

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council – Held at Lighthorne Village Hall
On Tuesday 8th February 2022 At 7.30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public.

1. Apologies

The Clerk due to COVID, Cllr Shedden due to employment obligations. In the absence of the Clerk the Chairman took notes and produced minutes.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

Cllrs Stanford & 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 January

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. Public Participation

A resident expressed concern over damage to verges in Moreton Morrell Lane caused by the new construction and by Severn Trent works. Cllr Langhorn is monitoring and will follow up as necessary.

5. To consider improving and increasing parking capacity at The Pavilion

Cllr Smith had circulated a proposed solution, along with some rejected alternatives. The proposed solution would provide for a further dozen or so cars, but will require partial excavation of part of the embankment parallel to the Chesterton Road. More clearance work on the existing car park may yield two or three more parking places. If works are undertaken it may be an opportunity to improve the road surface at the access from the highway, and improve access security to deter unlawful vehicle entry. ***It was resolved*** that Cllr Smith seek professional advice in regard to these works. *Carried forward.*

6. To consider a new quote for the provision of street lighting electricity

It was resolved that we accept the quotation provided by the WALC recommended broker Clear Utility Solutions. Cllr Smith will confirm this with the broker. *Item closed.*

7. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

a) Safe path to the Sports Ground

It had been hoped that the permissive path agreement would by now have been signed. Cllr Smith continues to frequently chase this. *Carried forward.*

b) Extending the 30mph speed limit beyond Oberry Fields

Cllr Langhorn advised that WCC have told him that this work will be completed by the end of February. A resident asked about moving the limit on Chesterton Road and Moreton Morrell Lane. Cllr Smith advised that this could be considered after we have succeeded on getting signs moved on the Wellesbourne Road. *Carried forward.*

c) Tackling speeding in and through the village

Cllrs Langhorn & Smith met with WCC representatives on site. Their recommendation was to explore vehicle activated signs, which happily accords with the results of our survey on traffic calming measures. Unhappily this cannot be progressed until a WCC review of such signs has been completed. *Carried forward.*

d) Street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3rd June

Prior to the meeting the Clerk sent this report - *"The Jubilee Street Party Committee have met and put together events for the extended bank holiday weekend. We have printed a poster advertising the events and asking for volunteers to assist – these will be distributed next week. We already have a number of volunteers. There will be a beacon on the 2nd June (a resident has confirmed that her field can be used), Rounders match at the pavilion 3rd June afternoon (proprietor has confirmed times), Jubilee Dance 3rd June (Village Hall Committee organising), Cake decorating the children 4th June (Antelope hosting) Screening of the Jubilee concert 4th June (Antelope have confirmed). Street Party 5th June with many events on the day. As bunting etc was extremely hard to come by closer to the time of previous jubilees/birthdays we have already purchased bunting, flags, medals, cupcake material etc."* *Carried Forward.*

e) David Wilson Homes

The Clerk reports that discussions are ongoing. Cllr Knapton reports that a local artist has been approached to provide artwork for show homes. *Carried forward.*

f) Deer signs

Cllr Smith has requested a revised quote for just two signs, one at each end of Lighthorne Rough, to be fixed to existing street furniture. This quote was not available for the meeting, but it is hoped it will be available before the March meeting. WCC advise that we cannot fix our own signs on Highways land, only on private land. *Carried forward.*

g) To consider allowing a children's football team to play on the sports outfield

Following last month's approach by a gentleman proposing a children's football team, a site meeting with representatives from the cricket team and the proprietor of the Pavilion felt that the objective is good, but that poor drainage on the playing surface and insufficient parking were impediments to be overcome. Questions were also raised over how many Lighthorne residents would benefit. Following publication of the minutes several expressions of support were received from residents, four of whom attended this meeting. Parking issues may be addressed as discussed in item 5. ***It was resolved*** that Cllr Smith should seek professional advice on improving land drainage and playing surface, and that he liaise with the gentleman who would run the children's football to clarify requirements and review funding opportunities. *Carried forward.*

8. Planning

a) Applications for comment since last meeting

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| i. 22/00104/FUL | Lobbington Fields Farm | Change of use agg to dog |
| ii. 22/00229/TREE | Southview, The Bank | Fell 3 trees & hedgerow |
- Two residents in attendance expressed concerns, and others have contacted LPC with concerns. ***It was resolved*** to grant Cllr Langhorn delegated authority to investigate and submit a standard consultation response on behalf of LPC.

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

- a) **Playground** – An annual inspection has taken place. The report is awaited.
 - b) **GLH meeting January 2022** – Cllr Smith attended online a GLH liaison meeting and circulated a report to councillors. Nothing of particular note affecting Lighthorne. Cllr Smith attended online a meeting of the Upper Lighthorne Partnership as an observer for Lighthorne. Homes England are just going to tender for their first parcel of 250 houses. The appointment of a Community Champion is considered key to representing the interests of the emerging community in Upper Lighthorne.
 - c) **WALC Public Rights of Way meeting** – Cllr Langhorn was unable to attend this meeting. We will look out for another opportunity.

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

11. Financial Administration

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| a) Lighthorne cash book balances as of 8th February 2022 | |
| i. Current account | £15,752.85 |
| ii. Allocated reserves account | £17,326.53 |
| iii. Total | £33,079.38 |
| b) Income since last meeting | |
| i. February rent from Pavilion Café | £690.00 |
| c) Expenditure since last meeting | |
| i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £13.78 | £413.40 |
| ii. NPower | £154.07 |
| iii. Wadsworths Solicitors – safe path agreement review | £175.00 |
| iv. Jubilee expense – bunting etc | £123.87 |
| v. Mike Langhorn – parking sign | £39.00 |
| vi. Water Plus | £120.63 |
| d) Agreeing accounts for payment | |
| i. None | |

12. Correspondence

Cllr Knapton reported debris associated with drug taking in the lay-by on the B4100 close to the entrance to Redlands Park. Local policing team have been informed but no response as yet. Cllr Smith to follow up.

13. Other reports and items for future agendas

None

14. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:50pm