

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6 MARCH 2003
IN THE SCHOOL.**

Councillors present: Chairman J Wright, A Gould, G Jeanes, M Loten, P Moore and P Knowles who arrived during Matters Arising.
M Taylor sent her apologies.

The **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were corrected under **ROADS & FOOTPATHS** 'Park Hayes' was altered to 'Bellfield' they accepted as a true record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING – HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – JW had written a letter to be included in the HNS pack and sent it to Jonathan Layzell. The Clerk had been asked when the survey would be delivered so the letter could be dated and the forms sent to the PC. JW had written the yearly Newsletter so it could be delivered at the same time, it was agreed to aim for the 14 March. Councillors were allotted delivery rounds. **CLERK PARISH WARDENS** – to be discussed later.

[P Knowles arrived]

ROADS & FOOTPATHS – Clerk had informed Cllr Cawood that the SLOW sign at Townsend had been painted after 16 months.

FINANCE

Financial Statement accepted and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

CEMETERY CLERK'S SALARY AND ADMIN COSTS – The Clerk claimed £30.39 for the last year £25.89 salary and £4.50 Admin expenses.

ML proposed payment, GJ seconded, all agreed. Cheque 34 on the Cemetery a/c made out and signed.

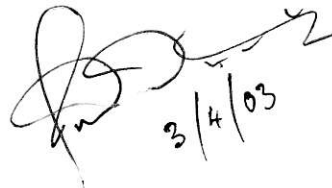
PARISH WARDEN GRANT – PM reported that PK had provided him with information which showed that in the past year the Wardens had spent 250 out of a total of 1774 hours worked in the village. PK proposed agreeing to a grant of £300 for the next financial year, PM seconded and all agreed. **CLERK**

PK reported that an application by the Warden scheme to the Sustainability Fund had been turned down but other funding sources were being pursued.

CEMETERY

D Jarvis had submitted a tender for the coming year's cemetery maintenance – Churchyard mowing £546, Cemetery mowing £104 – TOTAL £650.

Councillors agreed that they were very pleased with the standard of his work and felt that as other tenders in the past had been so high they would not seek others this year. JW proposed giving the contract to D Jarvis, PK seconded and all agreed unanimously. **CC**



ROADS & FOOTPATHS

GJ will sort out the Kissing Gate installation. Work had been done at the bottom of Stocks Lane where the badgers had tunneled and white markings had been noticed on places needing repair so Leigh may finally get some work done on the roads.

A letter concerning Rights Of Way and asking for any suggestions to make circular routes or fill in gaps where no paths existed had been received. Suggestions will be asked for in the Newsletter.

Tadhill road in an execrable state, WSAtkins will be informed again.

CLERK

PC ELECTIONS

The Clerk had received the nomination papers. She had suggested that the PC Newsletter was completed early so that attention could be drawn to the elections and people be encouraged to stand. AG and JW said they would not be standing. Nomination papers will be left in the Church.

ML

PLANNING

IVY COTTAGE alteration to Unit 1 to incorporate a bathroom. Councillors had commented on the lack of bathroom in the original plan and this was now being rectified.

No objection.

CLERK

[ML declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings.]

LEIGH SCHOOL – raise ridge height of existing building & erect new entrance porch.

No objection.

CLERK

[ML returned to the meeting.]

REC FIELD – Minutes 19 February AGM, meeting and Charity Trustees meeting circ.

QUARRY MATTERS – complaints report from Halecombe received.

The PC will apply to the Aggregates Levy fund for money to buy a village green.

HALL – from MT - nothing to report.

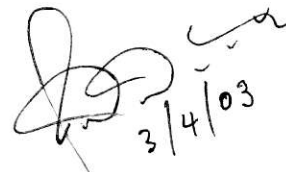
MEETINGS ATTENDED

JW – EMRTF talked about Code of Conduct & the fact that dispensations had to be applied for when anything of major parish interest e.g. by passes were discussed. Waste recycling to start on 19 March. Strode College reported on their computer initiative – class numbers were falling as cost increased.

Web site – www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk had census information.

PK – Parish Wardens had funding to go on a crime reduction course and to erect signs warning motorists of speed checks. It was agreed to have them in Leigh. Discussion took place about a 20mph zone around the school and the danger to motorists of parking right on the corner.

CORRESPONDENCE The following were circulated : Mendip DC – Shepton Mallet/Wells Area Board planning meeting 11/03/03; The Clerk Feb 03; Mendip Cross Trails Trust Projects – money from Aggregates Levy Fund; Mendip News; East Mendip


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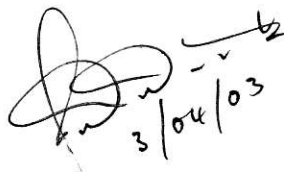
Rural Task Force minutes; Mendip Housing report 2001-2002; DEFRA re Licensing Bill, doesn't apply to village and church halls.

Mendip Standards Committee 16 Jan & 13 Feb minutes; Mendip Historic Conservation Forum on 13 March; SALC notes; Rec Field Minutes; Clerk & Councils Direct; New contract arrangements for SCC Highways – preferred bidder WS Atkins.

The Clerk had responded to a request for family information from the Church records.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3 APRIL 2003 in the School.

Jal 6/03/03

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