

## LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held at Memorial Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023, starting at 7pm

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

Also in attendance: Kate Egan (Clerk)

### 1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received

### 3 Absent

All Councillors were present

### 4 (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Martin Carter declared an interest in planning application 2023/1447/HSE item 6(a)

### (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

Cllr Martin Carter has a written request for dispensation in relation to Leigh on Mendip Recreation Association for four years (June 2027). Cllr Vicki Taylor has a written request for dispensation in relation to Leigh on Mendip War Memorial Hall for one year (June 2024)

### (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

Cllr Martin Carter asked for a dispensation to speak about planning application 2023/144/HSE but not to partake in the vote, this was granted.

### 5 Public Session

There were four members of the public in attendance including Somerset Councillor Barry Clarke.

### 6 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) **2023/1447/HSE** Detached double garage. 15 Apple Meadow View, Park Hayes, Leigh on Mendip **Update** Leigh on Mendip Parish Council recommended approval.

### 7 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council

(a) **2023/1084/FUL** Covert barn to form terrace of 3no. single storey dwellings to be discussed at the Planning Committee East on 1<sup>st</sup> August. At the last minute this item was pulled from the agenda and deferred. The date of the next Planning Committee East Board meeting is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, confirmation as not yet been received as to whether this item will be on the agenda. **Update** If this planning application is discussed at the next Planning Committee East Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September, Cllr Vicki Taylor will attend to represent the Parish Council

(b) **2023/0770/HSE** Erection of two-storey side extension following demolition of existing single-storey side extension. 4 Park Hayes, Leigh on Mendip. **Decision** Somerset Council granted approval.

(c) **2023/0805/FUL** Partial infilling of the quarry to create a level development platform, erection of 21 no. holiday lodges, conversion of workshop to form a reception, shop and associated landscaping and parking. Barns Close Quarry, Quarry Lane, Leigh on Mendip. **Decision** Somerset Council refused the application.

**8 To Be Resolved / Discussion****(a) Proposal to approve the joint application with the Recreation Field for a Health and Wellbeing Grant from Somerset Association of Local Councils for £1,750.00**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the joint application with the Recreation Field for a Health and Wellbeing Grant from Somerset Association of Local Councils for £1750.00.

**(b) Proposal for the Parish Council to cover the cost of Chapter 8 Training taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> September at a cost of £264 + VAT per person**

Following a brief discussion this was deferred to next year but the costs would be included within the budget for 2024-2024

**(c) Discussion and any possible proposals following the resignation of the Parish Clerk and the recruitment process for a replacement.**

All the relevant paperwork had been completed and the role had been advertised.

Three Councillors were appointed as the interview panel.

**9 . Finance**

**Bank Balances as at: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Current Account £9344.64 as per Cash Book**

**Reserve Account £9,583.86**

**Payments**

**(a) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £113.53**

**(b) Ionos – Website Hosting - £13.20**

**(c) Clerks Expenses and Salary - £340.34**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments.

**10 Correspondence to be noted**

**(a) Councillor Training Courses provided by SALC – forwarded 22.07.23**

**(b) August Briefing Sheet from Somerset Council – forwarded 01.08.23**

**(c) Whatley & Westdown Quarries Community Liaison Group Meeting is being held on 17<sup>th</sup> October – forwarded 02.08.23**

**11 Date and time of next meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm.**

**Meeting closed 7.43pm**