

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2003
IN THE HALL**

Councillors present: G Casey, G Jeanes, P Moore, J Wright and N Park, Chairman.
Apologies were accepted from M Taylor.

The **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were accepted as a true record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING – Housing Needs Survey to be circulated.

Hall Rent for a 50p per hour reduction 10 sessions have to be booked and paid for in advance. For greater flexibility it was decided to continue to book each session as needed.

AUDIT – notices displayed in accordance with legal requirement.

All letters sent.

BROADBAND – Update: and email has been received from the District Councillor advertising a meeting about Broadband at Coleford British Legion on 29/08 at 1830h. G Casey's **Declaration of Interests** had been photocopied & sent to MDC who have been asked to supply copies of existing Councillor's details.

NEW CLERK - Jacqueline Witt has accepted the post of Clerk from 1 September 2003.

FINANCE – Statement prepared by MI for which she was thanked.

Acceptance proposed by PM, seconded by GJ, all agreed and it was signed.

Current a/c

Audit Fee to Moore Stephens of £50 + £8.75 VAT = £58.75. PM proposed payment, GJ seconded, all agreed. Cheque 388 made out & signed. **CLERK**

Parish Warden the PC contribution of £300 as agreed on 6/03/03 is due. P Knowles had emailed the Clerk to say that despite rumours in the press it looked as if funding for the scheme would still be available as Avon & Somerset Police were interested in giving the Wardens a role similar to that of Special Constables. JW had read a report that the deputy PM was behind the scheme & had promised government support. Cheque 390 made out & signed. **CLERK**

Hall Rent for hiring's on 16/06, 21/07 & 18/08 @ £9 per session, total £27. GJ proposed payment, GC seconded, all agreed. Cheque 389 made out and signed. **CLERK**

Relate grant request – NP proposed £25, PM seconded all agreed. Cheque 391 made out & signed. **CLERK**

Victim Support Somerset grant request – NP proposed £25, PM seconded, all agreed. Cheque 392 made out & signed. **CLERK**

Cemetery a/c

Mowing Bill for cuts on 11/07 & 25/07 totaling £81.24. PM proposed payment, NP seconded all agreed. Cheque 38 made out and signed. **CLERK**

PC Representatives

Vice Chairman – PM proposed J Wright, NP seconded and all agreed.

Rec Field - G Casey. **Hall Committee** – P Moore. **SALC** – N Park.

Footpaths – G Jeanes. **Mendip Quarry Advisory Group** – J Wright.


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ROADS & FOOTPATHS – GJ.

White markings on the roads could denote that repairs will be done. These, it is hoped will be of better quality than those carried out previously.

Stoke St Michael's newsletter have an article saying that because of the derisory level of the Footpath Grant from MDC they plan to write and withdraw from the scheme. The Clerk reported that the grant request for a maximum of £100 has to be in by the end of September. GJ will look at other sources of income for maintaining footpaths.

Path adjacent to Sparks Farm Field and the one to Barns Close need clearing. **CLERK**

Wall at entrance to Sparks Farm field looks unsafe. It will be pursued. **GJ**

Stile opposite Pitten House broken. **GJ**

Appreciation had been expressed at the clearing of 8/27 making its use possible.

PLANNING

NP as neighbour declared an interest & took no part in the meeting. JW took the Chair.

Honeysuckle Cottage applications to: convert garage to living space and extend kitchen extension etc and replace and redesign loft. No objections or comments. **CLERK**

NP returned to the Chair

Bottling plant at Whitehole Farm

JW declared a non-prejudicial interest as the owner had discussed the idea of the plan with him.

The question was asked as to whether anyone could own water. No objections but the comment that the size and weight of traffic on a badly maintained, extremely narrow country lane ought to be monitored.

REC FIELD REPORT none available. No further problems as far as anyone was aware.

QUARRY MATTERS – NP had received a letter from Halecombe explaining that a shot had been fired without the warning being sounded but all safety measures were in place.

HALL REPORT - none available.

WEB SITE - the Clerk reported that Tom Turner no longer had time to do the PC website but his father was still happy to host it. NP will look into Web Site Design. **NP**

CORRESPONDENCE

CIRCULATED - Housing Needs Survey; Standards Committee determination booklet; SCC – Draft Education Plan published on the internet on 1 August – consultation period until 17 October; MDC – Minutes of Mendip Strategic Partnership; DEFRA – Rural services standard 2003 questionnaire available on website at www.defra.gov.uk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 22 September 2003 at 7.30pm in the Hall.

JL and J Witt will liaise to hand over all PC papers and equipment.

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