

# Minutes of the Annual Lighthorne Parish Meeting

held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2002  
in Lighthorne Village Hall at 8pm

Present:

Cllr Lou Giblin (Vice-Chairman of Lighthorne Parish Council)

Mr Bill Betts (Clerk to Lighthorne Parish Council)

Mr Roger Huxley (SDC Parish Review Officer)

18 members of the public

## **1. Introduction**

Cllr Giblin welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and also Mr Huxley representing Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Owing to an unforeseen circumstance Cllr Rigby, chairman of the Parish Council, sent his apologies and Cllr Giblin proceeded to chair the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the 2001 Annual Parish Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2001 were circulated and by a show of hands were approved by those present.

## **3. Presentation by Mr Roger Huxley**

Mr Huxley gave a brief history of his background as a retired senior diplomat who, in his retirement, agreed to the temporary post within SDC of looking at the boundaries, warding, and at the number of parishes that needed revising as laid down under the 1997 Act. His position was purely advisory, his title being "Parish Review Officer".

It was mentioned that, as at 2001, there were 113 parishes in Stratford District with some 90,000 electors. Mr Huxley's philosophy was "not to make changes if it was not necessary nor to tinker for the sake of tinkering".

His recommendations so far, after much consultation, was that there should be 40 changes within the District, some small and some major. One was the split between Lighthorne and Lighthorne Heath using the line on the map suggested by the Parish Council. This line was subsequently confirmed by using the Global Positioning (Satellite Navigation) System, as agreed with the Secretary of State. Another change was the inclusion within the Parish of the two properties next to Three-Gates Stud.

Because of the proposed split there was a need to agree the number of councillors for each of the two new parish councils. The recommendation is that each should have a minimum of 5. (This matter would be raised at the next Parish Council meeting.)

The final objective was to have the Parish split set up by early April 2003.

Mr Huxley then produced a map showing the line of the split and other small details within it. This was subsequently viewed by the members of the public. There was no dissension and the few queries were answered by Mr Huxley.

The chairman thanked Mr Huxley for his very detailed presentation and for all the work undertaken by him to date, and for his support which was much appreciated.

Cllr Tony Rose (Lighthorne Parish Council) suggested that a copy of the map showing the proposed split be placed in Lighthorne Village Hall and Lighthorne Heath Village School. The Clerk agreed to do so.

#### **4. Other Business**

It was suggested that a flagpole be erected in Lighthorne Village so that special days such as St George's day could be commemorated. The Parish Council will discuss the matter.

Concern was expressed at the size of the bund at Land Rover (Aston Martin). Cllr Giblin said that she was attending a meeting with Land Rover shortly and would be raising the matter with them.

It was regretted that the Parish Council's Annual Review document was not available for distribution at the meeting, but it was ready and would be distributed shortly.

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40pm.