

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall -
On Tuesday 8th September 2026 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 member of the public.

1. Apologies

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

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

Clerk re 26/01379/FUL.

3. Acceptance of minutes from July

The minutes were agreed and accepted

4. Public Participation.

None.

5. To consider setting up a village Flood Action Group.

It was unanimously agreed to set up the group. Steve Fincher will be chair and Nick Barrows-Rudd vice chair. *Carried forward.*

6. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

(a) Neighbourhood Plan update

Housing needs survey is live and will be until end of September. *Carried forward.*

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

Update on the ongoing work at Moreton Morrell Lane Pumping Station from Severn Trent.

Following further technical review, they have concluded that the major remedial works required to permanently resolve the issue are best undertaken between April and June 2027.

These works involve significant excavation and pipe replacement across agricultural land, and carrying them out during the autumn and winter months would carry a high risk of delays and construction difficulties due to ground conditions.

In the meantime, they are progressing a series of interim improvements aimed at reducing the risk of further pressure-related issues over the winter period and minimising the likelihood of tanker support being required.

These include:

- Installation of an additional air valve identified through our recent pipeline surveys.
- Replacement of a significant bend at the Sports Pitch/Marston Avenue area during August 2026.
- Further improvements to sections of pipework where sharp changes in direction have been identified.

- Additional pipeline surveys on 28 August 2026 to gather the remaining information needed to confirm the root cause and finalise the permanent solution.

The investigations completed to date continue to indicate that the issue is located within the final section of the rising main approaching Stratford Road Pumping Station, and the interim works are focused on this area.

While they cannot fully eliminate the possibility of tanker support being required during periods of exceptionally wet weather.

The measures above are intended to improve the performance of the system and reduce operational risk ahead of the permanent repair works planned for Spring 2027.

They will continue to monitor the effectiveness of these interventions over the winter and will provide further updates as the project progresses.

They appreciate the condition of Moreton Morrell Lane remains a concern.

Given the permanent repair works to the rising main are now planned for Spring 2027, they believe it would be best to undertake any significant road repairs after the winter period.

This will allow them to assess the effectiveness of the interim measures being implemented and, hopefully, avoid any requirement for prolonged tanker operations over the winter months.

They will continue to monitor the performance of the water main and early in the new year, and can review the condition of Moreton Morrell Lane and discuss the most appropriate timing for any remedial road repairs. *Carried forward.*

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

For safety of users of the play park LVHMC have suggested closing the play park completely during the demolition and groundworks stage then partially reopening once construction begins. Unanimously agreed that this was the safest approach during works, fortunately now Autumn/Winter so not peak playpark use. The play park will be closed once demolition works begin in October and will remain closed until groundworks are completed – likely December. *Carried forward.*

(d) 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.*

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

The £5,000 grant has been received. Three new quotes were obtained to install the system. Unanimously agreed that ISO Solar (Stratford based) was the best system and represented best value for money – they will be instructed to proceed with the installation. Panels will be installed after cricket season has concluded, so no netting required to protect the panels until next season. A meeting will be set up with Pavilion Café re billing etc to be ready for when panels are producing electricity. Clerk to arrange. *Carried forward.*

(f) To consider IT requirements to comply with IT policy.

Cllr Driver putting a proposal together for October meeting. *Carried forward.*

(g) To consider reallocating reserves.

Cllr Reynolds does not deem necessary at this stage, can be adequately explained and set out without affecting agreed budget 2026/2027. *Item closed.*

7.Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

7.a.i	26/01385/FUL	Old Rectory	Various internal alterations etc -support
7.a.ii	26/01386/LBC	Old Rectory	Various internal alterations etc - support
7.a.iii	26/01809/LBC	Pratts Farm	Repointing works - support
7.a.iv	26/01379/FUL	Forest Lodge	Retaining wall - support

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

7.b.i	26/00842/FUL	Old Rectory Bungalow	Granted
7.b.ii	26/01662/LDP	14 Mountford Drive	Granted

(c) Enforcement

A resident has raised concerns about planning conditions not being met re: glamping pods at Oberry Fields, specifically fencing & parking. Enquiries made with owner as a first course of action.

8.Parish Council Reports

(a) Playground – Due to be closed October to December.

9.Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

10.Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 31st August 2026

10.a.i	Current Account	£15519.38
10.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16677.72
	TOTAL	£32197.10

(b) Income for July & August 2026

10.b.i	July rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
10.b.i	August rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
10.b.ii	September rent from Pavilion Café	£823.00
10.b.iii	CCNF Grant	£5,000.00

(c) Expenditure for July & August 2026

10.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
10.c.ii	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
10.c.iii	Bank Charges (July)	£4.25
10.c.iv	Bank Charges (August)	£4.25
10.c.v	Water Plus (July)	£145.45
10.c.vi	Water Plus (August)	£168.52
10.c.vi	Valda Energy (July)	£84.02
10.c.viii	Valda Energy (August)	£105.24
10.c.ix	Nick Jenvey – grass 1 st and 2 nd June	£637.00
10.c.x	Nick Jenvey – grass 9 th and 10 th June	£615.00
10.c.xi	Nick Jenvey – grass 22 nd & 23 rd June	£615.00
10.c.xii	Annual Insurance	£1,100.71
10.c.xiii	Yu energy repayment	£500.00
10.c.xiv	Andy Smith – web host renewal	£19.18

10.c.v	Nick Jenvey – grass 6 th & 7 th July	£615.00
10.c.vi	SPE Ltd – empty septic tank	£252.00
10.c.vii	Gas Wise Plumbing – VH boiler	£3,773.42
10.c.viii	Moore – external audit	£252.00 ^p
10.c.ix	Andy Smith – neighbourhood plan printing	£25.90 ^p

11. Correspondence

LVHMC has announced that they have successfully applied for and received a grant from SDC for £100,000 towards to North Annexe and as such work will commence in October. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on Saturday 19th September 2026 at 3pm. LPC send their congratulations to everyone involved in applying for and securing the grant – a great effort which will make a huge difference to the village. *Item closed.*

LPC has been made aware of two unconnected burglaries this week first on Church Lane and Second Mountford Rise odds – Extend our sympathy to the victims and urge diligence in both home security and watching out for each other in the coming weeks. *Item closed.*

12. Other reports and items for future agendas

None

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:12pm