

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 11th April 2023 At 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

None.

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

Cllr Driver re: planning application for Whitegates.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from March**

The minutes were agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **To thank those Councillors not returning in May for their service**

Cllr Smith and Cllr Knapton were thanked for their hard work and service. Cllr Smith was thanked for his many years of service and exceptional dedication to the position of Chair.

6. **To consider a further £500 grant for Redlands Residents Association**

Unanimously agreed. *Item closed.*

7. **To agree the AGAR 2022/2023**

Unanimously agreed. *Item Closed.*

8. **To consider purchasing an LPC laptop**

Unanimously agreed with a budget of up to £400. *Item closed.*

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

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

WCC have completed all works. *Item closed.*

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

Enquiries being made whether the basketball court in isolation will require planning permission. Any application and works can then be completed. *Carried forward.*

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

A planning application has now been submitted for the parking area, awaiting validation. Full tree survey submitted with the application. (basketball court has been removed from the application as it will be built in isolation). Questions from the public were asked concerning the trees, the veracity of the survey conducted and the effectiveness of the subsequent publicity of the history of the trees, the need for a licence to discharge from the water treatment plant, the need for a change of use planning application, and the rent structure for The Pavilion. *Carried forward.*

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

A letter from the ICB shows them to be intransigent on the provision of a temporary health facility, with a permanent facility possibly over four years away. A meeting with SDC officers clarified that they share some of our concerns, although their conversations

with the ICB's Estates Manager give a hint of possible softening on this. The ICB previously committed to select a GP partnership for the permanent facility by July 2023. Cllr Smith will respond to the ICB letter shortly, and remains committed to this project for as long as the twenty three parishes wish him to continue, or until a temporary health facility is secured. *Carried forward.*

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

Clerk to contact Cllr Knapton re whether the works have been completed. *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 are outstanding. 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. WCC will require £500 fee to look into the works – can be off set against any project cost thereafter. It was agreed to instruct WCC to send out an engineer to check the feasibility of the works. *Carried Forward.*

(g) To consider a residents request for LPC to purchase private land for use as a village green

There is an outstanding list of actions – a group of residents are looking into a scheme with a view to presenting it to LPC for consideration. Conversation being had with Lady Butler's daughter regarding the family's position on their land. See note in correspondence re: large tree on the site. *Carried forward.*

(h) To agree the Pavilion Café rent structure for the next 5 years

This was agreed once members of the public had left the meeting, following the same basis as employed by our surveyor when the lease was drawn up. Questions answered to those residents present during the meeting. *Item closed.*

(i) To consider replacing 3 windows at the pavilion

It was agreed to replace the windows. Agreed that Warwick Glass & Glazing Ltd would be used. *Item closed.*

(j) To consider a date for The Annual Parish Council Meeting

The 9th May 2023 at 7:30pm was agreed. *Item closed.*

(k) Faulty Street Lamp in Church Lane

WCC have advised that a new column (old one cannot be reused) would cost £1,050. This is budgeted for. Cllr Langhorn trying to have cost reduced as WCC's works could have contributed to the fault. New column will be ordered. *Item closed.*

10. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

i.	23/00738/FUL	Southview	Scheme presented to LPC
ii.	23/00740/FUL	Land opposite Southview	Scheme presented to LPC
iii.	22/01648/OUT	Land Adj to Old Gated Road	Amendment
iv.	23/00878/TREE	Whitegates	Tree reductions

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

i.	22/03361/FUL	JLR	Solar Farm	Granted
ii.	22/02736/FUL	Jobes Barn	Retail	Granted

(c) **Enforcement**

None

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

(a) Playground – it is anticipated that the roundabout will need replacing in due course.

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

Thanks to Chris Mills for using his budget to fund the pavement and curb on School Lane. Thanks for his help as our District Councillor as he isn't standing as our area's Cllr this election.

13. Financial Administration

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 6th February 2023

i. Current account	£4,519.49
ii. Allocated reserves account	£22,483.31
Total	£27,002.80

(b) Income since last meeting

i. April rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
ii. Allotments Society annual rent	£160.00
iii. VAT reclaim	£764.11

(c) Expenditure since last meeting

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £16.50	£495.00
ii. Water Plus	£42.24
iii. Communicorp – Coronation mugs	£584.40
iv. Westcotec – VAS bracket	£71.40
v. Tree survey – Tree & woodland co	£540.00
vi. Stuart Nicholls – clean of sewage treatment plant (pending)	£336.00

Arising from item vi. LPC have had the unit emptied and will schedule a full service shortly. It will then be serviced regularly upon advice.

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

14. **Correspondence**

A resident had raised concern over whether the very large tree in the field opposite The Old Rectory was dying and therefore dangerous. This is private land outside of LPC's control. It is within the land residents are seeking to have turned into village green. Cllr Smith has suggested to residents that a safety assessment and any remedial cost implications will be required before LPC can consider taking on responsibility for the land.

15. Other reports and items for future agendas

16. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:40pm