

**MINUTES OF
LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15 MARCH 2004
IN THE HALL**

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

The **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were accepted and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Update on the planning application for 2 Westleigh, Tadhil requested.

ACTION – CLERK

Complaint re. roads and footpaths – the stile in question has been repaired by an unknown person.

Barn Close Quarry – report given by JW on meeting attended. The owners of this quarry are considering the proposal submitted previously by Quattro but without the “green” proposals. The Quattro proposals were circulated to councillors with this month’s correspondence

FINANCE

Financial statements for February and March accepted with signed amendments.

Current a/c

Hall rent – payment of £9.00 proposed by NP and seconded by GJ. Cheque no. 000401 written and signed.

Request for grant for church clock deferred to next meeting.

Cemetery a/c

Clerks salary – payment of £41.30 proposed by GJ, seconded by NP. Cheque no. 043 written and signed.

Bank statements for this account were checked and signed by NP.

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Outstanding kissing gates. Alan Bristow to be approached about these.

ACTION GJ

Several complaints were passed onto the Council about overhanging bushes in Knaphill.

A letter has been sent by NP to Highways re. extending 30mph limit to Townsend.

Danger caused by parking outside Leigh First School was discussed. It was decided to seek the views of the school governors via the headteacher, Gill Harry. It was also felt that there might be a need for better signing.

A complaint was received about spoil mounting on roadsides after ditch clearing.

It was decided that to pass this complaint on, in writing, to Somerset CC.

ACTION NP & CLERK

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Cuts in local bus service. Attention of the Council was drawn to articles in the local press about proposed cuts in the service. It was decided to encourage villagers to contact Gloria Cawood and Cllr Maddock on this matter.

CEMETERY

Two quotes were received for mowing during 2004/5 of £700 and £950. The contract was awarded to D. Jarvis who submitted the lower quote as was a quote for £20 to clear overhanging shrubbery from the churchyard wall as proposed by NP and seconded by JW.

REC FIELD REPORT

Nothing to report

QUARRY MATTERS

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of complaint from Mr and Mrs Marable re. motor cyclists in Barns Close Quarry

MDC - re. standards committee meeting.

MDC - minutes of Mendip Strategic Partnership Board

MDC - re. childrens play provision

MDC - bereavement news letter

MDC – Parishes Information Bulletin

MDC – re. Special Expenses rate

Bath Newspapers – request for information re. Parish Council meetings

MDC Planning dept. – notification of refusal of planning permission for Thornhills and granting of planning permission for Island Cottage.

SCC – letter re. Community Chest grants

Mendip Primary Care Trust – re. Board meeting

Letter from Peter Knowles re. contact made with the Parish Wardens

Notification of meeting of Shepton and Wells area board meeting.

Letter from Somerset Beekeepers Association.

Audit commission letter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Monday 26 April 2004 at 7.30pm in the Hall. Future meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month.

Chairman.....Date.....