

MINUTES

LEIGH ON MENDIP ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 18th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Councillors Present

Chris Cudmore – Chairman (CC), Frank Higgins (FH), Rose Martin (RM), Marsha Read (MR), Alf Smith (AS) and Vicki Taylor (VT).

Clerk – Sandrine Vaillant (SV).

The meeting was attended by around 16 parishioners.

	Action
1.0 Apologies	
1.1 Apologies were received from Marsha Read (MR), Clare Fleming, District Councillor and Yvonne Mears, PCSO.	
2.0 Declaration of Interest	
2.1 No interest was declared.	
3.0 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Council Meeting and matters arising	
3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th May 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.	
4.0 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman	
4.1 Vicki Taylor proposed that Chris Cudmore be elected Chairman, seconded by Frank Higgins, unanimous vote followed. The appropriate Declaration of Acceptance Form was signed by Chris Cudmore.	
4.2 Vice Chairman - RM proposed that VT took office as Vice-chairman. AS seconded and an unanimous vote followed. VT was appointed as Vice Chairman.	
5.0 Election of Representatives	
5.1 Representatives agreed to carry on their roles on the various bodies in the village as follows:-	
Alf Smith	Quarries
Frank Higgins	Highways
Chris Cudmore	Website
Alf Smith	SALC
Rose Martin	Recreation Field
Rose Martin	PCSO Liaison
Marsha Read	Memorial Hall
-	Footpaths
Vicki Taylor	School

6.0 Finance

- 6.1 Financial statements – Statement to 18th May 2009 was agreed and signed.
- 6.2 Assets & Risk Audit Report – Audit report tabled. To be circulated with last year's for review and agreement at next meeting.
- 6.3 Insurance Renewal – Clerk presented renewal schedule and policy, which were accepted. Cheque #565 agreed and signed.
- 6.4 Signing of cheque for payment of election costs – Cheque #566 signed, as agreed at meeting held on 20/04/09, item 3.7.
- 6.5 Payment of invoice for hire of Memorial Hall – Invoice #871 for the hire of the Memorial Hall between May 2009 and March 2010 was agreed. Cheque #567 agreed and signed.
- 6.6 Payment of invoice for bulbs (East Mendip Grant) – Invoice from Bakker for buying bulbs with the remaining monies from the East Mendip Grant was tabled. Cheque #568 agreed and signed.

The Meeting was interrupted to hold the Annual Parish Meeting

7.0 Cemetery

- 7.1 Dave Jarvis' invoice #006, dated 26th April 2009, for grass cutting on 8th and 24th April 2009 was agreed. Cheque #91 was agreed and signed.

8.0 Planning Applications / Updates

- 8.1 The Chair updated the council on the positions of previous planning applications, stating that the Oak Cottage application has been withdrawn.
- 8.2 Application 2009/0417 Knaphill Cottage – FH proposed to support the application, which unanimously agreed. It was felt that the proposed work was environmentally friendly and in keeping with design statement.

9.0 Correspondence

- 9.1 The following correspondence was discussed:-

Footpath – FH reported that some villagers were not happy about the proposed diversion to the footpath and the new layout. FH proposed we object to the current plan diverting the path all the way around the field, suggesting that an alternative diversion keeping fairly close to the original line but giving more privacy would be acceptable. AS seconded. 3 for, 2 abstentions.

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10.0 Meetings attended/to be attended

- 10.1 Police liaison meeting - Thursday 21st May.
SALC meeting - 12th June.

11.0 Date & time of next meeting

- 11.1 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 15th June 2009, at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, Committee Room.

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	Action
1.0 Apologies	
1.1 Apologies were received from Marsha Reid, Claire Fleming (District Councillor) and Yvonne Mears (PCSO).	
2.0 Meeting	
2.1 Chair welcomed the public and introduced the parish meeting.	
2.2 Copies of the newsletter were handed. Chair ran through the newsletter and briefed the villagers present about all the different issues raised and dealt with other the last year (Consultations, Budget, Expenditure, Cemetery, Planning Applications, Parish Plan, Highway, Street cleaning, street lighting, PCSO, footpaths, quarry, website). The following points were stressed:-	
2.3 There has been one resignation from the Parish Council from T. Schlechter, Footpath and PCSO Liaison Officer, who will be missed. The Parish Council has advertised for a councillor who will be co-opted next month.	
2.4 Councillors and the Clerk have attended various forums, including East Mendip Community Partnership, and training sessions, which helped us gain information about services we can get for the village.	
2.5 Vicki presented the Welcome Pack, which resulted from the Parish Plan.	
2.6 Vicky Higgins was thanked for her involvement with the Youth Club. Graham & Caroline Higgins were thanked for their involvement with the Active Living Centre and were congratulated on winning their award).	
2.7 Chair reminded the public it was the responsibility of owners to cut road side hedges along their properties.	
2.8 Street lighting. Chair explained the situation, saying we would still need to check general opinion before doing anything.	
2.9 Thanks were extended to Tarmac for their support to the village. Tarmac provided stones for the car parks and sorted the footpaths around the quarry after request by the council.	
2.10 A final thank you was extended to the Parish Councillors for their time in supporting the village (Parish, District and County Councillors).	
3.0 Rec Field	

3.1 Vicki Higgins presented a report for the Recreation Field, stating it had been a good year for the RF. Thanks were extended to all on the committee, including new arrivals. Constructive criticism was invited, as well as new members. A date has been set for some improvements to the interior of the Club: 31st May, 10am.

3.2 The Youth Club is expending and Vicki thanked all the volunteers, without whom the Youth Club could not function.

4.0 Memorial Hall

4.1 A report was presented for the Memorial Hall. Again, it was an exciting year with the extension being built, thanks to grants and especially thanks to PC. Many hours were put by members to paint and decorate following the building works. Numerous clubs make use of the memorial hall, but there are still some vacant slots. Thanks were extended to all committee members for their hard work in providing a super hall for all to use.

5.0 Open session

5.1 **Highway** – Parking at the school and in other hot spots in the village was raised. The PC stated that the issue had been raised at school level, and that the Police were not particularly interested in dealing with the issue at the moment, stating it was not of high priority. Chair also stated that the parish ensures that all new planning applications make provision for off-street parking in order to keep the cars off the road.

Chair summarised that we were aware of these issues, and were in contact with Highways and the PCSO to mitigate the issue.

5.2 **Telephone box** - Parishioner reported that the telephone box was not in use and that it was not possible to connect out. Clerk to investigate/report.

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5.3 **Milestone** – It was reiterated that a milestone knocked over following an accident during the year has not been replaced (near LJH). FH stated that MDC were not particularly interested in replacing it. It was questioned whether there could be something the PC could do to protect those.

5.4 **Highways** – It was brought to the attention of the PC that reflective posts on the sharp right bend after entrance to quarry (going towards Soho) had been knocked out of place. Parish to investigate and look to having them replaced.

5.5 **Recycling** – Following the recycling trial last year, a resident brought to the attention of the parish the existence in other councils of mobile recycling units collecting on a monthly basis. PC agreed to investigate with MDC.

Meeting closed.