

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 10th February 2026 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Eason.

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

Clerk mentions that one of the planning applications relates to her trees.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from January**

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. **Public Participation**

A representative of Khalsa Cricket Club attended to update LPC. They will apply again for a grant towards solar panels this year.

5. **To consider adopting the Biodiversity Policy**

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the policy. Cathy Stacey has offered to assist in completing a biodiversity audit and drafting a Local Nature Action Plan. *Item Closed.*

6. **To consider 'No Mow May' (and April)**

It was unanimously agreed that the greens and open spaces would not be mowed until June. To keep the village tidy and deter people allowing their dogs to foul in longer grass and not pick up, it was agreed that the grass adjacent to pavements and the safe path would still be cut. Clerk to inform Nick Jenvey. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider a contribution to electricity costs from Khalsa to Helen Smith for the 2025 season.**

Khalsa agreed to contribute £100. *Item Closed.*

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

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

No update except that work is anticipated to start soon. *Carried forward.*

(b) Neighbourhood Plan update

No progress update. SDC have secured a fund to assist with the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, could be as much as £5,000. *Carried forward.*

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

WCC Highways informs us that works are due to commence on 16th March 2026. *Carried forward.*

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

The third application was turned down – feedback that it was a very good application and scored highly, narrowly missed, would score more highly if we applied for less funding. It was decided to apply again but only apply for £5,000 and a smaller system. *Carried forward.*

(e) To consider the feasibility of measures to improve mobile phone coverage around the village

Update due from Cllr Reynolds. *Carried forward.*

(f) To consider action following Flood Management team meeting

Two CCTV surveys of the culvert have been completed and the drains around the village have been cleared. The official report is imminent which will contain proposals going forward. *Carried forward.*

9. Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

9.a.i 26/00090/FUL	The Saxon House	New garage and garden office
9.a.v 26/00091/FUL	The Saxon House	Replacement Boundary

Unanimously agreed to support both applications.

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

9.b.i 25/03025/TREE	Wishing Well House	Granted
9.b.ii 25/03026/TREE	Forest Lodge	Granted
9.b.iii 26/00057/TREE	Forest Lodge	Granted

(c) Enforcement

10. Parish Council Reports

(a) Playground – once the weather improves a tidy up date will be looked into.

11. Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

12. Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 31st January 2026

12.a.i	Current Account	£13232.82
12.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16628.67
	TOTAL	£29861.49

(b) Income for January 2026

12.b.i	December rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
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(c) Expenditure for January 2026

12.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
12.c.ii	Bank Charges (January)	£4.25
12.c.iii	Electricity (Jan)	£18.82
12.c.iv	Electricity (Jan)	£153.51
12.c.v	Pavilion Survey	£600.00

13. Correspondence

A resident raised concerns about the damage being done to grass verges etc on Moreton Morrell lane during the retaining wall works. Grevayne have confirmed that they will restore the area to its pre works status once they have completed the works. *Item closed.*

A resident complained about the unsightliness of the collected rubbish in bin bags left around the litter bin by the bus shelter on the monthly Sunday litter picks and asked if it could be taken away on the day or left somewhere else. Given the litter pickers give up an hour or so of their time on a Sunday morning it was not considered appropriate to ask them to fill their own

(limited capacity) black bins with the rubbish. Given that some unpleasant items often make up the litter collected it was also not deemed reasonable to expect the volunteers to put the bags in their own cars and risk spillage. There is nowhere else the litter can sensibly be left for collection by Street Scene 24 hours later. Given that the bin bags are only in situ once a month for approx. 24 hours it was felt that it was reasonable to gather them by the litter bin awaiting collection. In future they would be stacked to the front facing the road to minimise impact on residents behind the bus shelter. It was noted that 1st February was a particularly large litter collection with more colourful bags used, making them more visible. It was also noted that the volunteer litter pickers do a fantastic job keeping our village clean and tidy.

Item closed.

A resident raised concerns about, mostly, delivery vehicles reversing at speed into Mountford Rise odds, and being a danger to other residents and road users. Everyone was sympathetic to the concerns raised but not sure what LPC could do to assist. Cllr Parry suggested trying to get photos of the number plates and report them. There wasn't anything else that could be suggested. *Item closed.*

14. Other reports and items for future agendas

None.

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2026.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:35pm