

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 9th September 2025 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies.**

Cllr Hickman & Cllr Mills (WCC).

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from July.**

The minutes were agreed.

4. **Public Participation**

A member of Khalsa Cricket Team attended to update LPC on their activities at the Pavilion. It is their final game of the season on Saturday and they will then 'put the wicket to bed'. They are hoping to improve the drainage on the whole outfield once the season has finished with verti-draining. They received the grant from Cllr Mills for £750 for their storage shed at the far side of the outfield. *Item closed.*

Numerous residents attended to express their concerns about the proposed access to planning application 25/01504/FUL – 2 glamping pods to the west of Oberry Fields. It was explained that the same submission of support had been sent to SDC as the application was identical save for access, so as to register an opinion, this could then be changed following on from consultation at this meeting, subject to any views expressed. Determination is 30 September 2025.

Concerns were raised about the new access being via Farriers Way.

Cllr Lewis stepped out of the meeting to avoid there being any perception of conflict due to a family connection with the management company for Farriers Way.

Concerns about Farriers Way being used as access are that increased traffic (of non residents and hence unfamiliar with the road) creates a danger and real safety issue – it is a sweeping entrance which narrows to single car width and is a danger to pedestrians. Any vehicles waiting for access to the gate to Oberry Fields create a road block and are sufficiently close to the main road so as to be a danger to any other vehicle entering the close. Concerns that industrial vehicles would be even more of a danger.

Cllr Parry explained her previous and current support being that it meets core strategy aims. Highways have not yet commented on the application and the only reason for it to be rejected would be if they objected. If they deem it to be dangerous they will object. They will look at all access issues as part of their considerations. Construction of the site is not a planning consideration.

Residents were of the view that the only way to appreciate the dangers was to drive the route and requested that Cllrs did that.

Cllrs Driver, Reynolds, Eason and Thomas will attend Farriers Way together with Cllr Parry at 9:30am on Friday 12th September so that they can drive the route and have all the issues identified

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pointed out to them on site by residents who will be present. Cllr Driver stated that Cllrs would work with residents to understand their issues and with SDC.

Once all views of residents have been obtained and the site viewed to everyone's satisfaction, Cllrs will make a decision about the submission to SDC – any changes can be submitted via the planning portal. This will be circulated by the Clerk.

Clerk will invite Cllr Mills to join if he can. Clerk will encourage Cllr Mills to have Highways send an officer to the site rather than simply complete a desk top assessment. *Item closed.*

5. To consider a date to cut back bushes at The Broadwell.

A date in October to be set once Cllr Hickman has returned. Date will be circulated. *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: Delays continue. There is a meeting with Homes England and SDC on 26th September. *Carried forward.*

b. **Neighbourhood Plan update.**

Nothing further to update at this time. *Carried forward.*

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

WCC and Severn Trent have agreed the costings for the works on MM Lane, this is now to be authorised by 7Trent finances and WCC will let us know when the works will take place. 7Trent deny causing any damage to verges and will not reinstate. Clerk is taking advice on how to pursue them for this. *Carried forward.*

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

WCC are of the view that works have been done to their satisfaction. This is not agreed by LPC, Cllr Thomas will take the matter up. *Carried forward.*

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

Flood Management Team at WCC will put a report together and see what assistance they can offer – LPC will consider all suggestions when received. *Item closed.*

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

Decided not to proceed. *Item closed.*

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. Quote not yet received, Clerk to chase. *Carried forward.*

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

Clerk has obtained 3 quotes and applied for a grant of up to £10,000 – we were unsuccessful on the first round. Clerk to apply again. LPC would need to prepare a document regarding any solar installation, to cover justification, risk etc. *Carried forward.*

7. Planning

a. Applications for comment since last meeting

- i. 25/01504/FUL Land to west Oberry Fields 2 glamping pods
- ii. 25/01624/FUL The Saxon House 2 storey side extension
- iii. 25/01745/AGNOT Bannisters Meadow Farm Steel fame barn
- iv. 25/01765/FUL Land at Banbury Road, Gaydon Industrialisation of large area.

LPC will submit an objection to this application in support of Gaydon

b. Decisions to note since last meeting

i.	25/00723/LBC	Yew Tree Cottage	Granted
ii.	25/01214/FUL	Yew Tree Cottage	Granted
iii.	25/01745/AGNOT	Bannisters meadow Farm	Granted
iv.	25/01795/TREE	1 The Bank	Granted

c. Enforcement.

8. Parish Council Reports – To receive reports on:

a. Playground – Further tidy/cut back over coming weeks.

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

10. Financial Administration

a. Lighthorne cash book balances at 31st August 2025

i.	Current account	£8986.41
ii.	Allocated reserves account	£16586.19
	Total	£25572.60

b. Income since last meeting to end August

i.	July rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
ii.	August rent from Café	£740.00
iii.	Khalsa rent of outfield (kids cricket classes)	£160.00

c. Expenditure since last meeting to end August

i.	Clerks wages 30 hours at £18.05	£541.66
ii.	Clerks wages 30 hours @ £18.05	£541.66
iii.	Bank charges July	£4.25
iv.	Bank charges August	£4.25
v.	Water (July)	£114.44
vi.	Water (August)	£164.25
vii.	Electricity (8 Jul)	£237.46
viii.	Electricity (14 Jul)	£11.91
ix.	Electricity (1 Aug)	£3.74
x.	Electricity (1 Aug)	£204.46
xi.	Electricity (14 Aug)	£116.29
xii.	Electricity (15 Aug)	£1.44
xiii.	Nick Jenvey – 11 & 12 July	£572.00
xiv.	Nick Jenvey – 29 & 30 July	£592.00
xv.	Nick Jenvey – 19 & 20 August	£572.00
xvi.	Clear Insurance management Ltd	£1,082.30
xvii.	Klargester routine service	£252.00
xviii.	Helen Smith – one off contrib. to electrics use	£80.00

d. Agreeing accounts for payment

11. Correspondence.

Many thanks to everyone who helped plan, set up, run and clear up after the Village Fete on Saturday. A special thanks to Sally Dick and Fiona Driver for organising the event. *Item closed.*

12. Other reports and items for future agendas.

None.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:14pm