

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 14th April 2026 At 6.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Driver, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Hickman and Cllr Thomas and Cllr Eason.

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Mills (WCC) & Cllr Parry (SDC).

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

None.

3. **Acceptance of minutes from March**

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. **Public Participation**

A representative of Khalsa Cricket Club attended to update LPC. They have prepared the grass on the outfield. They are establishing a good working relationship with Emma Barnsley (new tenant at Pavilion Café). There hope to have 2 working showers for the season – toilet cubicle screened. Their first game is this coming Saturday. They were asked, again, to provide the proposed Sunday fixtures, so these can be included in the annually renewable agreement to allow they use of the outfield, and changing rooms on match days.

5. **To agree the AGAR.**

AGAR content figures explained. Unanimously agreed. *Item Closed.*

6. **To consider supporting Redlands Warm Hub by funding £600-£700 to buy new chairs.**

Unanimously agreed that Redlands should receive the funding, there are very few requests for financial assistance from Redlands residents and they are very deserving of the assistance. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider allowing Khalsa to erect a shed to use as a changing room and to consider its potential location.**

If Khalsa persist in their choice of location on the outfield between the two metal gazebos then planning permission would be required as this is on the outfield. If they were to position the shed on land between the Café building and the Allotments then they would not require planning permission. Sports England contacted by the clerk, they cannot make a final decision as to whether they would object until they have seen the planning application – they would comment as part of the planning process. Khalsa to look into planning permission. *Item closed.*

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

(a) Neighbourhood Plan update

Meeting in a couple of weeks where a questionnaire will be agreed to submit to SDC to ensure it meets all criteria required. *Carried forward.*

(b) 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 or later. Severn Trent are resolving an issue with a blockage, surveys have been undertaken. The tanker has to remain on site as a precaution until the issue has been resolved. They will keep us updated. *Carried forward.*

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

The further application has been submitted, results at end of 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. There is an ‘approval’ in place to install measures. The best location was identified as being The Antelope Inn, but no current tenant. Clerk to liaise with Vodaphone rep and suggest contact with Stonegate (owners). *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. There are still surveys and inspection works being undertaken prior to the final report. *Carried forward.*

9.Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

9.a.i	26/00543/FUL	Ash Tree House	Single storey extension
9.a.ii	26/00633/FUL	3 Pipers Bath	2 storey extension
9.a.iii	26/00761/TREE	Village Hall	Fell Horse Chestnut Tree

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

9.b.i	26/00090/FUL	The Saxon House	Granted
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(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 March 2026

12.a.i	Current Account	£12123.66
12.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16642.57
	TOTAL	£28766.23

(b) Income for March 2026

12.b.i	March rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
12.b.ii	Allotment Assoc annual rent	£155.00

(c) Expenditure for March 2026

12.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
12.c.ii	Bank Charges (March)	£4.25
12.c.iii	Water Plus (March)	£266.13
12.c.iv	Valda Energy (March)	£25.12
12.c.v	Valda Energy (March)	£197.37
12.c.vi	Laura Newberry – printer cartridge	£21.76
12.c.vii	WCC Annual lighting maintenance	£68.45
12.c.viii	Nick Jenvey Grass cutting 26 th & 27 th March	£572.00

13.Correspondence

A number of residents have commented that the footpaths from Moreton Morrell Lane adjacent to and beyond the fish ponds are becoming over grown and impassable. A councillor will speak to the land owner rather than making an official complaint, as it is the landowner's responsibility to keep the footpath clear. *Item closed.*

From Stonegate re The Antelope Inn: The Regional Manager is actively recruiting for the site. They cannot give a definitive date that it will open. It was decided that the Clerk would contact them and ask that the tent be taken down in the meantime. *Item closed.*

LPC have nominated The Antelope Inn to be considered as an Asset of Community Value, SDC has eight weeks from the application date to make a decision - This is done by their Deputy Chief Executive who has delegated authority for this from SDC. *Carried forward.*

14. Other reports and items for future agendas

LPC needs an IT Policy – clerk will draft ready for May meeting. LPC also needs to transfer to a gov.uk website and emails. *Carried forward.*

15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 6:30pm, then AGM of LPC at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:34pm