

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 8th July 2025 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies.

None.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

None.

3. Acceptance of minutes from June.

The minutes were agreed.

4. Public Participation

A member of Khalsa Cricket Team attended to update LPC on their activities at the Pavilion. Khalsa have purchased and installed a second pagoda. They have double sockets etc for their 'meter' and will ensure that all electricity usage goes through this so that they can reimburse the Café for what they use. Their next project is the storage shed at the far end of the outfield, they are looking into grants. They hope to cut back the verge at the same time they try and remove the moss from the outfield at the end of the season. They are happy to be involved in any fundraising days etc for the VH. *Item closed.*

5. 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. Together with ULPC we have formally requested an urgent meeting so as to understand the continuing delays and their implications. Sadly this meeting has been delayed due to a key stakeholder being indisposed. Lobbying efforts continue. *Carried forward.*

b. Neighbourhood Plan update.

The housing needs survey has been circulated and the team are awaiting SDC to collate the results and report back in due course. *Carried forward.*

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

Temporary repairs have been completed. Next stage is full and permanent repairs to be discussed and financed. There may be dispute as to the extent that 7 Trent accept liability for damage further than the confined area round the source of the problem. We will need to collate all the evidence from the past months to put forward a case for extensive repairs. *Carried forward.*

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

WCC inspecting and taking action. 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*.

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

By majority vote, it was decided in principle that a flag pole would be purchased. Clerk to consult residents around The Green to see if there is any objection. An application for Chris Mills County Councillor grant could be made to fund the community flag pole. *Carried forward*.

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

A tree surgeon has been asked to view the trees and quote for necessary cutting back – a planning application will be needed and it cannot occur during nesting season. *Carried forward*.

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

Clerk to obtain 3 quotes and apply for a grant of up to £10,000. LPC would need to prepare a document regarding any solar installation, to cover justification, risk etc. *Carried forward*.

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

Khalsa now have a meter and will arrange to pay the café independently for electricity used. Khalsa's payment for use of the outfield for children's cricket is outstanding. Once received LPC will donate half to the Café to cover previous usage as a good will one off payment. *Item closed*.

6. Planning

a. Applications for comment since last meeting

i.	25/01214/FUL	Yew Tree Cottage	Various alterations
ii.	25/01471/TREE	Bank Cottage	Reduce hedgerow

b. Decisions to note since last meeting

- i. none
- c. Enforcement.

7. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

- a. Playground – Further tidy/cut back during the summer holidays – minor pruning to protect children using the area.

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

9. Financial Administration

a. Lighthorne cash book balances at 30th June 2025

i.	Current account	£12442.52
ii.	Allocated reserves account	£16566.17
	Total	£29008.69

b. Income since last meeting to June 30th

i.	July rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
ii.	FORSE funds	£410.22
iii.	CIL	£6,344.35

c. Expenditure since last meeting to June 30th

i.	Clerks wages 30 hours at £18.05	£541.66
ii.	Bank charges	£4.25
iii.	Water (June)	£117.44
iv.	Nick Jenvey – grass 4 & 5 June	£572.00
v.	Nick Jenvey – grass 18 & 19 June	£592.00
vi.	Andrew Smith email dodo annual	£9.22

- d. Agreeing accounts for payment

10. Correspondence.

Many thanks to our litter picking team who did an amazing job on Sunday 6th July collecting 5 bin bags full of rubbish from all of the roads and paths leading in and out of the village (in the pouring rain!) Thanks to Chris Mills for arranging collection of the bags via Street Scene on Monday morning. The next litter pick will be on Sunday 3rd August, meeting on the Village Green at 11am. *Item closed.*

11. Other reports and items for future agendas.

None.

- 12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:32pm