

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 9th June 2026 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Reynolds & Cllr Hickman.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

None.

3. Acceptance of minutes from May

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. Public Participation.

None.

5. To consider repairing the village notice board lock.

It was decided to ask Alan Ferguson to look at the board and quote to repair. Cllr Mills' grant opens again soon, and a new noticeboard would be an appropriate item. It was agreed to repair the board and pass on the info regarding a grant to the VH committee. *Item closed.*

6. To consider what steps can be taken to ensure the safety of villagers and their dogs from the Sharpei on The Green.

Clerk has spoken to Dog Warden who agrees that the dog is an ongoing danger to other dogs, small children and residents generally. He has no power to enforce muzzling etc. Victim of the most recent biting can insist on being told outcome of Police investigation and required actions, if those actions have not been complied with further complaint can be lodged. Victim of the biting to be encouraged to pursue the matter with the police. Another letter from LPC will be posted to the owner requesting that the dog be muzzled. *Carried forward.*

7. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

(a) Neighbourhood Plan update

Meeting held and there will be another meeting in a couple of weeks where the questionnaire will be finalised to submit to SDC to ensure it meets all criteria required. *Carried forward.*

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

No exact update re when resurfacing will take place. Clerk will follow up. *Carried forward.*

(c) To consider action following Flood Management team meeting

The section 19 has had its first draft completed, and is currently being reviewed by the Senior Engineers in the Team. In terms of practical updates, the County Highways Team have added the collapsed culvert beneath Church Lane, opposite the Old Rectory, to their list of Jobs to investigate. This has been added to the Highways team list of jobs. It is good news that WCC will be investigating as the start of the collapse is under the highway rather than under

private land. Whilst we expect there to be some betterment from this culvert being investigated, the downstream system appears not to have flowed properly for some time therefore there may be further work required under private land. *Carried forward.*

(d) To consider the temporary closure of the play park during VH Annexe works.

Cllr Eason & Cllr Hickman met with VH reps at the play park. For the ongoing safety of users of the play park, the large climbing frame unit and lower level assault course equipment would need to be fenced off to prevent use during the works. As the safety of users of the play park is LPC's responsibility, it would be appropriate for LPC to fund the fencing costs. VHMC will provide estimate dates and costs. *Carried forward.*

(e) To consider supporting Vodafone's application to provide a 4G reception solution.

Still ongoing. New tenants at The Antelope to be considered for approach. *Carried forward.*

(f) To consider installing Solar Panels at The Pavilion Café using the CCNF grant.

Awaiting contract from SDC. *Carried forward.*

8.Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

8.a.i 26/01061/FUL The Old Post Office Replacement single storey extension to rear

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

8.b.i 26/00633/FUL 3 Pipers Bath Granted

(c) Enforcement

9.Parish Council Reports

(a) Playground – Over half term there was a cut back and tidy up, including emptying of bin. Post nesting season there will be another cut back and tidy up.

10.Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

11.Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 31st May 2026

11.a.i	Current Account	£17641.10
11.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16656.94
	TOTAL	£34298.04

(b) Income for May 2026

11.b.i	May rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
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(c) Expenditure for May 2026

11.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
11.c.ii	Bank Charges (May)	£4.25
11.c.iii	Water Plus (May)	£145.45
11.c.iv	Valda Energy (May)	£10.49
11.c.v	Valda Energy (May)	£283.67
11.c.vi	Village Hall Annual payment	£1,000.00
11.c.vii	Trevor Gill – internal audit	£500.00
11.c.viii	Chairs for Redlands Warm Hub	£891.86

12.Correspondence

None.

13.Other reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Driver will look into the work required to ensure that we are IT Policy compliant – new domain and new emails etc. Will look into providers and costings. *Carried forward.*

Khalsa have still not disposed of the old wicket covers, in spite of the new ones being in use for a year. Clerk to ask them to remove them, and other metal work at the far end of the outfield by the next meeting 14th July 2026. *Item closed.*

14.Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2026 – Meeting of the Parish Council at at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:19pm