

Lighthorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held in Lighthorne Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th May 2017 at 8.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Archer (Chairman), A. Smith, L. Steele, District Cllr. C. Mills and County Cllr. C. Williams
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Reynolds.

2. Minutes of the previous assembly (2016)

The draft minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the CHAIRMAN.

3. Any matters arising from those minutes

The Clerk reported that there were no matters arising from those minutes.

4. Report from Cllr. A. Archer, Chairman

The Chairman reported that during the year we have had some changes to the parish council with the resignations of Paul Daniel and Martin Ryan. He thanked them for their support.

He welcomed Cllr. Andy Smith, who has contributed greatly. He also welcomed Cllr. Peter Reynolds who has joined more recently. He thanked Cllr. Steele for her huge contribution and also the Clerk.

The precept has not been increased this year.

The big clean up day for the Queen's birthday was a success.

Looking forward to the new proposals for the village hall. The new committee is very active and working well.

The telephone box will be used to house a defibrillator.

The play park is being refurbished thanks to Cllr. Steele and the toddler group.

With regards to planning we still carefully monitor and respond to planning applications but can only comment.

Website goes from strength to strength thanks to Cllr. Smith.

We have been working hard with JLR and AML on the traffic and we believe that it is reducing. I still attend the Liaison Meetings which are also attended by the Police.

Hoping to have the Broadwell sorted.

Western Power is due to trim some trees near the Sports Pavilion. Grass cutting seems good but the contractors are missing a few areas which I will discuss with them.

Congratulations to the owner of the Café and family for their hard work. Newsletter was produced thanks to Cllr. Steele. Cllrs. Smith and Steele thanked the Chairman for his hard work and dedication.

5. Report from District Cllr. C. Mills

District Cllr. Mills reported that there has been a lot of activity at the District Council but not many changes. Planning is still proving challenging. The number of applications has reduced mainly due to the Core Strategy. Housing figures will be announced in June. Core Strategy has been adopted but Cllr. Mills did not vote for it because of GLH.

6. Report from County Cllr. C. Williams

This was the 4th year of the council cycle. Last year we debated whether we should become part of the West Midlands Combined Authority. It was decided that we would join as a part time member. This allows more money to be secured. In February the Chief Executive retired. He has not been replaced but Mr. Carter and Ms. Fogarty will take over his responsibilities. Budget was approved in February.

7. Reports from Parish Organisations

There are no vacant plots on the allotment site.

8. Any matters raised by electors of the parish present.

No matters raised.

9. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.