

**LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 21st MAY 2007 AT 8.00pm IN THE HALL**

**Councillors present** – Chris Cudmore (Chairman), Frank Higgins, Ty Schlechter, Vicki Taylor

**Meeting attended by ten parishioners and chaired by Chris Cudmore.**

**Parish Clerk** – J Anderson

**Apologies** – Sue Vaughan

**John Wright reviewed the Parish Newsletter, copy attached**

**Cemetery** – We are still awaiting an explanation from MDC as to the parameters for raising a special expenses rate for the maintenance of the closed churchyard. More land will be required for the cemetery in the not too distant future.

**Affordable Housing** – A meeting took place to celebrate the opening and occupation of the houses, today 21<sup>st</sup> May. It was felt that the houses blended in well with the village. The Chairman of Knightstone Housing took details which he quoted in his speech, from the village website which he said was very informative.

**Footpaths** - The Ramblers Association have replaced many stiles with kissing gates by the Mells Stream and will probably be doing further work in the village for their celebration of walks in August.

**Highways** – There has been no improvement in the state of the roads in the area.

**Parish Warden** – The PCSO, Paul Emery has a long term illness and cover is provided by another PCSO.

**Quarries** – There has not been much progress at Barn Close Quarry, it is felt that the development of Cookswood Quarry probably has priority.

**Village Plan** – This is going forward and volunteers are required to help run all the various activities which are available or proposed.

**Parish Assets** – The land at Park Hayes provides a green area in the village although grass cutting at this site could be a necessary expense in the future.

**Amenities** – The Recreation Field are hoping to begin work on the new amenities as soon as possible when a variety of activities are planned. Some have already begun in the current building which will expand when the Community Activity Centre is built.

**Lease of land to Recreation Field** – This has been an expensive process but is now almost complete. The land is now being registered with the Land Registry.

John Wright thanked all Parish Councillors and all other unpaid volunteers who have kept the village ticking over so well.

There were no questions from the floor.

**Presentation** - Mary Mears was thanked for all her work as the Cemetery Clerk over the last seven years and was presented with a Marks and Spencer voucher.

A Request for a new Cemetery Clerk was made, emphasising that there is a salary and the hours are few during the course of the year.

**Presentation** – Chris Cudmore proposed a vote of thanks to John Wright for all his work over the last thirteen years as Parish Councillor and Chairman and presented him with garden tools and National Garden Vouchers.

**Recreation Field Report** – Vicky Higgins gave a report on the activities of the Recreation Field for the last year. Report attached.

Chris Cudmore thanked Graham Harris for all his work on the development of the Community Activity Centre and all his work on the Parish Council and Parish Plan.

**Memorial Hall Report** – Keith Cockroft gave a report on behalf of Sue Vaughan who was unable to attend. Copy attached.

David Turner enquired about the use of the Table Tennis tables. The hall can be hired should anyone wish to play table tennis. Vicki Taylor holds all the other equipment and contact can be made with her for this.

Frank Higgins also stated that there is half a basket ball pitch at the Recreation Field and the basket balls are held at his home.

Keith Cockroft told the meeting that the ongoing traffic problems at Townsend did not improve. There were two accidents today (21<sup>st</sup> May) resulting in damage to his property and no-one stopped. There is no interest by Police and Keith is concerned that there is going to be a serious accident or even a death at Townsend. Frank Higgins stated that the Parish Plan has a proposal to look into this, and he will be looking for volunteers to bring the plan forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.