

## LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -  
On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 At 6.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Hickman, Cllr Driver & Cllr Mills (WCC).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 0 members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Eason, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Parry (CDC).

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

None.

**3. Acceptance of minutes from June.**

The minutes were agreed.

**4. Public Participation**

None.

**5. To consider not holding an LPC meeting in August.**

It was unanimously agreed. *Item closed.*

**6. To consider the problem of full dog poo bags being left around the village.**

It has been reported to LPC that full dog poo bags are being left at various locations in the village, not being returned for or placed in appropriate bins. Of note the worst offender has distinctive bright green poo bags. It was agreed that an email would be sent out and posts of FB asking dog owners to either put their poo bags in bins or take them home and that it was not acceptable to simply leave them at the roadside. *Item closed.*

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

**(□) David Wilson Barrett Homes & Taylor Wimpey.**

The matter is being finalised at Director level. *Carried forward.*

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

Andy Smith reported: Following the appointment of the St Wulfstan practice to run a permanent GP practice in Upper Lighthorne, the practice principal and practice manager have been engaged with the Upper Lighthorne Support Partnership and the Gaydon Community Forum. They have expressed in these engagements a desire to set up a presence in Upper Lighthorne as soon as possible. However, it remains unclear how this might be facilitated. It is understood that SDC are exploring options with St Wulfstan and with the developer representatives, but that the option of a Portakabin has been ruled out. Separately, and in parallel, Andy Smith has been working with the Upper Lighthorne Community Champion to explore any existing buildings that might serve as a venue for a temporary GP service. This is ongoing. We have the benefit of continuity with our MP retaining the Kenilworth & Southam seat, and so we hope to have his support again soon to try to get some momentum back into the push for a temporary GP service.

A web site has been created as a one-stop-shop for the background and current status of this issue - [smithdom.uk/ulnhs](http://smithdom.uk/ulnhs). LPC gives their thanks to Andy Smith for all of his hard work on this project. *Carried forward.*

**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.*

**To consider repair of The Broadwell.**

Cllr Hickman and Cllr Reynolds undertook an exploratory dig - they did not find a pipe. It is believed that there may be a stone drain / gulley. A further exploratory dig will be undertaken to see if the leak can be resolved. *Carried forward.*

**To consider fitting a single separate toilet unit in the sports shower / changing area at the pavilion.**

The clerk has applied for a grant to cover 50% of the anticipated costs - Cllr Mills and his team consider these grants on 22/7/24 and he will let us know the outcome. The project will proceed in any event. *Carried forward.*

## 8. Planning

**Applications for comment since last meeting**

②. 24/01319/FUL Southview Amendment to existing permission

**Decisions to note since last meeting**

②. 24/00632/LBC Curacy Farm Granted  
②. 24/01223/TREE Stonecroft Granted

**Enforcement.**

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

Playground – No new update.

10. **Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC** – on website. Cllr Mills highly recommended that we have a Neighbourhood Development Plan to protect ourselves from inappropriate planning applications - there are due to be changes in planning and greater housing need - we will be vulnerable without one. It is a great deal of work - volunteers to be sought to create an independent team to put a plan together on behalf of the village. *Carried forward.*

## 11. Financial Administration

Lighthorne cash book balances at 4th July 2024

□. Current account	£4929.01
□. Allocated reserves account	£20583.78
Total	£25512.79

Income since last meeting

□. July rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
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Expenditure since last meeting

□. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £17.34	£520.83
□. Water	£47.99
□. Yu Energy (June)	£125.08
□. Yu Energy (June)	£15.24
□. Nick Jenvey grass 4 & 5 June	£572.00
□. Nick Jenvey grass 23 & 24 June	£572.00 (P)

<input type="checkbox"/> Acuto - Millenium sign repair	£243.00 (P)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Thornton - shed base at allotments	£450.00 (P)
(□) Agreeing accounts for payment	

## 12. Correspondence.

Khalsa have reported that they will start work on their new astro turf wicket at the end of the season - 16<sup>th</sup> September is the planned date. They will also be re-seeding the grass in front of the café now that the tables have been moved. We have also had a request from the Wooded Copse team for rubbish currently on the footpath behind the café to be removed, Clerk will ask the café to move any rubbish which belongs to them.

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

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6:45pm.

**MEETING CLOSES at 7:11pm**