

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -  
On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 At 6.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Eason, Cllr Mills (WCC) & Cllr Parry (SDC).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Driver & Cllr Reynolds.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from September.**

The minutes were agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

Khalsa Cricket attended to present their project to upgrade the outfield, changing rooms & storage at the pavilion. They have raised £12,000 towards new wickets. The clerk has applied for a grant for the changing room upgrade, should this not be successful then LPC will consider assisting. It was agreed that the old (and probably dangerous) football posts can be removed. It was confirmed that Khalsa had previously been given permission (and minuted) to complete the upgrade works. *Carried forward.*

5. **To consider To consider co-opting Greg Hickman as a Councillor.**

Proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded Cllr Thomas, unanimous decision to co-opt. *Closed.*

6. **To consider a new lease with a new tenant at The Pavilion Café.**

There is a potential new buyer. A new lease is being agreed between parties with solicitors. Rent etc is being agreed but details are confidential. *Carried forward.*

7. **Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings**

(a) **David Wilson & Barrett Homes.**

Enquiries are ongoing to see if the project can be completed. *Carried forward.*

(b) **To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH**

Andy Smith reported: We have no evidence to suggest that the ICB have meaningfully engaged with the three GP practices we know to have expressed interest in running a service at Upper Lighthorne. The ICB's previously started target of selecting a GP practice by the end of October is fast approaching. We are aware of various meetings taking place and are ensuring that those chairing those meetings are fully briefed. Hopefully we will have some more substantive news in time for the November parish council meeting. Cllr Parry confirmed that Jeremy Wright MP is still supporting and will follow up with the ICB. *Carried forward.*

(c) **To consider the issue of parking on Bishops Hill**

The only outstanding issue remains the construction of short bollards along the pavement to prevent vehicles continuing to park on the pavement. WCC have advised that LPC would need to fund this (approx. £7,000) and works would include widening the

pavement into the existing grass verge. LPC are not in a position to proceed currently – as noted in September if we can wait until the next financial year then Cllr Mills may be able to assist from his WCC funds. Water continues to pour from a flood drain adjacent to the south entrance to the VH car park down Bishops Hill. Clerk has reported to Severn Trent who confirmed that it is not a burst pipe but a blocked WCC drain – we are in the WCC waiting list for this to be cleared. *Carried Forward.*

**(d) To consider a residents request for LPC to acquire private land for use as a village green**

No further progress. *Carried forward.*

**(e) Report from volunteers re: the coppice behind the Pavilion Café.**

A group of volunteers are continuing to clear the area and plant bulbs etc. *Carried forward.*

**(f) To consider a scheme to use the £19,000 CIL grant.**

Quotes are being obtained for all of the proposed works – as it is improving the area, planning permission is not required (SDC have confirmed). Trees are being pruned around the edge of the parking area and shrubs cleared. The visibility splays are being opened up. It is hoped that quotes will be available to chose a provider and refurbish the car park imminently. *Carried forward.*

**(g) To consider purchasing swift boxes.**

Amanda Randall (Swift expert) and Andy Smith have ‘mail dropped’ houses with potential. There has been a positive response. The next stage is quotes for installation. *Carried forward.*

**(h) To consider a new fence and gate (with padlock)at the pavilion car park – adjacent to new basketball area, additional security for the outfield.**

No new progress as this linked to basketball area. *Carried forward.*

**(i) To consider goodwill repair of fence adjoining the play park.**

No quotes or other correspondence received. *Item closed.*

**(j) To consider upgrading Fire Doors at the Pavilion.**

The existing doors are acceptable, they require a rubber seal to make them fire resistant. Quote being obtained to undergo upgrade. *Carried forward.*

## **8. Planning**

### **(a) Applications for comment since last meeting**

- i. GLH Village Centre Design Brief
- ii. 23/02675/FUL Lakeside, MM Lane Convert car port into garage
- iii. 23/02499/FUL Glebe Farm Demolish agricultural building, build 2 dwellings

### **(b) Decisions to note since last meeting**

- i. New Place, The Bank Granted
- ii. Bishops Gorse Farm Granted

### **(c) Enforcement**

None

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

- (a) Playground – Clerk to arrange volunteers to cut back bushes etc.

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

**11. Financial Administration**

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
i. Current account	£9,203.80
ii. Allocated reserves account	£22577.71
Total	£31781.51
(b) Income since last meeting	
i. October rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
ii. Precept	£8,000
(c) Expenditure since last meeting	
i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £16.50	£495.00
ii. Water Plus	£59.58
iii. Yu energy (Sept)	£14.84
iv. Yu energy (Sept)	£95.27
v. Nick Jenvey – Grass 6 & 7 September	£520.00
vi. Andy Smith – Swift box printing	£29.20
vii. Ian Spann – surveyor	£400.00
viii. External Auditor	£378.00

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

**12. Correspondence.**

None.

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

The start time of 6:45 proved popular. Enquires with all Cllrs to confirm if this should be the new start time for meetings.

**14. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6:45pm TBC.

**MEETING CLOSES at 7:30pm**