

Leigh on Mendip Parish Council

Annual Newsletter

Annual Parish Meeting - **Monday 24th April** at the Memorial Hall starting at 7pm. Please come along to hear more from the Parish Council and Village Groups

Your Councillors. There was an opportunity for an election in May 2022 and seven Councillors stood so there was no need for a public election as it was uncontested.

The Parish Council had a new Chair this year - Vicki Taylor.

Dave Mattick resigned both as Chair and Councillor during the year and he was thanked for his years of service.



Change of District and County Council - Mendip District Council ceased to exist at the end of March and a Unitary Council (Somerset Council) came into effect. District Councillor Alan Townsend retired as a District Councillor at the end of March, he was thanked for his help over the years and support.

Burial Ground - The Parish Council Cemetery is nearly full so work is progressing on reapplying for planning permission for the new area but rules and regulations have now changed so this has become very challenging.

Social Media A new website has been set up for both the village and the Parish Council. The Parish Council have also set up a Facebook page to post information and updates and hope that residents will follow the page and find it useful.



Community Plan The Parish Council won funding for a Community Plan, residents were asked to complete a survey online, results are still coming in. We expect the plan to be published in June

Grants The Parish Council gave out £6364 worth of grants to the local community organisations.



Planning Appeal The Appeal Decision for up to 40 new houses in the parish came through and the Planning Inspector dismissed the application. The Parish Council are pleased as this result echos the feelings of the majority of parishioners.

Planning Applications -

The Parish Council have discussed 18 applications, the recommendations to Mendip District Council were 10 approved, 3 left to the planning officer, 5 refused. Mendip granted approval for 15, refused one and two are awaiting decisions

Highways - We have continued to benefit from regular visits by the street cleaner helping to reduce the amount of debris that collects in the gutters of our roads. Many defects (potholes, blocked drains etc) in our roads have been reported either direct to Somerset Highways or via Fix My Street. The majority of issues have been dealt with swiftly. We continue our drive to get white lines around the village reinstated.



Please continue to report any defects you see direct to Highways or Fix My Street.

Quarry - The Parish Council continues to maintain good relationships with Halecombe Quarry. There are regular liaison meetings, which inform us of how the quarry is working and the new Community Fund has supported four of our village organisations with funding. Vaughan Gray, the site manager for many years retired this year and we gave him a small gift and thanked him for all his support to the village over the years.

The quarry also continues to support the village in other ways eg the Village Fete and the odd load of aggregate. We are also grateful to Wainwright Quarry for the donation of aggregate, which has helped with the hall carpark.

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH!**

Thank You Finally the Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers in the village for helping with the maintenance and giving up their time and please enjoy the refreshments provided at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Parish Council.

Contact Us Contact Details for all Councillors can be found on the Leigh on Mendip website www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk