

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 9th May 2023 At 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Langhorn, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Parry (SDC) & Cllr Mills (WCC).

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Driver.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from April**

The minutes were agreed.

4. **To elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Langhorn was proposed and seconded for chair and accepted the role. No one stood for Vice Chair. *Item closed.*

5. **Statement from the new chairman.**

Development of the Sports facilities and parking provision : Parish Council Statement
May 2023

The Parish Council has no intention in pursuing an initiative to develop sports and, consequently, parking facilities, at the village playing fields without sufficient community support. As a consequence and in light of objections from residents, the Parish Council intends later in this meeting to formally decide to withdraw its recent planning application.

The Parish Council has in good faith sought to find a response to the request from many residents seeking the development of sports, particularly children's football, at the playing field. In the course of developing the current planning application it was judged that increased parking provision would be required. A range of options for parking were examined and rejected as either impractical or that they would encroach on the use of the playing field for cricket and/or football, and or fall foul of planning considerations and the important opinion of Sports England.

At the time of developing a scheme and of conducting the survey the parish council was unaware of the historic community project to develop a woodland adjacent to the pavilion. The council did endeavour to address this oversight in the survey by soliciting further resident opinion via social media and the parish magazine. The LPC apologies should those efforts be judged inadequate to properly address the impact on the woodland.

As a consequence of withdrawing the planning application there will be issues outstanding that the community will need to consider. These include:

1. The provision of parking to enable the playing of children's football

2. Responsibility for and plans and resources for the management of the woodland
3. The potential loss of a sizeable grant from SDC to facilitate development of parking and sports facilities

The LPC welcomes community input and action to address these and other relevant matters.

1. Public Participation

None.

2. To review the code of conduct.

It was resolved to continue with the current code of conduct. *Item closed.*

3. To review the delegation arrangements.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements. *Item closed.*

4. To review the standing orders and financial regulations.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements. *Item closed.*

5. To review representation on external bodies.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements, save that Former Cllr Smith will represent LPC regarding the issue of primary health care of GLH. *Item closed.*

6. To confirm insurance arrangements.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements. *Item closed.*

7. To review annual subscriptions.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements. *Item closed.*

8. To set the meeting schedule for the year.

It was resolved to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. *Item closed.*

9. To review the asset register.

It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements. *Item closed.*

10. To facilitate a new 'kissing gate' at the end of Post Office lane at the entrance to the footpath.

A resident reported that the kissing gate had fallen into such a state of disrepair that there now was no gate at all. Enquiries were made into land ownership with no conclusive result. Cllr Langhorn will pursue this with WCC. *Carried forward.*

11. To consider agreeing to release the current tenant from his lease at the pavilion Café.

LPC has no desire to fetter the sale by the tenant and therefore in principle LPC will release the current tenant from his lease if a suitable tenant and an acceptable new lease are agreed. Terms of any new lease will be agreed by LPC, the current lease is a 'starting point' for discussions. *Carried forward.*

12. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

(a) David Wilson & Barrett Homes.

Enquiries were made whether the basketball court in isolation will require planning permission. Sports England have been consulted (who in turn consulted the ECB) on the

project and its proposed location (the north west corner of the outfield) – technical guidance notes were provided and no objection raised. Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 grants local authorities wide ranging powers to carry out operational developments like this. In light of the above the representative of the house builders are looking into contractors that might be able to support the project and will confirm once a plan has been established. It was confirmed that the location, which has been consulted upon, was reached after consulting the Tennis Club and Khalsa Cricket, it was established as the only viable location, out of a possible 4, which would not interfere with either cricket, tennis or football going forward. Sports England would strongly object to any parking on the outfield, so the site proposed could not be brought forward for parking. A resident asked for a masterplan and survey of the whole outfield to consider all projects at once. Another resident suggested that this was not realistic. There was discussion about how LPC had arrived at this location. The above consultation process was repeated, in addition local children’s football provider and drainage firm etc have been involved. A resident offered his services to attempt to make the children’s football a reality. *Carried forward.*

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

The planning application will be withdrawn. *Item closed.*

(c) To consider LPC’s response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH

Cllr Gosling (Chair, Kineton) & former Cllr Smith have met with Kineton Surgery partners and practice manager. We now know of two GP practices seeking to run a permanent health facility at Upper Lighthorne, both of which express a willingness to engage with the developers to explore options for a temporary facility. The ICB have yet to invite any practice to submit a proposal, which calls into question their commitment to the July date that they set themselves to make their GP selection. Lobbying will continue. *Carried forward.*

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

Former Cllr Knapton reports that WCC have the works in a list of jobs outstanding. *Item closed.*

(e) To consider the issue of parking on Bishops Hill

WCC have been commissioned to look into having small/short wooden bollards positioned at intervals along the pavement to prevent any future parking on the pavements, without being visually obtrusive - the £500 fee to look into the works can be off set against any project cost thereafter. We await WCC to send out an engineer to check the feasibility of the works. *Carried Forward.*

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

There is no update. Informal ongoing discussions between residents and the family. *Carried forward.*

13. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

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| i. 23/00896/FUL | Lighthorne Pavilion Café | Extend car park |
| ii. 23/01085/FUL | School Bank | Replace asbestos roof |
| iii. 23/01142/TREE | Low Wood | Reduce cherry tree |

iv. 23/01016/FUL	Farm Services	Change of use
v. 23/01220/TREE	Stoneybank	Remove ash tree
vi. 23/1237/TREE	Ashburn	Reduce/fell 5 trees

(a) Decisions to note since last meeting

i. 23/00467/VARY	1 Pipers Bath	granted
ii. 23/00738/FUL	Southview	granted
iii. 23/00878/TREE	Whitegates	granted

(b) Enforcement

None

2. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

(a) Playground – no update. Bench in playground is not dangerous.

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

4. Financial Administration

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 4th May 2023

i. Current account	£9,466.85
ii. Allocated reserves account	£22,497.54
Total	£31,964.39

(b) Income since last meeting

i. May rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
ii. April rent from Pavilion Café	£50.00

(c) Expenditure since last meeting

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £16.50	£495.00
ii. Water Plus	£42.24
iii. Yu Energy (April)	£130.15
iv. Yu Energy (April)	£15.22
v. Warwick Glass & Glazing deposit	£154.00
vi. WALC annual subscription	£249.00
vii. Grant for Redlands Residents Association	£500.00
viii. LPC Laptop	£329.00
ix. Nick Jenvey – Grass 5 th & 11 th April	£470.00
x. Nick Jenvey – Grass 19 th & 20 th April	£470.00
xi. WCC – investigation re pavement bollards	£500.00
xii. L Newberry – Coronation Food	£182.38

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

5. Correspondence.

None.

6. Other reports and items for future agendas

7. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:39pm

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