

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall - On
Tuesday 14th February 2022 At 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Smith (Chair) & Cllr Langhorn.

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Driver, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Knapton and Cllr Chris Mills (SDC & WCC).
THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS NOT QUORATE AND NO DECISIONS COULD BE MADE.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from January**

The minutes of the January meeting to be considered at the March meeting.

4. **Public Participation**

A resident enquired about the housing at Moreton Morrell lane and restoration works upon completion. The developers have agreed to restore the grass verges, and restore the footpath as well as a thorough clean of the road.

5. **To consider a proposal regarding Southview, The Bank**

A resident attended and presented the plans for works at Southview house and a new cottage/garage block on their adjoining plot. Plans included reusing all dug out soil from the new build in the garden of Southview to avoid movement of soil off the site. *Item closed.*

6. **To consider engaging Trevor Gill to complete the internal audit and AGAR**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

7. **To consider a street party for The King's Coronation Sunday 7th May 2023 and purchasing commemorative mugs for the children of the village**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

8. **To consider replacing 2 windows at the pavilion**

The wooden frame windows and wooden side door are in need of replacing. To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

9. **To consider a date for The Annual Parish Council Meeting (between 10th and 25th May)**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

10. **To consider a date for The Annual Parish Assembly (March onwards but before Purdah)**

Dates which had been suggested pre local purdah on 19th March are Saturdays 4th or 11th March. So long as sufficient notice is given, this can be agreed outside of the meeting. *Item closed.*

11. **To consider organising a village litter picking day**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

12. **To consider nominations for Chair and Vice Chair in May**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

13. **To consider the clerk's salary for 2023/2024**

To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

14. 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 is continuing 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 will be discussed with Cricketers and Tennis Club if in proximity. *Carried forward.*

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

There have been delays caused by having to obtain title deeds and verify that there is no covenant preventing the intended works. Covenant does not prevent the planned works. A tree survey is required. Cllr Smith is meeting surveyor on site on 6th March. The application would be simplified in planning terms if the basketball area was not part of the scheme. Arrangements are in hand to discuss alternate possible locations. *Carried forward.*

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

SDC have appointed a project manager called Hannah Heath. There is a meeting of the Parishes on 17th February. The ICB have committed to select a GP partnership for the permanent health facility by July 2023. Cllr Smith continues to lobby for provision of a temporary facility, and has committed to continue with this project beyond the May elections. *Carried forward.*

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

Still outstanding – Cllr Knapton has previously reported 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 previously added to reserves list. WCC will require £500 fee to look into the works – can be off set against any project cost thereafter. 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) **To consider improving security measures at the pavilion**

The bollards to protect the gate and the height restrictor to protect the car park from high vehicles have been installed. *Item Closed.*

15. Planning

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

i.	23/00079/TREE	7 Church Hill Court	Remove cordyline australis
ii.	22/03361/FUL	JLR	Solar Array
iii.	23/00324/AGNOT	Bannisters Meadow Farm	Grainstore
iv.	23/00339/COUQ	Glebe Farm	Agricultural building into dwellings

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

i.	22/03029	1 Pipers Bath	Granted
ii.	22/03567/FUL	Heath Farm	Granted
iii.	23/00079/TREE	7 Church Hill Court	Granted

(c) **Enforcement**

None

16. Parish Council Reports - To receive reports on:

- (a) **Playground** – Annual inspection has been completed – no issues identified as dangerous or requiring immediate action.

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

18. Financial Administration

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| (a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 9 th February 2023 | |
| i. Current account | £5,565.41 |
| ii. Allocated reserves account | £22,461.27 |
| Total | £28,026.68 |
| (b) Income since last meeting | |
| i. February rent from Pavilion Café | £690.00 |
| (c) Expenditure since last meeting | |
| i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £14.02 | £420.60 |
| ii. Water Plus | £46.18 |
| iii. Yu Energy (Jan) | £139.91 |
| iv. Yu Energy (Jan) | £15.40 |
| v. Yu Energy (Feb) | £135.31 |
| vi. Yu Energy (Feb) | £15.35 |
| vii. Laura Newberry – Key Safe | £78.70 |
| viii. Taurus Fencing Ltd – Bollards & Height restrictor | £1,830.35 |
| ix. Laura Newberry – Land Reg search | £7.00 |
| x. Taurus Fencing Ltd – Bollards & height restrictor | £1830.35 |
| (d) Agreeing accounts for payment. | |

19. Correspondence

- (a) A letter was received from the Chair of Redlands Park Residents' Association. They are restoring a building they have been allowed to use to provide a warm hub, kitchen and shop. They have undergone fundraising and a great deal of works themselves. A grant of £500 would assist in buying essentials and allowing them to complete the project. Whilst a decision could not be made, Cllrs present indicated support for the proposal. To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*
- (b) An email was received from the Allotment Association. Request for Steve Brooks to trim hedges at the bottom and right hand side of the allotments when the pavilion outfield hedges are cut, LAA willing to cover the cost. Posts and mesh to prevent rabbits entering the allotments need replacing, LAA will obtain a quote. Concerns raised over a dead tree behind the pavilion which might fall on the allotments. To be considered at the March meeting. *Carried forward.*

20. Other reports and items for future agendas

- (a) The WCC contract for light maintenance has been renewed.
- (b) Tree cuttings from a resident cutting back a Parish Council bush on Parish Green have not been cleared. The resident who undertook the works (without permission) to be spoken to and asked to remove the remaining cuttings.

21. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:24pm