

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3 APRIL 2003
IN THE SCHOOL.**

Councillors present: Chairman J Wright, A Gould, P Knowles, M Loten and P Moore.
Apologies were accepted from G Jeanes (who hoped to arrive later) and M Taylor.
Cllr G Cawood had sent apologies and best wishes to retiring councillors.

The **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were accepted as a true record and signed.
MATTERS ARISING – all actions had been taken.

PARISH WARDENS – PK reported that funding for next year was in place.

PC ELECTIONS – 3 people had stood, P Moore, N Park and M Taylor providing there were no withdrawals this meant that the PC had a quorum. Co-option timetable will be checked. **CLERK**

PLANNING – School to be heard on 22/04.

The Clerk had been contacted by a clerk in Yardley Hasting, Northampton asking for information about the use of lime as detailed on p16 of the VDS. PM and Nick Haskins said that K McCloud had the information. This will be passed on. **CLERK**

FINANCE – RFO: M LOTEN

Financial Statement was accepted and signed by JW and ML.

CURRENT A/C transactions: -

SUB TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET of £20 proposed by JW, seconded by AG, all agreed. Cheque 380 made out and signed.

SUB TO SALC of £83.58p. JW warned councillors that the new Chairman believed that SALC ought to be funded independently of the District Council as PC's are not capped. He personally did not agree with this view point. JW proposed payment, AG seconded and all agreed. Cheque 381 made out and signed.

Requests for grants had been received from the WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST, MARIE CURIE, and the NSPCC it was agreed that as they were national charities the PC would not make any grants towards them.

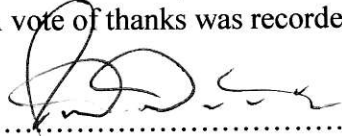
GRANT REQUEST BY BRIGET PARKER COMMEMORATION TRUST based in Frome. JW proposed £20, PM seconded, all agreed. Cheque 382 made out and signed.

ML declared an interest and took no part in the next item

PAYMENT FOR STILE CLEARANCE from B Loten.

A bill for £88 for work done plus a detailed list of stiles needing repair had been submitted. AG proposed payment, PK seconded and all agreed. Cheque 383 made out and signed. Responsibility for stile repairs lies with the landowner, MDC will provide new stiles if they are needed.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the work undertaken by Brian Loten.


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ML returned to the meeting.

CLERK'S SALARY for Jan/Feb/Mar 2003 of £323.43 + admin costs of £43.83=£367.26.
PM proposed payment, PK seconded, all agreed. Cheque 384 made out – payment will wait until the Precept is received.

The Clerk asked for permission to order certain updated SALC publications for the new councillors – permission was given.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS – copies were circulated and a meeting to adopt the accounts will take place on 29 April at 7.30 in the School.

ML has extracted the Register of Assets and printed it separately and suggested that 2 councillors check them yearly – this was agreed. In line with SALC recommendations the Statement of Accounting Policies had been amended.

There being 2 parishioners present they were invited to speak – they were interested in any feed back from the Housing Needs Survey. The PC had no information.

CEMETERY – Extending the cemetery was discussed - the Clerk suggested that if the land owned by the County Council was not needed for housing the PC might try to buy a bit to use in the future as a Cemetery extension.

ROADS & FOOTPATHS – more road bodging had occurred in the Parish.

PLANNING - 2 DETACHED HOUSES ON LAND AT LEIGH STREET.

No objections but COMMENT - paddocks should be sold with the houses: 'stone' should be in line with the VDS and submitted for approval: neighbours comments should be given due consideration - a copy of a letter from a neighbour will be sent to MDC.

QUARRY MATTERS – none

REC FIELD and HALL REPORT – circulated.

MEETINGS ATTENDED – PK PARISH WARDENS

Interviewing was taking place for a second warden but meanwhile John was patrolling alone. PK said he would continue to represent the PC on the Warden Committee if the new council wanted him to.

CIRCULATION

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 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 minutes and annual Report: Mendip Historic Conservation Forum on 13 March: SALC notes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29 APRIL at 7.30 pm in the SCHOOL

AGM/APM set for 6 May 2003 if Hall available.

.....Chairman 29/4/03 Date