

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 10th June 2025 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.**

Cllr Lewis, Cllr Hickman & Cllr Eason – all accepted.

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from May.**

The minutes were agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

A member of Khalsa Cricket Team attended to update LPC on their activities at the Pavilion and resolve some issues. Khalsa have purchased new wicket covers and will be getting rid of the old ones. The pagoda is almost up, and they will consider a second if needed. They have a 'meter' which can calculate electricity usage and have spoken to the Café and agreed that if they charge/use electricity on match days re: signs etc they will pay the Café what they use. No company will move the container currently in the car park to the far end of the outfield, so they will be constructing a wooden structure approx. 1 ½ times size of container to store all their items. Cllr Mills grant might be a source of funding, clerk to send them the details. The parents etc from youth cricket on a Friday have been asked not to use the cafes furniture/benches as it creates additional work for Café staff – Khalsa have agreed to enforce this. *Item closed.*

A resident attended to update following planning appeal being refused re: The Saxon House. A new application will be submitted taking into account the inspector's comments re: retaining wall and garage. Of note there were no issues at all with the house application. LPC will offer full support as will Cllr Parry. *Item closed.*

Concerns were raised about the overgrown verges at Bishops Gorse Corner, as one set of chicanes are almost completely obscured. Similarly the foliage is over grown at the junction of Post Office lane with the main road. Clerk to raise both of these with WCC. Clerk also to ask if the resurfacing on the main road is now complete as there is no top surface at the ends of the village, a part of School Lane is incomplete, Post Office Lane's sealing is incomplete and there are no white lines on the road through the village. *Item closed.*

5. **To consider purchasing and installing a flag pole on the green.**

No decision made. Residents with a view of The Green to be asked their opinion on the suggestion before any final decision made. It was established that no planning permission would be needed in the event of a decision to proceed. *Carried forward.*

6. **To consider not holding a meeting in August.**

Unanimously agreed. *Item closed.*

7. To consider cutting back the trees in the playground (overhanging Mountford Rise).

No final decision was made. Clerk to obtain a quote for the works. *Carried forward.*

8. To consider applying for a grant to install solar panels at the pavilion.

Clerk is obtaining quotes from 2 companies. We can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 from Community Climate and Nature Fund who have confirmed that we would meet the requirements. How the electricity would be managed and who would hold the account would need to be considered and a business agreement drafted re: usage and charges. *Carried forward.*

9. To consider contribution to Pavilion Café electricity costs to cover sports ground usage.

It was concluded that more information was needed to calculate a figure fair to both parties. Clerk to request electricity bills/specific usage information. *Carried forward.*

10. 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: Delays continue in achieving a determination of planning application 23/01706/REM, with no substantive explanation received. In conjunction with Upper Lighthorne Parish Council a meeting with SDC has been requested, the objective of which will be to understand the reasons for continuing delays, and to explore possible mitigations. *Carried forward.*

b. Neighbourhood Plan update.

A housing needs survey has been circulated with a return date of 30th June. SDC will collate the results and report back in due course. *Carried forward.*

c. Update regarding Severn Trent works on Moreton Morrell Lane.

STW have now agreed to pay for temporary repairs so that the road can be opened whilst full and permanent repairs are discussed and financed. WCC indicate that these temporary repairs will be completed in 6 weeks. We will continue to chase a permanent repair of the road and verges. *Carried forward.*

d. Update from WCC Highways regarding clearance of obstructive over growth on Post Office Lane.

The area has still not been cut back sufficiently, clerk to contact WCC again. Sealing on new road surface on Post Office Lane incomplete due to this obstruction. *Carried forward.*

e. To consider any action required following flooding on 22nd March.

Clerk has been in contact with the Flood Management Team at WCC who have now contacted all affected parties and asked for individual reports. Once they have received responses from everyone they will put a report together and see what assistance they can offer *Carried forward.*

11. Planning

a. Applications for comment since last meeting

i. none

b. Decisions to note since last meeting

i. 25/02567/FUL The Saxon House Appeal dismissed

c. Enforcement.

12. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

a. Playground – Further tidy/cut back at the end of the summer.

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

14. Financial Administration

a. Lighthorne cash book balances at 31 st May 2025	
i. Current account	£6,784.52
ii. Allocated reserves account	£16555.15
Total	£23339.67
b. Income since last meeting to May 31 st	
c. Expenditure since last meeting to May 31 st	
i. Bank charges	£4.25
ii. Water (May)	£114.44
iii. Nick Jenvey – grass 4 & 5 May	£572.00
iv. Nick Jenvey – grass 16 & 19 May	£572.00
v. Laura Newberry – VE Food	£96.96
vi. SPE Ltd – routine de-sludge	£282.00
d. Agreeing accounts for payment	

15. Correspondence.

Many thanks to our litter picking team who did an amazing job on Sunday 1st June collecting 5 bin bags full of rubbish from all of the roads and paths leading in and out of the village. Thanks to Chris Mills for arranging collection of the bags via Street Scene on Monday morning. The next litter pick will be on Sunday 6th July, meeting on the Village Green at 11am.
Item closed.

16. Other reports and items for future agendas.

None.

17. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:45pm