

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 9th April 2024 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Driver.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

None.

3. Acceptance of minutes from March.

The minutes were agreed.

4. Public Participation

Andy Smith offered to represent LPC in turning the Safe Path from a permissive path into a recognised public right of way - possible S.106 funding has been identified. Andy Smith thanked and unanimously agreed he would be our representative. *Item closed.*

5. To hear a presentation from Innova regarding the proposed Deer's Leap Solar Farm.

Innova were unable to send a representative. They will attend on 14th May instead. *Carried forward.*

6. To consider the agreement with LAA 2024 - 2027.

It was agreed that the agreement would stand for the next 3 years. *Item closed.*

7. To consider contributing to Lighthorne Church Flower Festival.

It was agreed that LPC would be happy to contribute towards a pedestal arrangement should the festival go ahead, approx. cost of £20. *Item closed.*

8. To consider fencing around the sewage plant at the pavilion.

Cllr Hickman had made enquiries with SDC and their Environmental Officers had confirmed that we did not need any fencing at all. They supported our suggestion of a small fence as a visual aid, but emphasised that we were under no duty to do anything. Cllr Hickman will look into a small fence to go around the area to coincide with completion of the project. *Item closed.*

9. To consider a working group to cut back over grown bushes/shrubs from the Broadwell to Stepping Stones.

As we are now in nesting season it was decided that this would be done in early October - publicity for a group of volunteers to go out in September. Neighbours of the area have been given notice of the proposed cut backs. *Item closed.*

10. To consider repair of the Broadwell.

The roots causing a blockage and leak have been cleared by Farm Services. Farm Services believe that there may be better solutions long term, Cllr Hickman will liaise with them to discuss. *Carried forward.*

11. To confirm plans for The D-Day Beacons.

LPC are registered and an official beacon as part of the national celebrations. The Antelope Inn will be putting on a barbeque and the beacon will then be lit at 9:15pm in line with national lighting time. Event to be advertised in May. *Item closed.*

12. To confirm that WCC will continue to maintain LPC's street lights 2024/2025.

Unanimously agreed. *Item closed.*

13. To agree payment for electrical works at Lighthorne Village Hall.

There is now a quote for £1,645 + vat. Works to commence on 15th April. Unanimously confirmed. *Item closed.*

14. To consider a working group to meet on a Saturday 10am to 12noon to clean up village signs, benches and generally at the sports pavilion.

Date of Saturday 11th May at 10am was agreed. Clerk to advertise and seek volunteers. Meeting on the Village Green at 10am. *Item closed.*

15. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

(a) David Wilson & Barrett Homes.

Their representatives have met with groundworkers and are pricing the area, they will then see if Taylor Wimpey can contribute. They will meet with LPC again to finalise. *Carried forward.*

(b) To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH
Andy Smith reported: SDC confirm that a contract has been offered to a GP practice to run a permanent facility at Upper Lighthorne, subject to ratification by the ICB Procurement Panel and Finance & Performance Committee, which is due to happen on 1st May. A formal confirmation is expected at a meeting between SDC, the ICB and Sir Jeremy Wright, scheduled for the 3rd May. After the formal confirmation the selected GP practice will be engaged with a view to establishing a temporary GP service in Upper Lighthorne. *Carried forward.*

A web site has been created as a one-stop-shop for the background and current status of this issue - smithdom.uk/ulnhs.

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

Outstanding is the moving of the large container to the far side of the outfield and creation of further spaces where the container had previously been. *Carried forward.*

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

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

(e) To consider the terms of the annually renewable agreement with Khalsa for 2024 re: terms of use of the outfield and facilities.

New agreement with specific Sundays and expectations placed on Khalsa re Café furniture, locking of the pavilion during matches and not leaving any rubbish at the pavilion etc drafted. Agreed by all parties who will now sign. *Item Closed.*

16. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

- i. 24/00580/TREE 22 Mountford Rise Fell 1 conifer

- ii. 24/00632/LBC Curacy Farm Internal renovation works

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

- iii. 24/00282/TREE Hill Cottage Granted

(c) Enforcement

Home Farm – SDC investigated but found no action required.

17. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

- (a) Playground – Once weather improves a team will cut back overgrowing vegetation.

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

Highlighted was the SDC prostate cancer screening event on Sunday 28th April at Stratford Leisure Centre 10am until 4pm. Discounted rate of £12.50 but booking required.

19. Financial Administration

(a) Lighthorne cash book balances at 5th April 2024

i. Current account	£3763.26
ii. Allocated reserves account	£22722.70
Total	£26485.96

(b) Income since last meeting

i. April rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
ii. Allotments Annual Rent	£155.00

(c) Expenditure since last meeting

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £17.34	£520.83
ii. Water	£49.85
iii. Yu Energy (March)	£14.42
iv. Yu Energy (March)	£121.87
v. Nick Jenvey grass 20 & 26 March	£520.00
vi. Farm Services - clearing Broadwell	£330.00

(d) Agreeing accounts for payment

20. Correspondence.

Thanks to Anna Banfield for offering to take over running Lighthorne Tennis Association.

21. Other reports and items for future agendas.

22. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:16pm