

# Lighthorne Parish Council

## Residents survey on parking and facility provision at the sports field

Lighthorne Parish Council is evaluating a project to increase parking at the sports field and Pavilion Café. Presently there are occasions when the parking provision is inadequate, causing dangerous parking at the entrance on Chesterton Road and also, potentially, constraining participation at the sports field, at the allotments and business for the Pavilion Café.

We have been considering options to increase parking provision without compromising existing facilities. Our focus is now on an option to clear the trees behind The Pavilion to extend a parking surface similar to that of the existing car park. At the same time consideration is being given to a small basketball area with a single high quality net, to occupy an area close to the rear of the Pavilion. Nobody like to remove trees, but those in question are of low value. The two oaks to the side of The Pavilion will not be touched.

The works involved are not cheap, although we may secure external funding to offset some of this. Nevertheless, we feel the sums involved require public consultation, hence this survey. Please complete this survey and deposit in the letter box fixed to the Village Hall (not the Royal Mail box).

### 1. Parking extension

Planning consent will be required. Clearing trees, levelling the ground, and providing a parking surface is expected to cost around £9,000. Space for an additional 16 to 18 vehicles is anticipated. We do not expect to be able to attract external funding for this work. We currently have £8,000 set aside in allocated reserves for this purpose.

**Do you approve of extending the parking provision at the sports field?**

YES

NO

### 2. Basketball

We are holding a grant that will pay for a basketball hoop and installation. This grant cannot be used for any other purpose and must be returned if unused. We are in discussion with a potential sponsor for the basketball surface. A 6m x 6m properly prepared square with appropriate markings will cost approximately £5,000.

**Do you approve of the installation of a basketball surface with hoop?**

YES

YES, BUT ONLY WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXTERNAL FUNDING

NO

**Please turn over**

### 3. Sports field drainage

The sports field can become waterlogged over winter and will be monitored this winter to assess whether children's league football will be possible without remedial work. Land drains were installed in 1985. Investigations have revealed that the outlet has been interfered with by persons unknown, and significantly damaged by cattle. The cost to repair this is estimated at £4,300. LPC will judge it best to not repair the draining whilst the risk from damage from the cattle remains. It is unclear when this will change, but it is hoped within five years at the most when the land should change hands. Grant funding may be available to offset the costs. It is not certain that repairing the outlet will resolve waterlogging.

**Do you approve of the repair to the sports field land drainage?**

**YES**

**YES, BUT ONLY WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXTERNAL FUNDING**

**NO**

### 4. Precept

The parish precept represents a very small proportion of overall council tax. LPC has maintained the parish precept at its current level for over four years. Currently LPC receives £14,130 a year from the council tax paid by residents. Were this to be increased by £1,000 the annual increase in the parish precept for residents would be approximately as follows:

- £2.34 - Band A
- £2.74 - Band B
- £3.13 - Band C
- £3.52 - Band D
- £4.30 - Band E
- £5.08 - Band F
- £5.86 - Band G
- £7.04 - Band H

**Are you in favour of raising the precept for projects such as these?**

**YES**

**NO**

**Your details will not be shared with any other party, but we are unable to take into account anonymous responses**

Name:

Address:

Please return your completed form to **The Clerk, Lighthorne Parish Council, Forest Lodge, Bishops Hill, Lighthorne**

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