

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Hickman and Cllr Thomas and Cllr Mills (WCC).

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Lewis, Cllr Driver, Cllr Eason & Cllr Parry (SDC).

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from February**

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. **Public Participation**

A representative of Khalsa Cricket Club attended to update LPC. They have cut the square and the outfield. They are moving a water pipe. They would like to install showers – will need to discuss use of toilets and ref room with new tenant once she has taken over. Expressed an interest in removing the single toilet, LPC will not be removing this toilet. They might ask to erect a small wooden shed at the side of the outfield as an extra changing space for female players – Sports England would need to be consulted – there can be no encroachment onto the outfield.

5. **To agree the budget 2026/2027.**

Budget documents were circulated to councillors before the meeting – a budget and allocation of reserves was agreed. Cllr Reynolds will type up and circulate. *Item Closed.*

6. **To consider supporting LVHMC moving the royal mail post box.**

Agreed. New location needs to be discussed with royal mail – it is understood that they wish to place it adjacent to the bus shelter. This is Village Green and as such might not be possible. Clerk to discuss with royal mail. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider nominating Piers Banfield as our representative on LVHMC**

Decided that this was unnecessary. But he would be the LVHMC rep to us to keep everyone updated. *Item Closed.*

8. **To consider underwriting the costs of a Parish Magazine for Lighthorne.**

A member of the VH fundraising team is putting together a Lighthorne news magazine. No costs other than printing. He will produce a PDF copy and a digital distribution list. A member of the LVHMC attended and indicated that there were alternative funding routes from those who wanted a hard copy, so no need for LPC to underwrite costs. LPC are supportive of the idea of a village magazine. LPC are happy to consider a further request if required. *Item closed.*

9. To consider nominating The Antelope Inn to be an asset of community value.

Unanimously agreed. Clerk will make the application. *Item closed.*

10. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

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

The build of the temporary facility is due to start any day. A permanent facility will follow. *Item closed.*

(b) Neighbourhood Plan update

Meeting next week. 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 delayed due to Severn Trent ongoing works – could now be May 2026. *Carried forward.*

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

The further application has been submitted, results in April. *Carried forward.*

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

Cllr Reynolds reports that a rep from Vodaphone is looking into whether there are any feasible options or not. *Carried forward.*

(f) To consider action following Flood Management team meeting

The official S.19 final report is imminent which will contain proposals going forward. *Carried forward.*

11.Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

11.a.i	26/00386/FULL	Elm Tree House	Timber outbuilding
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(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

11.b.i	25/02644/FUL	Village Hall	Granted
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11.b.ii	26/00091/FUL	The Saxon House	Granted
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(c) Enforcement

12.Parish Council Reports

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

13.Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

14.Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 28th February 2026

14.a.i	Current Account	£12921.18
14.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16636.19
	TOTAL	£29557.37

(b) Income for February 2026

14.b.i	February rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
14.b.ii	VAT return	£1770.00

(c) Expenditure for February 2026

14.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
14.c.ii	Bank Charges (February)	£4.25
14.c.iii	Water Plus (Feb)	£266.14
14.c.iv	Lighthorne Tree Care (play park trees)	£1560.00
14.c.v	Greg Hickman – litter signs	£78.78 p

15.Correspondence

A resident asked whether a memorial tree or bench could be placed in the grass area near the Broadwell. There have been previous occasions where memorial trees etc have been placed, so agreed that it was entirely appropriate to allow this to take place. *Item closed.*

16. Other reports and items for future agendas

When the VH has solar panels installed, those facing the playpark will be over shadowed by the trees next to the garages. These trees were cut back this year, LVHMC might ask LPC to consider cutting them back again next year, but more severely. When the LVHMC arrange for solar panels to be installed it will require scaffolding in the playpark – agreed that the playpark could be temporarily closed to facilitate and maintain safety.

17. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th April 2026.

MEETING CLOSES at 8:05pm