

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Thursday 11th March 2025 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies.

Cllr Lewis, Cllr Eason & Cllr Parry (SDC).

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

None.

3. Acceptance of minutes from February.

The minutes were agreed.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public asked for any updates regarding the sewage works and road closure on Moreton Morrell Lane. The whole of Moreton Morrell lane is being constantly degraded by Severn Trent tankers, both by using the road and by parking on verges etc along the road. The consequent road closure due to road damage is impacting businesses on Moreton Morrell lane, including dog walking field, Far West Field Farm and Piper's Bath Cattery. LPC do not know what the issue is with the sewage works nor a time frame to fix (7trent are not forthcoming with info), WCC are involved and will be ensuring full repairs to the highway and verges occur once the works are completed, but the road has to remain closed until this has happened. Cllr Mills will try and get answers via Highways re: timeframe etc. Clerk to pursue with Highways also. Suggested applications to 7Trent for compensation – clerk will ask WCC for advice re: the same. *Carried forward.*

5. To consider organising a regular litter pick in the village.

Unanimously agreed that a regular litter pick would take place on the 1st Sunday of every month at 11am. Cllr Mills confirmed that Street Scene would remove the collected rubbish for us. 1st date Sunday 6th April at 11am, to meet on The Green. *Item closed.*

6. Matters arising from the minutes and previous meetings

a. To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Healthcare at GLH

Andy Smith recapped and updated: With the temporary GP service in Upper Lighthorne not expected until the end of this year at the earliest, lobbying continues for a presence in Upper Lighthorne ahead of this. Engagement with Simon Doble of the ICB elicited a suggestion that "*community prescribing from community spaces*" might be possible as part of "*outreach services*". He asserts that St Wulstan are keen to pursue this. As a result, Practice Manager Lindsay Ward has been invited to the Upper Lighthorne Parish Council meeting on 20th March at 7pm to explain what these services are, and to give her take on the progress towards a GP service in Upper Lighthorne. If Lindsay is able to accept the invitation I will make this known so that anyone wishing to hear this can attend the ULPC meeting. *Carried forward.*

b. Neighbourhood Plan update.

A housing needs survey will be circulated in April. *Carried forward.*

c. To consider holding a Street Party for VE Day 80.

Agreed that a Street Party would be held on Sunday 11th May 2025 from 2pm to 5pm. Agreed that the barbecue format has previously worked best and encouraged community involvement, so this would be done again. LPC to provide burgers/sausages etc. donations bucket to be available for a charity. Clerk to apply for road closure surrounding The Green. *Carried forward.*

7. Planning

a. Applications for comment since last meeting

i. 25/00314/TREE Lowbrook Reduce trees

b. Decisions to note since last meeting

i. 24/00792/FUL Glebe Farm Granted

c. Enforcement.

8. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

a. Playground – Further tidy/cut back in the spring.

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

10. Financial Administration

a. Lighthorne cash book balances at 6th March 2025

i. Current account	£3384.69
ii. Allocated reserves account	£16517.56
Total	£19902.25

b. Income since last meeting

i. March rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
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c. Expenditure since last meeting

i. Clerks wages 30 hours @ £17.34	£520.83
ii. Water (February)	£51.79
iii. Yu Energy (February)	£145.12
iv. Yu Energy (February)	£15.64

d. Agreeing accounts for payment

11. Correspondence.

12. Other reports and items for future agendas.

Concerns regarding overgrown vegetation outside Stonecroft on Post office Lane which are now obstructing the Highway. Cllr Mills will arrange for Highways to send a letter to the homeowner requesting that they are cut back. *Carried forward.*

Concerns regarding the works in the front garden at 3 Old School Lane, the works have an appearance of digging out a parking area. The previous owner applied for planning permission for a dropped curb to achieve the same parking area, but permission was refused

due to the culvert under the area which would be compromised by any such works. Clerk to ask WCC to send a letter to the home owner warning of the issues re the culvert. *Carried forward.*

13. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:20pm