

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 8th October 2024 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

None.

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

None.

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

The minutes were agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

None.

5. **To consider an up to date budget for any outstanding repair works at the pavilion.**

It is anticipated that the only outstanding ‘one off’ works at the pavilion is the sink in the sports changing rooms area. *Item closed.*

6. **To consider how to tackle inconsiderate parking in the village.**

An on going problem. It has been reported from Verney Close that there are issues with cars driving down at speed believing it to be a cut through, but of greater concern cars blocking residents into their own drives when parking elsewhere in the village is busy. Clerk to ask WCC about a ‘No through route’ sign and to offer residents LPC letter headed letters to put on windscreens should cars block them in or park inconsiderately. *Carried forward.*

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

David Wilson Barrett Homes & Taylor Wimpey.

Cllr Lewis and Hickman met with Barrett Homes and it is anticipated the works will be completed by year end – dates to be provided. *Carried forward.*

To consider LPC’s response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH

Andy Smith reported: Tony Perks meeting UL reps on 31/10/24 to update – it is hoped there will be some news re: dates.

A web site has been created as a one-stop-shop for the background and current status of this issue - 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. LPC will pay for the container to be moved but Khalsa are to provide the surface for it to be positioned upon. *Carried forward.*

To consider repair of The Broadwell.

Cllr Hickman has a plan going forward. *Carried forward.*

□) Neighbourhood Plan update.

The paperwork has been sent to SDC to register (not acknowledged other than automated response). Team are doing what work they can. Agreed that an up to date housing needs survey should be completed. *Carried forward.*

□) To consider fitting a small wash basin at the pavilion.

It was unanimously agreed to fit a hot water supply with the basin. *Item closed.*

□) To consider cutting back overgrowth at the pavilion bank.

Unanimously agreed that Steve Brooks would be employed to undertake the work. *Item closed.*

□) To look into overgrown and inaccessible footpaths.

Those paths reported were checked and were both accessible and not overgrown. A check will be kept on paths around the village. *Item closed.*

8. Planning

□) Applications for comment since last meeting

24/02072/FUL Solar Farm Objection sent.

Chair of group objecting to solar farm attended. Thanked LPC for their support. Noted that many comments in favour of the project on planning portal were from addresses out of the area. Cllr Parry hoped that the most weight would be given to actual residents of the affected Parishes. The protest group have instructed a planning consultant and a landscape architect. Asked whether LPC would consider contributing to these costs. It is a permitted expenditure. Given the large percentage of the Parish who have objected, it was appropriate to support the objection to the project. MMPC are contributing £500 but being invoiced by the expert direct. We would follow a similar approach to any contribution. Unanimously agreed that it was appropriate to contribute. £250 agreed for now – request for the groups figures and costings going forward. LPC would consider contributing more once these accounts were received.

□) Decisions to note since last meeting

24/02082?TREE Brook House Granted
 24/02245/TREE Willowbrook Granted

□) Enforcement.

9. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

Playground – Further tidy/cut back will be part of village effort on 19th October.

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

11. Financial Administration

□) Lighthorne cash book balances at 3rd October 2024

<input type="checkbox"/> Current account	£8404.77
<input type="checkbox"/> Allocated reserves account	£19750.34
Total	£28155.11

□) Income since last meeting

<input type="checkbox"/> October rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> VAT return	£1619.67

□.	Precept	£8000.00
□)	Expenditure since last meeting	
□.	Clerks wages 30 hours @ £17.34	£520.83
□.	Water (September)	£449.60
□.	Yu Energy (September)	£96.79
□.	Yu Energy (September)	£15.07
□.	Nick Jenvey – grass 24 & 25 September	£572.00 P
□.	Acuto ltd – repairs to pavilion roof	£1,347.00
□.	Acuto ltd – toilet cubicle at pavilion	£1,956.00
□.	Laura Newberry – printing flyers	£25.00 P

□) Agreeing accounts for payment

12. Correspondence.

An update on preserving the status of the safe path – WCC rights of way team won't agree for it to be a PRoW, but Tony Horton (GLH) hopes to include its protection as part of the managed reserve (Nov '25 likely date for reserve to come into existence) Sir Jeremy Wright MP is involved in helping secure the footpaths future.

13. Other reports and items for future agendas.

8th May 2025 there will be a beacon to celebrate 80th Anniversary of VE day.

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:50pm