

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2002
IN THE SCHOOL.**

Councillors present: Chairman J Wright, A Gould, G Jeanes, M Loten and P Moore.
Apologies were received from P Knowles.

The **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4/12/01** were accepted as a true record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING - All letters sent.

FINANCE – a corrected audit report had been received from Robson Rhodes.

ROADS – the promised letter from WS Atkins following the meeting held at Townsend had not been received. **CLERK**

PC PRACTICES – will be discussed in February. **CLERK**

HALL – work started.

The **MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 17/12/01** were accepted as a true record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING – letter sent .

The Planning application for The Cottage had been refused.

There being a parishioner present he was invited to tell Councillors if he had come to the meeting about a specific matter. The parishioner was concerned at how infrequently he had seen the Parish Wardens in Leigh during the previous 9 months. He was worried that if the scheme was adopted the Parish could be paying thousands of pounds towards the scheme but would not be getting the service. It was explained that all the PC's contributed £200. This PC had been told that the wardens were having to spend more time in Coleford and Holcombe where there were problems.

It was agreed to ask PK (Chairman of the PW Scheme) if the warden's log of visits to the village could be made available to the PC. **CLERK**

The grant to the scheme is up for renewal later in the year when the PC will discuss it.

The Parishioner was also worried about the increase in parking on the pavements and suggested it was illegal. JW explained that the local policeman had told the PC that offenders had to be caught in the act of driving over the pavement which was an illegal act but that actually parking on the pavement was not a crime. It was agreed that this was an increasing problem and that it was causing problems to pedestrians. The parishioner offered to check the law and inform the PC. **CLERK**

FINANCE

The Chairman checked and signed Current Account Bank Statement 75; and Cemetery Statements 14 and 15 from the Natwest bank.

The Financial Report for January was agreed and signed.



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PRECEPT

Discussion took place as to the amount to set for the 2002/03 financial year.

PM proposed £3422, AG seconded and the vote was 4 to 1 in favour.

CLERK

CURRENT ACCOUNT

CLERK'S SALARY AND EXPENSES for 1/10/01 to 31/12/01 claimed.

Salary - £310.99

Expenses - £25.84

TOTAL - £336.83

ML proposed payment, PM seconded, all agreed. Cheque 355 made out & signed.

MEMORIAL HALL GRANT REQUEST

A letter had been received from the treasurer of the Memorial Hall – K Cockroft – asking for a grant of £500 towards the cost of the replacement roof. Although the committee had the funds for the roof it had been discovered that timbers also needed to be replaced. District Cllr Cawood, who had arrived, suggested that they approach MDC for more money for the unforeseen extra expense. PM proposed granting £500, ML seconded and all agreed. A crossed warrant on the PO Investment a/c was made out to LOM Memorial Hall Fund.

CLERK

ROBSON RHODES PAYMENT - £121.50 + £21.26VAT = £142.76.

ML proposed payment, GJ seconded, all agreed. Cheque 356 on the current a/c made out and signed.

CLERK

CEMETERY

JW had met D Hooper, G Cawood and D Moseley from MDC that morning to discuss prospects for the churchyard. Initially the Special Expenses Rate (SER) for Leigh would be £1.60 reduced to .45p for the first 2 years. The wall survey showed no serious problems but JW had asked how much and who would pay for stabilizing the memorials, the insurance etc. According to 'ABA Information' Oct-Dec 2001 liability for gravestones is either with the owner of the stone or the council.

A meeting had been arranged with Maintenance and the Solicitor for 21/01/02 at 0930h.

Cllr GC stressed the advantages to Leigh of being a 'pilot' parish but JW felt that the PC could not commit parishioners to a lot of expense.

PM suggested that if Leigh is to be a model then steps in the procedure ought to be documented for information of other parishes who would need to know running costs, action plan, work to be done etc. This was agreed.

ML said that the quinquennial report had just been completed and it had never contained information as to the state of the perimeter walls. She will organize for copies to be given to the PC and MDC.

ML

A quotation for churchyard mowing for 2002 of £600 had been received from D Jarvis. The PC agreed that, as they were very satisfied with the standard of his work to date they would not seek other quotes. AG proposed that D Jarvis's quote be accepted, GJ seconded and all agreed.

CLERK

PM and Cllr Cawood left the meeting.



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ROADS & FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that there had been another accident near Tweed Farm recently with a lot of damage to vehicles but fortunately none to the humans. A previous accident at this spot had 'written off' a car. It was agreed to ask WS Atkins for warning signs. **CLERK**
GJ reported that he had had the hedge cut at Hollybush and was seeking reimbursement from Hobbs Holdings.

PLANNING

THE COTTAGE – Cllr Cawood had advised the applicant to appeal against the refusal of permission.

Replacement of lean-to with conservatory. Lantern Cottage. No objections. **CLERK**

REC FIELD meeting next week.

CORRESPONDENCE

CIRCULATED – DLTR: Law on acceptance of office; Strong local leadership.

SCC – Waste Management workshop.

MDC – PC seminar 28 Jan at 1900h.


Clerk and council direct.

Somerset Lieutenancy – golden jubilee info.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting to consult parishioner as to how they would like to mark the golden jubilee as soon as the hall was available. **CLERK**

**NEXT MEETINGS – 5 FEB
5 MARCH.**

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