Highways report for Leigh on Mendip Parish Council meeting 25 September 2023

This follows up on matters presented (by email report) to the Council in June 2023.

 Complaint has been received regarding the absence of signage to Leigh on Mendip (west). Heading West on Old Wells Road turning right into what we know as TadHill (but is not apparently named officially as such?). Resident states they have many visitors and indeed themselves missing the turning, particularly when dark.

I have followed this up with Somerset Forge. Cost £1835 (+vat) installed. (The Clerk has approached SCC regarding the installation authority).

I suggested the finger state "Leigh On Mendip – West" to get an idea of cost of lettering.

This is the one where the resident has suggested they and neighbours would be willing to contribute to the cost. *Advice required on response to resident please*.

2. Complaints have also been received about the lack of a road sign at the western end of Apple Meadow View (AMV). The only sign for AMV is located just east of No 1 AMV. Anyone arriving via the Western end of Park Hayes does not have the benefit of knowing where the AMV houses are. This includes ambulances - 2 have arrived on blue lights and gone to an AMV house when it should have been Park Hayes! There is also an increased frequency of mail (via courier) being delivered to the wrong houses. With the increased number of properties due to Phase 1 & 2 of AMV and 2 others pending this is only going to get worse.

I have followed this up with Somerset Forge. Cost £490 (+vat) installed.

Note: For both of the above please see the separate email forwarded from Somerset Forge with the estimate.

3. Community Speed Watch.

This has progressed well. We are now officially listed as having a scheme. Two locations put forward for operating from along Leigh Street have been approved, (outside Rose Cottage – with owners consent, and on the pavement outside the Church).

I am aware of 3 members who have signed up; Myself, Vicki and Chris Ingrem.

I had no responses from the Facebook post. Can I ask that the Clerk (Kate or Joe) posts a volunteer request again please.

We are unlikely to receive our 'onsite training' until October. I first have to receive the equipment from Avon and Somerset Police when the coordinator at Police HQ returns from holiday (late September).

We have established a rapport (finally) with the local PCSO's, Louise and Rob. We will have their support when we get up and running. (They are also now holding regular "Come Meet Us" events in the village. (Next event Sunday 3 Sept in the Memorial Hall, 1100 -1500). They should be back in the Tower Café for Saturday 30 September or 7 October – I am away for both dates).

New matter.

Street Cleaning

A clean was arranged (at my request for Weds 30 August). Ahead of this I asked the Rangers if they could loosen the foliage in the guttering along the kerbline, particularly along Quarry Lane - Barnes Close. This was considered by the team but decided it was too big a job at this time. A request has been put forward for the PC to cover costs of Weed Killer at £10 to tackle the growth ahead of future street cleans. **Please discuss this request.**



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