

**LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Memorial Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Present: Cllrs Vicki Taylor (Chair), Paula Freeland, Iain Kirby, Sue Sweet

Attending: Joe McGhee (Clerk); Cllrs Philip Ham, Barry Clarke (Somerset Council); 1 member of the public.

**1 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Apologies for absence**

Cllr E Kirby sent apologies.

**3 Absent**

None.

**4 (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**

None.

**(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

Cllr Vicki Taylor has an approved request for dispensation in relation to Leigh On Mendip Memorial Hall until June 2027.

**(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

None.

**5 Public Session**

No comments from the public.

**6 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, previously circulated (Attachment 1)**

**Resolved.** Confirmed.

**7 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.****(a) 2024/2059/FUL**

Creation of new access to proposed barn conversion.

Knaphill Farm, Knapp Hill, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Bath.

Concerns were expressed about the removal of hedgerow and trees from a biodiversity and visual perspective. Council would like to see local stone used in the development of retaining walls rather than Cotswold stone which has been used elsewhere in the village recently.

There was also concern about the location of the new access to the property from a highways safety perspective. There is no impact on neighbours. Cllr I Kirby proposed that Council defer to the planning officer's judgement on this application; Cllr Sweet seconded. Council resolved to do so, and Clerk to apply appropriate comments at the planning portal.

**(b) 2024/2114/HSE**

Erection of extension and porch and installation of velux windows.

Keepers Lodge, Leigh Street, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

It was noted that the development is of small scale, and the design and materials are considered appropriate. There is no change to access or in relation to traffic generation, and there is no impact on neighbours. Cllr Freeland proposed that approval be recommended; Cllr I Kirby seconded. Council resolved to recommend approval, and Clerk to apply appropriate comments at the planning portal.

**8 Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted from Somerset Council****(a) 2024/0133/LBC**

Replace existing wooden arched front door to annexe.

Oak Cottage, Stocks Lane, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA3 5QF

**Decision.** Application Withdrawn.

**(b) 2024/1939/HSE**

Erection of a field shelter/tractor shed.

Clearwood, Leigh Street, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA3 5QP

**Decision.** Application Withdrawn.

**9 Finance**

**(a)** To approve (or not) bank reconciliation at 11 Dec 2024 (Attachment 2)

**Resolved.** Approved.

**(b)** To approve (or not) receipts and payments as identified in the Cashflow 12 Nov 2024 to 11 Dec 2024 (Attachment 3).

**Resolved.** Approved.

**10 Matters to report / items for next agenda.**

Cllr Taylor proposed the funding of small Christmas gifts for the Village Rangers to thank them for their service during the year, with an overall value of up to £50. Cllr I Kirby seconded and Council so resolved. Clerk to liaise with C Cudmore to provide funding,

Clerk advised that a proposal had been received from a parishioner to restrict parking in the vicinity of the school as a safety measure. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**11 Date and time of next meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 in the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm.**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions; Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.