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MINUTES OF LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2006 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors present. J Wright, C Cudmore, G Harris, F Higgins, V Taylor

Apologies: T Schlechter will be late.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING of were accepted and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Footpaths – still awaiting list of numbered stiles from B Loten

Grit for footpaths and highways – in hand

FH stated that the Footpath sign at the Rec Field has been set in chippings rather than concrete to preserve the post from rotting.

CC proposed that a letter is sent to Steve Anderson in recognition of his work for the Parish Council

ACTION JA

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Following a query from members of the public attending, Conditions regarding the S106 were explained. We have been informed that Mendip Housing Dept have not yet informed Knightstone Housing of their list of nominees. Contact will again be made with Mendip Housing to check that this is in hand and names of those nominated will be passed to the Parish Council **ACTION CC**

TS joined the meeting at 7.50 p.m

REC FIELD

Plastic Recycling – The Rec Field Committee requested that Parish Council write to MDC to request plastic recycling facilities at the Rec Field

ACTION JA

Renewal of Lease – following discussion concerns were raised regarding various aspects of the proposed lease. It was agreed that should the Trust be discontinued the land would revert to the Parish Council and not the Charity Commission, and the length of the lease would be 30 years. It was agreed that amendments would be made, and the Lease signed in order that the application for a grant could go ahead

The Rec Field is not registered with the Land Registry, and it was requested that the land be registered. It was agreed that the Parish would bear the cost of registration.

ACTION JA

It was agreed that the Planning application be submitted by Parish Council on behalf of Rec Field Committee but all costs borne by the Rec Field. The Parish Council asked that they see the plans before they are submitted.

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MEMORIAL HALL PLANS

Following discussion it was requested that amendments were made to some areas and the full plans shown to the Parish Council before the application is made.

The Memorial Hall land is not registered with the Land Registry, and it was requested that the land be registered. It was agreed that the Parish would bear the cost of registration. **ACTION JA**

It was agreed that the Planning application be submitted by Parish Council on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee, but all costs borne by the Memorial Hall.

PLANNING –

Land adjacent to 17 Park Hayes, Erection of detached dwelling house – 118795/001.
Recommend approval

Ivy Cottage, Conversion and extension of outbuilding to farm shop and ancillary accommodation – 108035/003. A decision was made by MDC but the Parish Council have not yet been advised of the outcome.

Cookswood Quarry, development of holiday retreat – 067818/010. Following lengthy discussions it was agreed to recommend refusal due to the many concerns arising from the reported studies by the landowner in consideration of this request. A full list is being sent to Mendip Planning Dept and a copy will be kept with the Minutes.

POST OFFICE PROPOSALS – QUESTIONNAIRE

The full details of the government proposals on the future of post offices will be studied and the questionnaire will be completed at the next meeting.

PARISH PLAN – GH stated that the plan has been well received and he has been asked to give a talk to other Parish Councils on how to complete a successful parish plan. The Committee will also need to do a Final Report and Financial Report due on 1st March.
It was agreed that all proposed actions will be prioritised and their status will be recorded at Parish Council meetings. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

FINANCE

Financial Statement – The Financial Statement was accepted and signed

Admin Expenses – These had not been included last month. Chq No 484 agreed and signed.

Parish Plan Costs – C Peat Chq No 486 agreed and signed

Mowing – The Rec Field Committee have been requested to submit a quotation for grass cutting at Park Hayes.

CEMETERY

Repairs to wall – loose stones on the outer of the wall nearest to the church at the front have been reported. As a closed churchyard, responsibility lies with MDC. **ACTION JA**

Mowing Tender – quotation for mowing of cemetery to be obtained from one other source. D Jarvis to be engaged should his be the lowest. **ACTION MM**

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Footpaths – FH reported that the report on repairs required to the footpath and stiles along the Mells stream have been passed to S Petherbridge.

TS reported a footpath to the quarry (8/23) is overgrown and needs attention.

SALC -CC reported that the next SALC meeting is on 5th march

Road Cleaning -CC reported that the road sweeper is due on 30th January

Highways – the white lines at Townsend are already wearing off and need attention

Also gullies have not been cleared, which causes flooding throughout the village.

GH reported that cones have appeared opposite the garage, their reason for being there is unknown.

CC reported that a sign showing the length limit for lorries has been erected at Soho.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

CC reported that he had attended the Planning Board meeting on 3rd Jan. re Ivy Cottage

Correspondence – Parishes Information Bulletin; Mendip Times; Clerks and Councils Direct; Public Transport Timetable; Booking Clerk – Memorial Hall; The Clerk. Avon & Somerset Police update; Mendip Strategic Partnership; Card from D Heath, MP; SCC re Unitary Council; Local Election info.

Date of next meeting – 19th February 2007