

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall - On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 At 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Langhorn, Cllr Driver, Cllr Middleton & Cllr Knapton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Chris Mills (SDC & WCC).

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

Cllr Driver declared an interest in item 8h. As his wife is chair of the Allotment Association.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from December**

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

A resident attended – information for the Parish Council, no action required.

5. **To consider who will be standing in the May 2023 Parish Council Elections**

Cllr Smith will not be standing. Cllrs Langhorn, Middleton, Knapton & Driver confirmed that they would be standing. No volunteer for Chair or Vice Chair at present. The Clerk to take advice on how to proceed if there is no Chair. *Item Closed.*

6. **To consider improving security measures at the pavilion**

Cllr Smith has obtained a quote for bollards to secure the gate when closed and a height restrictor to secure the area when the gate is open. The quote was deemed to represent good value and it was agreed that both these items should be ordered. The potential impact of a traveller incursion at the Pavilion more than justified the expenditure. *Carried forward.*

7. **To set the precept for 2023/2024 and consider projects for 2023/2024**

Anticipated expenditure from current and new projects was considered. A second VAS and wooden bollards on the pavement down Bishops Hill added to the list of worth while projects. The precept is currently £14,500 and has not been increased since 2019. In light of the proposed projects, it was agreed at £16,000. *Item closed.*

8. **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 continue to pursue the matter. *Carried forward.*

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

Awaiting the outcome of planning application and whether or not to pursue the basketball court in isolation. Locations for the basketball Court in isolation to be discussed with Cricketers and Tennis Club. *Carried forward.*

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

Planning application withdrawn pending further enquiries and expert reports/advice. It was agreed to obtain a tree survey and resubmit the application. *Carried forward.*

(d) **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. Meeting with the ICB scheduled for 20th January, Sir Jeremy Wright to attend. *Carried forward.*

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

Still outstanding – Cllr Knapton reports that WCC have indicated that the works will be done before the nesting season. *Carried forward.*

**(f) 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. Cllr Middleton has looked into having small/short wooden bollards positioned at intervals along the pavement to prevent any future parking on the pavements, without being visually obtrusive. Quoted amount for wooden posts/bollards added to reserves list. Enquiries to be made as to what permissions are required for any such project. The curb is to be restored along School Lane at the junction with the main road – funds from Cllr Mills to complete the work – date to be notified. *Carried Forward.*

**(g) Water on Bishops Hill**

The drains have been ‘jetted’. *Item Closed.*

**(h) To consider a poly-tunnel on one allotment**

Nothing further has been received from the allotment association. Item closed and can re-open if renewed application is received. *Item Closed.*

**9. Planning**

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

i. 22/03567/22 Heath Farm House Single storey extension

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

i. 22/03486/22 LPC – Pavilion Café Car Park Extension Withdrawn

**(c) Enforcement**

None

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

**(a) Playground** – Annual inspection has been booked – likely to be in early January, but not been notified of its completion as yet. Anticipated issue with the roundabout.

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

**12. Financial Administration**

**(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| i. Current account             | £9,419.56  |
| ii. Allocated reserves account | £22,451.67 |
| Total                          | £31,871.23 |

**(b) Income since last meeting**

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| i. January 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. Clerks back dated pay                | £360.00 |
| iii. Xmas Tree – Lloyds                  | £25.00  |
| iv. Water Plus                           | £42.68  |
| v. Laura Newberry – Land Registry Search | £6.00   |

**(d) Agreeing accounts for payment**

**13. Correspondence**

- Clerks and Councils magazine advertising commemorative mugs for The King’s Coronation – to be considered at February meeting.
- An email from a resident regarding a planning project – for consideration at February meeting.

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

None

**15. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSES at 8:45pm**