

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th of May @ 7pm at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Angie Marian

Cllr Mikey P

Cllr Scott Goodman

Cllr Ben Robinson

Cllr David Murphy

In attendance:

Emma Hills (Community Champion)

Parishioners - 9

Meeting starts at 1905

1. Apologies for absence

Martin Lea, Annamica, Sahira,

2. Chairman's welcome

Cllr Marian reads Chairs statement,

Past projects completed, funds used, current projects and future projects.

Notes on the future project for play area, and the amount is now tenderable. Chair notes that not necessarily the cheapest tender is opted for, the most appropriate is selected.

Recent update from today's social posts about St Wulfstan GP practice also given to update the preprepared statement.

Precept given too, based on elector amounts, 137 funds, the remaining funds decided by councillors.

Query from parishioner about if the job spec has been updated in line with job review. Cllr Marian invites parishioner to join next months meeting to hear more about this.

Emma has asked if there will be seats following resignations. There is currently a seat and we are looking into by how much we can increase councillor numbers by.

Parishioner has asked about maintenance, Cllr Marian has assured that we do look for maintenance as part of any tender processes, and that these are often something along the lines of a 15 year warranty from the play provider.

3. Matters arising from APM 2023

No matters arising from. Moving on.

4. Parish Council Annual Report 23/24

Read by chair.

5. Reports from County and District Councillor

Chair reads Chris Mills report.

6. Updates from Community Groups

Update from Emma Hills.

GP practice to be integrated into community hub.

Residents association has been set up to help shape such initiatives as this. Open to applications.

Speed watch has now the right numbers so will go ahead imminently.

Village hall activities. Time bank café, garden growing. Calls to action for more groups to get involved.

Close to heart of Emma and of the PC is the green planting project,

Sue is handed over to give an update also, on the woodland area near by and that being planted up.

Other works on wildflowers are in the works too for local areas.

Bee friendly upper Lighthorne is being aimed for too. Requesting backing from the PC for this. Angie has said that funding section is available. Advised that the funding template can be used for these funds to be requested. I've send over the form link to Emma to forward on to Sue.

7. Questions from Residents

Concerns regarding crossing the main road through the village. 'Lethal' to try and cross. Why isn't there a lights crossing at the Aston Martin end of the village?

Cllr Marian has advised that roads are WCC, so this issue will need to be put through them.

Call from parishioner to review WCC on Trust Pilot to get them to change.

Call from parishioner to change it to A-road from B-road. They claim this would increase priority of the road for such things and traffic calming and maintenance.

Cllr Marian advises that Lighthorne have done a speed watch, and their first step has been to put up the speed awareness poll on the roadside.

What support do the police offer with speed watch? Police has offered strict guidance on where we can use the speed gun, so far from junctions and such. Time of speed watch is up to the community.

Emma has stated that the locations for the speed watch have been decided based on these criteria.

Cllr Marian has talked with Liam the PC and this was helpful. We could do this

again.

Agreed that we need to have conducted speed watch first to gather data before any next steps can be considered.

Sahira, please add to agenda for next meeting discussions for speeding, crossings, roads and safety.

Helipad – Trustpilot

Parishioner has contacted HR team of AML with no luck initially following severe health adverse effects of proximity to helipad. Has threatened them with legal action and claims that this reduced amounts of flights for a few weeks but is on the increase again.

Claims new helipad has already been built without permission.

Cllr Marian asks if this is where it's landing now?

No, its still using the old pad apparently.

Paving alterations in village centre.

Used to have large expanse of paving. Who has agreed the new large tree barriers. They are a barrier to pedestrians and visibility on the main road.

Highways or developers? Highways.

We need to get back in touch with highways to discuss the alterations we've previously requested for village pavements in the interests of accessibility, which has been highlighted again following the installation of trees and large tree barriers.

Village centre crossing. Chris has spoken with highways about this and they are to be repairing this. CM has requested that they take particular note of the noise complaints associated with this. Bollards at Bellway have also been installed he's pleased to see.

Parishioner notes that parallel to the b4100 the trench. Who is responsible for this? Being passed around highways, developers, WCC, SDC, Not accepting responsibility either. There is a large blue fresh water pipe in there. Who will get rid of this? Chris Mills now aware of the debris in the watercourse and will accompany parishioner to have a look at the issue.

Light on round about is stil down after a year after reporting.

Dell Oaktree is still felled and not cleared.

Grass cut request for the turning at the old gated road. Highways

Playing field – where it's been dug up is still a mess. Will the compensation money be spent to fix this.

No Cllr Marian says, they should be resolving as a matter of course. Cllr Mikey has confirmed following a discussion with Sever Trent that this is indeed the case, but this will be one of the last things in case of any more disruption. Concerns raised regarding access to the field for travellers again as happened last year. Works should be finishing soon, and the wall will be rebuilt and field secured.

Cllr Mikey will contact Severn Trent to get an idea of the end date.

General cleanup of field is needed. Children have killed a tree too. Is this needing to be taken down now?

Is this finable? **It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.**

Bellway verge – will this be reseeded? Yes

No BT lines are causing an issue. This is affecting a lot of parishioners now, and parishioner asks if anyone is onto BT to make them aware to resolve this issue.

Along with this, there is a proposal for installing large 12m poles to boost connectivity. On the corner of Avon Road, and Stratford Road says Cllr Marian. Planning not required for this vital infrastructure.

Notice from parishioner for disruption on new round about for national grid to put cables under the road.

Ash Path – mud bath currently. CM has suggested if it's a public footpath then Richard Barnard from County Council would be the one to contact.

8. Date of Next Meeting

6/6/2024

Meeting closed at 2020.