



The Parish Council (PC) is so proud to serve such a vibrant and active community.

While the PC hold leases with the Hall, Recreation Field and Allotment Association, who will give reports at the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at 6.30 pm on 16 May, there are many more organisations and groups, which support Village life. There are also many individuals in the village, who support Facebook, Website, Rangers, Neighbourhood Watch, and minor emergencies! The PC also owns the land adjacent to Leigh Street bordering Park Hayes.



The PC has many duties, which include liaison with the Primary School, Quarries, Church, PCSO, Highways, Footpaths Association and Mendip District Council (MDC) as well as our leasee's; we also manage our civil cemetery.

A key function of the PC is to respond to Mendip District Council (MDC) as a statutory consultee on planning applications, at least for the next year until the local government reorganisation completes and Somerset becomes a Unitary Authority – it is currently MDC, as local planning authority, who make the decisions on applications. There have been numerous planning applications this year and we have commented on all of them. We have supported many that have been granted consent by MDC; some we have recommended for refusal but ultimately MDC have approved them; others have been refused by MDC as our recommendation. We anticipate that next year will be a busy planning year too.



As most people will be aware, an outline planning application for up to 40 houses at the east end of the village was determined in April 2021. This is a

good example of a major development where, after open meetings to consult with parishioners, the PC detailed response to the application was reflected in MDC decision to refuse. However, the developer has appealed against the decision and a public 'Hearing' is anticipated soon. The PC is planning a strong representation of parishioners' views to the Planning Inspector.

The current cemetery is getting full and next year the PC will be preparing the land next to the Hall car park to take on the active cemetery role. The first step is for the Clerk and a Councillor to attend training to understand what is needed and then to consult with parishioners before we finally decide the way ahead.

If you want to get involved, or just find out more about anything above, information is available on our new village website at <http://www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk>. Don't forget PC meetings are open to the public with the agenda on Parish notice boards and on the website.



This year we were deeply saddened by the passing of Anthea Brooks who served as the PC and Cemetery Clerk for the last 8 years.

New Councillors (by the way, a voluntary job) and Clerk have joined the PC recently and look forward to serving the Parish in the year to come. There are a full team of Councillors for next year and please contact us about anything in this newsletter, they are:

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Please come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th May at the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm. It's your chance to hear reports and ask questions.