavilion**
The planning application has been submitted – there are further requests for information from SDC before they will validate the application – A copy of the original planting map and details of trees planted to be sent to Ruth Rose and a site visit to be requested. Other validation matters requested are in hand. *Carried forward.*
- (e) **To consider LPC’s response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH**
Cllr Smith continues his liaison with the other affected parishes to put together combined responses. SDC have confirmed verbally that it is their responsibility to drive the process to achieve the best outcome for Upper Lighthorne and surrounding parishes. There is to be a meeting with the ICB in January in person at Elizabeth House, including Sir Jeremy Wright and all principal stakeholders. The agenda is agreed, as are the meeting objectives of the 21 parishes. *Carried forward.*
- (f) **The verge from Redlands to Lighthorne along the B4100**
Still outstanding – Cllr Mills will chase. *Carried forward.*
- (g) **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. Cllr Langhorn will continue to pursue a completion date. The problem of cars parking on the pavement has returned – the cones and no parking signs to be returned to the pavement. As a longer term solution, Cllr Middleton is looking into having small/short bollards positioned at intervals along the pavement to prevent any future parking on the pavements, without being visually obtrusive. *Carried Forward.*
- (h) **Footpath outside Church Cottages**
WCC have resurfaced the pavement. *Item closed.*
- (i) **Public consultation event regarding land south of junction 12 of the M40**
Gaydon PC have submitted their consultation. We are awaiting their request for support which will be forthcoming. *Item closed.*
- (j) **Signs to prevent HGV movement through the village from Homes England development**
The Homes England representative was asked that signs deterring works traffic be erected at the two junctions on the Fosse Way from which works traffic may be tempted to turn towards Lighthorne. Homes England have declined to do this but ask that we report any instances to them. If anyone spots any heavy vehicles passing through the village that might be destined for the Homes England site please try to record the vehicle registration number, date and time, and send this information to the Clerk. Photographic evidence would be a bonus. *Item closed.*
- (k) **Water on Bishops Hill**
The jetting of the drains had been placed on WCC Highways ‘list’. The recent cold weather and freezing of the water has resulted in our priority being elevated. An emergency gritter attended to de-ice the area. Residents are reminded that there is grit in a grit bin beneath the wall of The Antelope Inn opposite Post Office lane – this can be accessed by residents as required. *Carried forward.*

8. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

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| i. | 22/03361/FUL | JLR | Solar Farm | LPC ready to support Gaydon PC |
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(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

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| i. | 22/030009/TREE | Stonecroft, Post Office Lane | Granted |
| ii. | 22/03057/TREE | Bishops Farm, Old School Lane | Granted |
| iii. | 22/01476/FUL | Farm Services Ltd | Granted |
| iv. | 22/03092/TREE | Church Hill Farm | Granted |
| v. | 22/03093/TREE | Church Hill Farm | Granted |

(c) Enforcement

None

9. **Parish Council Reports** – To receive reports on:

- (a) Playground – Annual inspection has been booked – likely to be in early January.

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

11. **Financial Administration**

(a) **Lighthorne cash book balances at 8th December 2022**

i. Current account	£9,558.84
ii. Allocated reserves account	£22,446.53
Total	£32,005.37

(b) **Income since last meeting**

i. December rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
ii. CIL from Moreton Morrell Lane	£3,361.18
iii. Lloyds Compensation	£30.00
iv. VAT reclaim	£1,799.06

(c) **Expenditure since last meeting**

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £14.02	£420.60
ii. Yu Energy (Nov)	£110.14
iii. Yu Energy (Nov)	£14.84
iv. Yu Energy (Dec)	£122.80
v. Yu Energy (Dec)	£14.67
vi. Water Plus	£46.18
vii. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 31 Oct & 1 Nov	£470.50
viii. Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 24 & 25 Nov	£470.50
ix. Andy Smith – planning application (parking)	£149.20
x. Information Commissioners Office	£35.00

(d) **Agreeing accounts for payment**

It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for securing the entrance to the Pavilion to guard against traveller incursions. Cllr Smith is looking into bollards (raisable and lockable) to go just behind the gate. The Clerk to make enquiries of Gaydon PC regarding their reinforced gate, which appears to have deterred future incursions. This is seen as a priority as were there to be a traveller incursion the impact would be devastating for the village and Pavilion. The Clerk is also to look into whether the emergency services have our access code for the gate at the Pavilion.

Carried forward.

12. **Correspondence**

None.

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

- The ongoing presence of 2 camper vans parked at The Pavilion was raised. This was noted due to three cars having to park on the grass one busy weekend, causing damage to the grass. It is felt that the camper vans are causing parking issues, which are in turn causing, on occasion, damage to the pavilion outfield. A polite word to be had with the owners of the vehicles.
- The January agenda is to have a prospective ‘wish list’ from councillors as to schemes/projects going forward which might have funds allocated to them in next year’s budget. The precept request date to be obtained for the January meeting, so that the Precept can be set together with allocation of reserves going forward.

14. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:53pm