

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall  
On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 At 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: CLLR SMITH (Chair), CLLR LANGHORN (Vice Chair), CLLR MIDDLETON, CLLR STANFORD, CLLR SHEDDEN, CLLR KNAPTON and CLLR MILLS (SDC & WCC).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

**1. Apologies**

None

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

Cllr Stanford and Cllr Middleton declared an interest in all matters pertaining to road safety at the junctions of Farrier's Way and Bishops Acre with the C96 Wellesbourne Road.

**3. Acceptance of minutes from December**

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted and agreed.

**4. Public Participation**

None

**5. To consider allowing a children's football team to play on the 'football pitch' at the far side of the pavilion outfield**

The applicant is still consulting with the cricket club and the Pavilion Café, with a site meeting planned. He had been advised to attend the February meeting. Cllrs had concerns regarding potential damage to the outfield and the number of cars which might attend matches and were keen to protect the interests of the village as a principle. The views of interested parties are needed, and the applicant to answer questions. *Carried forward.*

**6. The role of the clerk**

Agenda item requested by Cllr Stanford seeking clarity on the role of the clerk in respect of how much advice and contribution is expected when assisting councillors in their decision making. It is recognised that our clerk has considerable experience as a former councillor, but that the right balance has been struck between advising and allowing present councillors to make decisions based on their judgement. *Item closed.*

**7. South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation on 'call for sites' etc**

The call for sites was simply for land owners to put forward sites they wished SDC to consider. The next stage is for SDC to consider these sites and to consult on any they deemed suitable for housing allocation. This was for the Core Strategy going forward to 2050 and not the current Core Strategy to 2031. Three sites have been suggested by landowners from Lighthorne running from the first field South of Oberry Fields, continuing all the way north to Moreton Morrell Lane. LPC has previously submitted their objections to a site put forward by a landowner in an historic call for sites and it was decided that LPC should send a pre-emptive letter setting out our planning objections at this stage. *Item Closed.*

## 8. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

### a) Safe path to the Sports Ground

Negotiations on the Permissive Path Agreement continue. LPC have agreement in principle and an updated draft is now with LPC's solicitors prior to submission to the land owners' solicitors. The Severn Trent deadline for us achieving a signed PPA has been extended to the end of January. *Carried forward.*

### b) Extending the 30mph speed limit beyond Oberry Fields

The legal work is stated as still outstanding at WCC – Cllr Langhorn will pursue completion of the scheme. *Carried forward.*

### c) Tackling speeding in and through the village

Cllr Langhorn has a meeting with WCC Highways to consider what measures might be available to the village. *Carried forward.*

### d) Street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3<sup>rd</sup> June

First organising committee meeting planned for 25<sup>th</sup> January. It is likely the street party will now be on the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to correspond with similar events being organised across the country now the Palace has published their schedule for the extended bank holiday weekend. Beacons are planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. *Carried forward.*

### e) David Wilson Homes

David Wilson homes consider the bus shelter replacement scheme beyond their budget but suggested approaching the other house builders on GLH to fund the scheme together. Clerk following up. *Carried forward.*

### f) Deer signs

The website has been updated to inform how to report deer strike. It was noted that deer signs are already in place at either end of Chesterton Wood on the B4100, and that this calls into question their effectiveness. The estimated cost of installation of four signs from WCC (£2,876) was considered excessive – Cllr Smith to make enquiries will be made as to whether this can be reduced. *Carried forward.*

## 9. Planning

### a) Applications for comment since last meeting

i. 21/03410/FUL	Bishops Farm	Concrete base for greenhouse
ii. 21/03974/FUL	5 Mountford Rise	2 storey extension with dormer
iii. 21/03944/FUL	Hill Cottage	Single storey side extension

### b) Decisions to note since last meeting

i. 21/03207/VARY	Verney Close	Granted
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### c) Enforcement

An enforcement officer at SDC is investigating whether the site off Moreton Morrell Lane is being constructed in accordance with the planning permission granted. LPC will be notified once a decision has been made.

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

- a) **Playground** – An annual inspection has been booked and due to take place early January 2022. No other issues.
- b) **GLH meetings January 2022** – Cllr Smith is attending a site meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> and an online meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- c) **WALC Public Rights of Way meeting** – Cllr Langhorn is attending the online meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January.

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

**12. Financial Administration**

a) **Lighthorne cash book balances as of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

i. Current account	£15,913.82
ii. Allocated reserves account	£17,501.38
iii. Total	£33,415.20

b) **Income since last meeting**

i. January rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
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c) **Expenditure since last meeting**

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £13.78	£413.40
ii. NPower	£94.93
iii. Paul Tait – Xmas Tree	£39.99

d) **Agreeing accounts for payment**

None

**13. Correspondence**

- a) An email has been received informing of a road closure on Old School Lane from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- b) LPC have been made aware of ongoing parking on the village green above the millennium sign off The Bank, severe damage has been caused to the village green. It was agreed to install a ‘no parking’ sign as an initial measure. Payment for sign authorised. *Carried forward*.
- c) LPC have been made aware of excessive mud on Moreton Morrell Lane from the housing development and from Seven Trent. In addition Seven Trent have caused damage and a potentially dangerous trench. WCC Highways have been informed. Seven Trent have been written to but no response has yet been received. *Carried forward*.

**14. Other reports and items for future agendas**

None

**15. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:30pm.

**16. MEETING CLOSES at 8:20pm**