

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5 MARCH 2002 IN THE SCHOOL.**

Councillors present: Chairman M Loten, G Jeanes, P Knowles, P Moore and A Gould who arrived late.

Apologies were accepted from J Wright who was attending a SALC meeting.

MINUTES OF 5 FEBRUARY 2002 were accepted as a true record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING - All letters sent.

ROADS & FOOTPATHS – WS Atkins had responded to say that the warning measures agreed for Towns End would not be done until the new financial year.

WEB SITE – has been updated. The hole in the pavement near the pub car park had been filled.

PARISH WARDENS – PK said that the wardens needed directions as to what the PC's wanted the wardens to do. It was reiterated that people wanted the wardens to be more visible.

[A Gould arrived during this item]

MINUTES 14 FEB 2002 were accepted as a true record and signed –letters sent.

The Parish Council vacancy has been advertised on the noticeboards. If 10 electors do not request an election within 14 working days the PC will need to co-opt.

FINANCE - The March financial statement was accepted as a true record and signed.

John Phillips and Steve Anderson from the **Jubilee committee** requested a grant from the PC towards expenses, which are being kept to a minimum, and the purchase of trees and a bench to mark the Jubilee. They explained that SCC were making funds available but the final details had not yet been made public. Plans to send letters requesting grants are under discussion by the committee. It was suggested that the committee provide a tree to be planted in the school grounds as part of the celebration. This will be discussed when they meet the headmistress later.

PK proposed £250, PM seconded and all agreed. It was thought that this could be entered as an S137 payment. Cheque 358 was made out and signed. They will inform the PC how the money is spent.

Somerset Computing Ltd, bill for the web site. The amount due allowing for the overpayment for photocopying -(Overpayment £27.67)

Photocopying £1.85. Rent for Web Site £42.50. TOTAL £16.68 + VAT £2.92 = £19.60

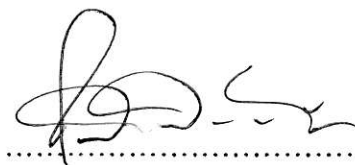
PK proposed payment, GJ seconded and all agreed. Cheque 359 on the current a/c made out and signed. **CLERK**

Cemetery clerk's salary – A claim for 2001/02 for Salary £36.83

Expenses £4.40

TOTAL £41.23

ML proposed payment, PK seconded and all agreed. Cheque 26 on the Cemetery Account was made out and signed. **CLERK**



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The grant cheque given to the Parish Magazine last year had been returned, it was dated 6 March 2001, for Councillors to update. The cheque 340 was redated 2002 and the amendment signed by ML, GJ and PM. **CLERK**

CODE OF PRACTICE

Three Councillors and the Clerk had been to the first presentation by Mendip. The actual Code has to be adopted by 5/05. It is hoped that as a result of the consultation with MDC guidance will be sent from them and SALC. An extra presentation has been scheduled for 12/03. This item will be discussed at the next meeting. **CLERK**

ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Frank Lake had phoned the Clerk and left a message saying that there were hedges in the parish that needed trimming as they were impeding traffic. He was meant to be sending a list, it had not yet arrived.

The PC agreed to ask for the 30mph limit to be extended to Towns End. Holes in Stocks Lane and Tadhill Lane will be reported. **CLERK**

PC Martin Smith had talked to the Clerk about the pavement parking problem. The options were to ask offenders to leave space to allow pedestrians to use the pavement safely or to start proceedings against the offenders. It was agreed, initially, to ask him to talk to the offenders and ask them to park more sociably.

REC FIELD

J Robson had mentioned a grant for a seat at the Rec which he had asked the PC to factor into the next Precept. The Secretary will be asked to make a formal request. **CLERK**

MEETING ATTENDED

EMRTF – papers sent by JW will be circulated.

PARISH WARDENS – PK – Wardens are now producing a monthly report which will be circulated. They want advice from PCs as to which areas to concentrate on. They now have a marked car so they are more visible.

It was suggested that they ought to liaise with Neighbourhood Watch and vary the times they were in the village to ensure that they make contact with all age groups in the village.

CORRESPONDENCE

BBC Somerset Sound request for a Parish Contact – it will be suggested they look at the Website. Info in the Parish Magazine.

CIRCULATED – Feb Community Enterprise

From MDC - Parish Council Feb Info Bulletin; Market & Coastal Town Initiative; Local Gov Standards.

Local Council Review; Rec Field Minutes – AGM & Report for 19/02; Halecombe Quarry Liaison 28/1//01 Meeting; arish Warden info – to be returned to PK.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 2

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