

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Lewis (Chair), Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Mills (WCC) and Cllr Parry (SDC).

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Eason, Cllr Hickman, Cllr Driver

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

None

3. **Acceptance of minutes from October**

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. **Public Participation**

A representative of Khalsa Cricket Club informed LPC that they must comply with league regulations to provide separate changing facilities for umpires and showers at the Pavilion. The club will work with Helen Smith (Pavilion Café) to determine how to comply whilst providing a safe environment for Pavilion staff.

Helen Smith (Pavillion Café) requested that LPC consider reviewing the rent increase scheduled for November 2026 since difficult trading conditions and unforeseen new national insurance costs were affecting the café's ability to trade profitably. Since this year's increase has been implemented, LPC agreed to assess the situation again in September 2026 and decide whether to apply November 2026 increase.

5. **To consider the feasibility of measures to improve mobile phone coverage around the village. To consider the feasibility of measures to improve mobile phone coverage around the village.**

Persistent broadband outages have raised concerns (refer to item 12) that standard temporary measures to provide coverage using mobile phone signals do not work in much of the village where there is no mobile coverage. LPC agreed that this is a serious issue that needs to be resolved. As a first step, **Cllr Reynolds agreed to investigate the feasibility and cost of extending coverage to all parts of the village.**

6. **To consider action following Flood Management team meeting**

Cllr Hickman met with two members of the council flood team on 6th November and, following a tour of various ditches and culvert etc., they decided that the next step is to use CCTV to check the condition of some of the culverts and to discuss with third parties – for example Severn Trent – to determine causes of the March floods and mitigations against further floods. Cllr Hickman will provide further updates.

7. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**

(a) To consider LPC's response to the issue of Primary Health Care at GLH

No update. *Carried forward.*

(b) Neighbourhood Plan update

No meetings have taken place. *Carried forward.*

(c) Update regards Severn Trent work on Moreton Morrell Lane

No update. *Carried forward.*

(d) Update from WCC Highways regarding clearance of obstructive over-growth on Post Office Lane

Excessive vegetation has been removed. *Item closed.*

(e) To consider cutting back the trees in the playground

The tree surgeon is applying for planning application to cut back. *Carried forward.*

(f) To consider applying for a grant to install solar panels at the pavilion

The most recent application has been rejected (competition from stronger applications). LPC agreed to apply again. *Carried forward.*

8. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

None

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

8(b)i 25/02229/TREE Barn Cottage Granted

8(b)ii 25/01504/FUL Glamping Pods Granted

(c) Enforcement

9. Parish Council Reports

(a) Playground

10. Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

11. Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 31st October 2025

Current Account	£13,931.67
Allocated Reserves Account	£16,603.55
TOTAL	£30,535.22

(b) Income for October 2025

Rent from Pavilion Café	£740.00
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(c) Expenditure for October 2025

Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
Bank Charges (October)	£4.25
Water (October)	£136.27
Electricity (15 th October)	£112.53
Electricity (17 th October)	£1.39
Nick Jenvey (8 th and 9 th September)	£572.00
Nick Jenvey (29 th and 30 th September)	£572.00
Nick Jenvey (14 th and 15 th October)	£572.00
Acuto Ltd – septic tank covers etc	£225.00
Moore Ltd – external audit	£312.00

12. Correspondence

A resident had raised concern about broadband internet outages and poor mobile phone coverage in many parts of the village which prevents the standard short-term interim solution from working. See item 5.

A resident informed LPC of a savage and unprovoked dog attack on another dog causing extensive wounding. The resident has informed the dog warden who has involved the police. LPC is not required to act on this item, but we stress our support for responsible pet ownership and the right of all residents and visitors to walk their dogs through the village in safety without causing fear or the risk of danger to others.

13. Other reports and items for future agendas

None

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th January 2026.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:35pm