LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Lighthorne Parish Council - Held at Lighthorne Village Hall - On Tuesday 13th October 2026 At 6.45pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 member of the public.

1. **Apologies**
   Cllr Parry (SDC).
2. **Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests**
   Cllr Driver re: 26/02313/TREE.
3. **Acceptance of minutes from September**
   The minutes were agreed and accepted
4. **Public Participation**.

   Khalsa Cricket confirmed that the season was now over. The container had been moved from the car park and the grass has been seeded. Will report again before the next season starts.

   Representatives from "Barefoot and Wild" attended to report on their proposals at Hill Farm, Lighthorne. They are hoping to submit their application to SDC in the next few weeks. Proposal had been emailed to LPC prior to the meeting. They would be open Thursday to Sunday morning and afternoon/evening – latest 8pm. 4 hours in morning, 4 hours in afternoon/evening. Up to 14 guests and 8 staff. 10 minute buffers between sessions to allow free flowing traffic. No plans to expand, want to keep it small. No overnight accommodation and no catering. Owner of the land wants the site tidying up, no plans beyond the proposal being presented. The application to SDC is a change from agricultural to commercial. Happy to discuss further once the application has been received.

5. **To consider the response from Jeremy Wright and WCC re measures to support rural properties dependent on oil.**

   A generic response has been received from JW being sympathetic and supporting any plans to assist – he has sent our specific queries to the Minister and will report back once he has a response. Clerk to chase. *Carried forward.*

6. **To consider laying a wreath at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of LPC.**

   Unanimously agreed that we should lay a wreath and that our Chair will attend to lay the wreath. Clerk to organise purchase of wreath. *Item closed.*

7. **To consider the implications of recent burglaries.**

   Increase in burglaries recognised as a concern. Clerk to take advice from Neighbourhood Watch if there is anything the village can do / implement to try and tackle the issue proactively. *Carried forward.*

8. **To consider having the permanently 'dark' street lamps removed.**

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Those affected by the lamp on Post office Lane near Brook House had agreed not to have the light replaced. There are several lamps around the village which have now been agreed to remain 'dark'. Cost implications to be looked into of removing them permanently and any savings from their not being registered to the grid. They would then be considered on an individual basis. *Carried forward.*

9. Matters arising from minutes of previous meetings

(a) Neighbourhood Plan update

Housing needs survey now closed and the results are being collated. Group are looking into funding. *Carried forward.*

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

Nothing new since September update. *Carried forward.*

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

Now closed. *Item closed.*

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

Still ongoing. *Carried forward.*

(e) Installation of Solar Panels at The Pavilion Café using the CCNF grant.

ISO solar are conducting their final surveys before installation date set. 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 put a proposal together – the current website will be brought under LPC control. Public enquires will be routed through the clerk rather than setting up Councillor mailboxes, and we will amend sections 7 & 8 of the IT policy to match. Council email and domain to move to a gov.uk domain with a clerk mailbox using Parish Online's free package. The existing site will be fixed in house. Cllr Driver and clerk to action the above. *Item closed.*

(g) Village Flood Action Group update.

An action plan has been put in place with multiple requests/actions for the group, WCC, LLFA and LPC. Updates to follow. *Carried forward.*

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10.Planning

(a) Applications for comment since last meeting

10.a.i	26/02134/FUL	Farm Services	Application for Storage of goods
10.a.ii	26/02136/LBC	Church Hill Barn	Internal alterations
10.a.iii	26/02313/TREE	Whitegates	Tree reductions

(b) Decisions to note since last meeting

10.b.i	26/01061/FUL	The Old Post Office	Granted
10.b.ii	26/01379/FUL	Forest Lodge	Granted

(c) Enforcement

11.Parish Council Reports

(a) Playground – Now closed October to December.

12.Reports from Ward Representatives of SDC and WCC

On website

13.Financial Administration

(a) Cash book balances at 30th September 2026

13.a.i	Current Account	£22679.60
13.a.ii	Allocated Reserves Account	£16684.57
	TOTAL	£39364.17

(b) Income for September 2026

13.b.i	Precept	£9,000.00

(c) Expenditure for September 2026

13.c.i	Clerk's wages 30 hours @£18.05	£541.66
13.c.ii	Bank Charges (Sept)	£4.25
13.c.iii	Water Plus (Sept)	£168.52
13.c.iv	Valda Energy (Sept)	£124.45
13.c.v	Nick Jenvey – grass 14 &15 September	£615.00
13.c.vi	Andy Smith – survey website	£108.00

14.Correspondence

None.

15.Other reports and items for future agendas

None

16.Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 6:45pm.

MEETING CLOSES at 7:37pm

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