

LIGHTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Lighthorne Village Hall at 8.pm on 9th January 2008

Present:

Cllr Tait (Chair)
Cllr Hill

Cllr Rigby
Alex Tait (Clerk)

Cllr Lewis

Cllr Mills (SDC)

1 Apologies

Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Wixey (SDC)

2 Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2007

This matter was deferred to later in the meeting.

3. Members Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lewis declared an interest in the planning issue 07/03178/LBC and 07/03177/FUL

4. The meeting shall be adjourned to consider questions from the floor.

Nothing to report

5. Planning

Reference	Title	Applicant	Represent'n	Decision
07/02925/FUL	Retrospective Application for retention of change of use from agricultural to equestrian use – relocation of riding area and laying new riding surface	Dr P R Neal	No objection but two suggestions - not to be used for commercial use and lighting so as not to be nuisance to the neighbours and light pollution	Permission with Conditions
07/02876/TREE	Reduce 4 cypress, prune 4 cypress and remove one leaning lower part from 1 cypress	Mrs I A Proudman	No Comment	Tree Consent with Conditions
07/02289/FUL *	Change of use from farm to equine exercise – Banisters Farm	Mr and Mrs Wiggan	No objection although requested ROW Officer checks the site as there is a right of way	Pending Consideration
07/02456/FUL	Proposed rear extension, kitchen / dining room – 1 Old School Lane	Mr Townsend	No Comment	Permission with Conditions

07/03354/FUL*	Tylers Barn, Lighthorne – Erection of a hardwood convervatory	Mr R Taylor	No Comment	Pending Consideration
07/03336/FUL*	Southview, The Bank – Extension and Alteration	Mr and Mrs Meehan	No Comment	Pending Consideration
07/03178/LBC*	Fairfield, Lighthorne – extension to existing detached garage to form triple garage	Mr and Mrs Lewis	No Comment	Pending Consideration
07/03177/FUL*	Fairfield, Lighthorne – extension to existing detached garage to form triple garage	Mr and Mrs Lewis	No Comment	Pending Consideration
07/03030/LBC	3 Church Cottages – lean to roof over part rear outbuilding and proposed light well to first floor window and alterations to outbuildings	Mr and Mrs Archer	No Comment	Listed Building Consent Approved
07/03029/FUL	3 Church Cottages – lean to roof over part rear out buildings and proposed light well to first floor window and alterations to out buildings	Mr and Mrs Archer	No Comment	Permission with Conditions
07/03431/LDP	Redlands Farm, Banbury Road – 21 permanent caravans in addition to the 55 caravans .	Avon Estates (Park Sales) Ltd	Objection	Pending Consideration

(*)= submitted since previous meeting

Cllr Lewis left the room when the discussion was held on planning issue 07/03177/FUL and 07/03030/LBC

Cllr Tait proposed that the comments made between meetings to SDC should be agreed on planning applications 07/03336/FUL, 07/03178/LBC, 07/03030/LBC and 07/03354/FUL of no comment. This motion was seconded by Cllr Rigby and it was carried unanimously.

Cllr Lewis returned to the meeting.

A discussion was held with regard to the additional 21 caravans proposed for the Redlands Farm Site. A detailed discussion was held in connection to Cllr Rigby's comments on the application which he had circulated. Cllr Lewis stated that she believed some of the properties would be placed on what was called a 'lagoon'. There is no explanation of the meaning of lagoon or what is to be done to make good this area for caravans to be placed upon the same. The Council wondered if this was the reed bed.

There was also no indication as to whether Severn Trent had agreed in principle to provide mains water and sewage for the extra caravans and how this was going to be dealt with on the site.

Cllr Tait proposed using the comments provided by Cllr Rigby along with the comment with regard to Severn Trent as Lighthorne Parish Council response to SDC. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hill and carried unanimously. Cllr Rigby's comments will be attached to the minutes.

Home Farm

A resident had forwarded correspondence to Cllr Tait with regard to the works taking place at Home Farm and the subsequent discussion with the Enforcement Officer at SDC. He confirmed that SDC had received a planning application for the development at Home Farm but as yet this had not been validated. The resident is deeply concerned that work is being carried out without prior written permission and that no action will be taken.

Cllr Lewis proposed that the Parish Council should write again requesting action by Enforcement Officer. If no positive response the Parish Council would contact SDC's Chief Executive. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hill and carried unanimously.

6. Highways

Cllr Hill reported that the pot hole on The Bank has now been marked out by WCC so hopefully this should be made safe shortly.

Cllr Tait felt that there should be an increase in the payment for the cleaning and maintenance of the bus shelter and environs to reflect increase in inflation and additional clearing of leaves on Church Lane.

Cllr Lewis proposed that the salary should be increased to £200. This motion was seconded by Cllr Rigby and carried unanimously.

The extra £50 will be forwarded as the fee had already been paid between meetings.

Cllr Hill suggested getting some large logs and placing them on areas of the village green as a deterrent for people parking on the same until a permanent alternative is made. Cllr Lewis stated that they can be easily removed.

Cllr Hill enquired whether there had been any development with the dog bin on Moreton Morrell Lane. She reported that many people walk their dog down this road and there is a lot of dog mess. Cllr Tait will look into the prices of the same.

Cllr Tait discussed the bins required for sand near the village hall and rubbish at the sports ground. Cllr Rigby felt that wood would look more aesthetically pleasing but plastic is more durable and the public need to see and recognise that it is a public service item.

Cllr Tait had been contacted by the owner of Whitegates to inform her that he is awaiting reports with regard to the reasons why their property has flooded. He wished to know whether there was any way that WCC would take any responsibility for the flooding problem. Cllr Tait said that she had contacted WCC, Mr Samwell, who are arranging a report on the drains and culvert to be made at their expense although a date has not been given yet. Cllr Tait will chase WCC for a date.

Cllr Tait has also asked the resident of Whitegates whether he would be prepared to forward a copy of any reports received with regard to this issue.

Cllr Hill noted that both she and Cllr Rigby noted that the culvert and ditch was full of leaves and debris on Heath Farm Lane and they had attempted to clear the area.

7. Lighthorne Sports Ground

Cllr Tait is trying to change the tariff paid for electricity as at present it is charged as a business.

She was given the name of an alternative supplier who deals with renewable energy. She has contacted them for a break down of the prices and feels that we could look into this for the street lighting as well.

Cllr Tait has produced a poster inviting a working group to meet at the Sports Ground on 16th February, 9.30-12.30pm, to spread chippings and deal with the overgrown area where the trees were planted. She will place the notice in the Parish Magazine.

8. Street Lighting

Cllr Hill and Cllr Lewis to discuss the questionnaire and make proposals for the next meeting.

9 Assets, Contracts and Finance

9a To receive the financial statements from the Responsible Financial Officer:

Items paid since last meeting

Payee	Cheque No.	Description	Amount £
Veolia	1372	Ground Maintenance	529.78
Mr Humphriss	1373	Cleaning & Maintenance of the Bus Shelter	150.00
A Tait	1374	Clerks Salary	100.00
Thomas Fox	1375	Grass Cutting	246.76

Items for approval at this meeting

Harry Stebbing	1376	Notice Board	1,750.76
A Tait	1377	Clerk Salary	100.00
A Tait	1378	Clerks Expenses	2.88
Mr Humphriss	1379	Cleaning & Maintenance of Bus Shelter	50.00

Income/Refunds Received

Item	Amount £
Allianz Cornhill	3,694.00

Outstanding Income

Item	Amount £
	Nil

9b. To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

Cllr Lewis proposed that the cheques be signed as correct. This motion was seconded by Cllr Hill and carried unanimously

The Clerk circulated a copy of the accounts and a break down of the spending of the precept for this present year and a suggested forecast for next year as SDC is required to be informed whether the precept needs to be altered. This will be discussed with a view to approval at the following meeting.

Cllr Rigby congratulated the Chairman for the projects which have been carried out over the last year.

10. Parish Plan

Entry to be placed in the Parish Magazine for volunteers to assist in the creating of the Parish Plan.

11. Government, other councils, council associations and local authorities.

Nothing to report

12. Correspondence.

Nothing to report

13. To consider any matters that the Chairman decides are urgent

Cllr Tait stated that Allotment Agreement would be circulated for agreement in due course.

Cllr Mills passed to the Councillors some information from Cllr Wixey regarding a meeting on 14th January with SDC for people to air their views on how the Council Tax is being spent. This would be placed on the notice board.

Cllr Mills handed some documentation to the Chairman with regard to the changes in recycling by SDC. People are to have three re-cycling bins as from August 2008.

Cllr Tait informed the Councillors that the Notice Board would arrive on 4th February and she is trying to arrange a working group to help install the same. The Millennium Fund is to donate approximately £600 towards the payment of the Notice Board.

The meeting was adjourned so that item two could be dealt with at the Finance Meeting on 24th January 2007.

14. Date and venue of next meeting

The Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th February at Lighthorne Village Hall at 8.00pm.

The Finance Meeting to be held at Smithy Cottage on 24th January 2008 at 8pm.

Parish Council Meeting held on
24th January 2008 at 8pm at Smithy Cottage, The Green, Lighthorne
Continuation of the meeting on 9th January 2008

Councillors present:

Cllr Tait Cllr Lewis Cllr Hill

Cllr Lloyd Alex Tait (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Rigby

2. November Minutes

Cllr Hill proposed that the minutes from the November meeting be signed as true record. This motion was seconded by Cllr Lewis and it was carried unanimously.

3. Precept

A discussion was held with regard to the precept for 2008/2009 from SDC. The Councillors reviewed the figures for the Parish Council expenditure for 2007/2008 and the potential forecast for 2008/2009.

Cllr Tait proposed an increase to the precept from £9000 to £9500 to take into account an increase in inflation at 3% and £200 towards potential election costs. This motion was seconded by Cllr Lloyd and carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.