

**LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL**  
Meeting held at Memorial Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Present: Cllrs Dave Mattick, Iain Kirby, Estelle Kirby, Paula Freeland, Vicki Taylor (Chair), Martin Carter and Neil Crump

Also in attendance: Kate Egan (Clerk)

The meeting started fifteen minutes late due to the overrunning of the previous meetings, the meeting started at 8.15pm

**1 Public Forum**

There was one member of the public in attendance and raised the question about the potential development of 40 houses. Councillors responded that Mendip District Council had refused the initial application, the developer had now taken it to appeal to be heard by The Planning Inspectorate has yet to issue a date as to when this may happen. The Parish Council have employed a planning consultant to help with the fight. A question was also raised about the state of the roads and the damage caused by quarry traffic, this will be followed up the Parish Council quarry liaison.

**2 Welcome by the Chairman**

**3 Apologies for absence**

All Councillors were present

**4 Absent**

All Councillors were present

**5 Declaration of Interests, Dispensations and Requests for Recording**

There were no declaration of interests, dispensations or requests for recording.

**6 County and District Councillor Reports**

Somerset Councillor Phillip Ham sent his apologies. District Councillor Alan Townsend was in attendance but had given his report earlier in the evening.

**7 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, previously circulated.**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 25<sup>th</sup> April be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

**8 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**

(a) Noelle Leigh is happy to accept the role of volunteer tree advisor and will report back to the council any issues.

(b) Further information is still waiting to be received from Wainwrights Quarry in relation to the Park Hayes grass area

(c) A response has been received from the PCSO regarding parked cars on the pavement and they do not advocate putting notices on cars but to report the issue to them.

**9 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered**

(a) **2022/0855/HSE** Erection of fencing on west boundary. 6 Park Haynes. Leigh on Mendip **Update** The Parish Council recommended refusal of permission due to the fence being visually inappropriate.

**10 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and Being Monitored**

Due to the number of meetings being held on this date, a separate report was not attached, the only notification received is the following –

- (a) **2022/0778/APP** Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (lighting and bats), 5 (construction ecological management plan), 6 (landscape and ecological management plan) and 10 (construction management plan) on planning consent 2021/2649/FUL. 1 Apple Meadow View, Park Hayes, Leigh on Mendip. **Update** Mendip District Council approved the application

#### 11 To Be Resolved / Discussed.

##### (a) Proposal to appoint a Parish Path Liaison Officer

An email had been received from the Rights of Way Volunteer and Trails Officer at Somerset County Council saying that he had been contacted by a local resident who wished to take on the voluntary role of Parish Path Liaison Officer. The Parish Council welcomed the idea and responded asking whether they could get in touch with the Parish Council so they could be invited to a meeting.

#### 12 Clerk's Report.

No Clerk's report had been issued

#### 13 Finance

##### Bank Balances as at:

**Current Account £20,009.62**

**Reserve Account £9,573.99**

##### Receipts

(a) Cancellation of cheque 1124 £101.12

(b) Receipt of Credit from Unity Trust Bank - £500 – received 04.04.22

##### Payments.

(c) Clerks Salary – April - £298.08

##### Transfer

(d) Transfer of £20,328.67 to Unity Trust Bank from the NatWest account as this account was closed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the above payments and receipts; the Council also **RESOLVED** to accept the additional payment listed below.

(e) Idverde – monthly grass cut - £113.53

(f) Nunney Rectory – printing of annual newsletters - £75.00

(g) Printing of packs for the Annual Parish Meeting - £9.60

#### 14 Correspondence

(a) Mendip District Council Health and Wellbeing Bulletin – forwarded 26.04.22

(b) Councillor Essential Training – forwarded 26.04.22

(c) ICCM Photographic Competition – forwarded 26.04.22

(d) Councillor Training Courses – forwarded 09.05.22

#### 15 Matters to report / items for next agenda

(a) Co-operation with East Mendip Parishes

(b) Discussion on the extension of the cemetery

#### 16 Date and time of next meeting: **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm.**

Meeting closed 9.10pm