

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council
Held at Lighthorne Village Hall – On Tuesday 14th September 2021 At 7.30pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: CLLR SMITH (Chair), CLLR LANGHORN (Vice Chair), CLLR SHEDDEN and CLLR Napton.

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Stanford, Cllr Middleton and Cllr Mills.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from August**

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted and agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

Two residents attended regarding proposed locations to plant a hornbeam tree and an oak tree on the Parish Green. Locations agreed (Oak as before, Hornbeam on Millennium Sign Green). *Item closed.*

5. **Water Butt installation at the allotments**

The water butt has been installed and is working correctly. Labour was provided by Ben Thornton and a colleague – agreed £100 for their work.

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

a) **Safe path to the Sports Ground**

Cllr Smith continues to press for a written agreement to proceed. We have received an estimate of £750 in respect of legal fees to be incurred by the solicitors acting for the trustee land owners. Fee agreed as upper limit of costs. Once agreement in place, possible grants can be revisited. *Carried forward.*

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

Portfolio holder Cllr Redford has asked WCC Highways to provide an update on progress, but this is not yet forthcoming. Cllr Redford continues to chase WCC Highways. *Carried forward.*

c) **Review of street lighting in the village, repairs and LED upgrades**

All street light repairs in the village have now been completed. Their wattage has been updated, as a result Cllr Langhorn has confirmed a reduction in the annual electricity bill of approx. £400. *Item Closed.*

d) **Assessment of overhanging tree boughs on Bishops Hill.**

Land owner is dealing directly with the tree surgeon. Works have been agreed and planning permission applied for – likely completion November. *Item closed.*

e) **Working parties to assess pot holes, trees, verges, drains etc**

We are awaiting a quote from a tree surgeon regarding cutting back of foliage obstructing the public path to The Bank, and for conducting an assessment of trees on public land within the built up area boundary.

Carried forward.

f) **Restoration of the Bakers Well.**

Work is underway. *Carried forward.*

g) **Tackling speeding in and through the village.**

LPC became aware of Green '20 is plenty' signs in Wellesbourne. Enquiries were made of Cllr Mills and WCC as to where we might obtain such signs – WCC do not support the use of them. Wellesbourne Parish Council provided background information to their campaign. LPC have obtained the support of the SNT Police team and the 20 is plenty campaign. It was agreed that we would order 6 signs and assess the fixtures/fittings which would be required to mount the signs. WCC to be notified by the clerk of our decision out of courtesy. A traffic survey has been prepared by Cllr Langhorn to be delivered door to door in October. *Carried forward.*

h) **New toddler group and grant allocation**

The group are in the process of setting up a bank account. *Carried forward.*

i) **Clearing of the bank at the pavilion.**

Work can now be undertaken. *Carried forward.*

7. Planning

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

21/02191/FUL	Jobes Farm	New retail	No comment
21/02567/FUL	14 Mountford Rise	Lift ramp	No objection
21/02570/FUL	1 The Bank	Front refurb	No objection
DISCN/00572/21	Land off MM Lane	Conditions	Comments submitted
GLH Kingston Fields development – Cllr Smith to submit response.			

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

21/02186/FUL	Jobes Farm	Access	Granted
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c) **Enforcement**

8. **Parish Council Reports** - To receive reports on:

COVID 19 – One prescription still being collected every four weeks.

Playground – Cllr Langhorn has trimmed bushes and emptied bins.

9. **Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC** – None received at time of meeting. Will be posted on the website for when received.

10. Financial Administration

a) Lighthorne cash book balances	
Current account	£13,297.56
Allocated reserves account	£17,500.80
Total	£31,798.36
b) Income since last meeting	
September rent from Pavilion Café	£690.00
c) Expenditure since last meeting	
Clerks wages 30 hours @ £13.78	£413.40
EON	£121.76
Nick Jenvey – grass cutting 10/11 August	£355.00
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WCC light fixture repairs	£483.60
d) Agreeing accounts for payment	
Ben Thornton for installation of water butt base	£100.00

11. Correspondence

A resident notified LPC of the presence of 5mph signs on Heath lane – believed to have been put up by a resident.

Correspondence regarding how LPC can offer support and welcome to the refugee families at Walton Hall – any suggestions will be considered regarding their suitability.

12. Other reports and items for future agendas

None

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7:30pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 20:15